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In light of the Social Doctrine of the Church, Pierre de Lauzun considers in depth the question of the morality of those who operate in the financial markets, starting from medieval banks right up to financial globalisation. His literary approach allows the reader, even when little versed in the subject, to appreciate the contents and their relevance to current affairs. The author takes the reader through a reflection on how to direct financial action towards the common good. De Lauzun invites us to consider the possibility of an order that is not purely profit-oriented, one that has the Christian vision as reference, the only approach that is able to address all people of good will. The author emphasises that method is not an end, but a means. Finance can and should be conceived as a tool for human development, and therefore there is no financial transaction that can be disconnected from social reality and moral demands. In addition to helping readers to become familiar with the Church's teaching in this very specific area, the study makes a real contribution to a discussion that is critical for the future welfare of humanity. In conclusion, the book highlights that good rules help, but they are not effective unless there are moral values in society. Christians and the Church can perform a much stronger role in this in the light of their faith, and so lead towards a more ethical society.

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