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Review

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"Clark and Jain have produced a wonderful book that lays out clearly where classical Christian education needs to go from here. This volume marks the successful passing of the torch lit by Sayers and Wilson to a new generation. All involved in classical Christian education would benefit highly from heeding these new voices." ---Jason R. Edwards, Grove City College

"This book is an important contribution to the classical education movement. . . . The authors speak . . . based on their unique combination of training in math, science, philosophy, and literature, as well as their crucial experience as classroom teachers. The book suggests what may yet be possible for those answering the call of the scholar-teacher" ---Phillip J. Donnelly, Baylor University

Some of us, after having immersed ourselves in the Trivium, thanks to Dorothy Sayers' essay and many other wonderful resources, have found ourselves wondering, 'What else?' We know there are seven liberal arts, including the Quadrivium, and we don't know exactly what to do with these other four, where to go next. Clark and Jain's The Liberal Arts Tradition has the answers, and provides them in a clear, concise, non-partisan way. If you are wondering, 'What else?' then this is one resource you need to have on your bookshelf." ---Matt Bianco, Director of Education, Classical Conversations

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