The Protestant Ethic and the Spirit of Capitalism

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The Protestant Ethic and the Spirit of Capitalism is a study of the relationship between the ethics of ascetic Protestantism and the emergence of the modern, Western capitalism. Richard Swedberg's book explores how the Protestant ethic, which emphasized hard work, thrift, and self-discipline, laid the foundation for the development of capitalism. The book is widely regarded as one of the most influential studies in social science, and it remains a cornerstone of the field of religion and economics.