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"In many ways," Waller R. Newell writes, "young men today are in deep spiritual trouble. But they are also yearning for a way back to the noblest ideals of American manhood." *The Code of Man* is a deep and thought-provoking effort to help guide contemporary men back to those ideals, embodied in what Newell calls the five paths to manliness: love, courage, pride, family, and country. He argues that at the dawn of the twenty-first century, our society has grown so concerned about the roles of sex and violence that we have forgotten to seek inspiration from the traditional virtues of the past: romance and eros, courage and patriotism, and the blend of love and bravery that it takes to raise a family. Contrasting such time-honored lessons from the voices of William Shakespeare, Abraham Lincoln, Jane Austen, and Teddy Roosevelt with the chaotic signals emanating from Western culture today, Newell offers a clarion call to recapture our traditions, preserve our character as a society ... and avoid catastrophe.

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Tiago "Salvador" Souza says

A good book overall for most chapters, it is written mostly for Americans though and as such suffers quite a bit with old style American dualism of good versus evil, specially on the politics field, a simplistic narrative used to bolster and justify certain behaviours throughout history, like everything ever done by America in the international politics sphere should be deemed as "good" and for the progress of the free world against the tyranny, the peoples of countries that have had right-wing dictatorships coups supported by the American government should say "thank you for saving us from those evil red, all other deaths were justified". In a bizarre contradiction, Waller complains about the lack of historical basis in today's discussions while at the same time asking for the return of a "moral historical narrative", like the study of history needs to be adjusted to not take facts into account and different views into account, but be made as a narrative to bolster a young man's sense for pride and country. I can certainly understand Waller's goal, but there should be better ways for one to be proud of his own country that doesn't require the historical white-washing of said country's history. The United States of America as a great player and an important country for many reasons, it should not require its people to support it blindly with simple moral narratives of us versus them which the author criticises at the beginning of the book in other spheres.

With that out of the way, do not let this be a deterrent, but a warning. With the exception of the almost the whole chapter 5 (Patriotism) and a good share of Waller's conclusions, it is a worthwhile book. I strongly recommend that people read it through, specially the chapters on love and education.

Martin Klekner says

A great book on the topic of manliness, with fascinating introduction and hopeful conclusion. The main text is more of an exploration than a definite statement of what manliness really is - that can be both positive or negative for you, depending on whether you rather think about your own conclusion or get them served on a silver plate. I thoroughly enjoyed Code of Man.

Vlad Calu? says

I've made an impression, like the author speaks in ideas that we are usually debating, but never gives an argument to sustain his point of view.

Michael Lunsford says

I found this book confusing and indecisive. He claims to be a man of faith, but talks like an atheist. The opening chapter was overly offensive with multiple slang terms and f-bombs (remember, he claims piety.)

The entire book was a rambling of political correctness and revisionist history. I lost interest on page 199

when the author claimed that Thomas Jefferson was an atheist. He even quoted the United States Declaration of Independence and then proceeded to revise and re-interpret. When the document says "that all men are created equal, endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable Rights," it doesn't mean "God" but some humanist god of the enlightenment period (whatever that means).

The good parts had to do with how a man can only find true life fulfillment through his family: by taking a wife and educating sons. Lots of good examples from history, letters, etc. Of course, if you happen to not have sons, you're left without fulfillment (or this author's guide to it, anyway). Well, unless you happened to fall into his political correct propaganda "excepted" class. Like I said, indecisive.

In summary: this milquetoast is a complete waste of time. A much better investment is Brad Miner and his book "The Compleat Gentleman."

Jeff Collins says

as manliness becomes androgyny, there is a call for men to become men again. this is a great book recommended by "the art of manliness". good read of MEN throughout history, from both Christian perspectives and non-Christian.
