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Brace your wills to action that they may not be the spoil of weak desires.

Train your hearts and lips to sing which gives courage to the soul.

Being buffeted by trials, learn to laugh.

Being reproved, give thanks.

Having failed, determine to succeed.



Pope Benedict XIV
1675-1758

The nature of the sin called usury has its proper place and origin in a loan contract ... The sin rests on the fact that sometimes the creditor desires more than he has given. Therefore he contends some gain is owed him beyond that which he loaned, but any gain which exceeds the amount he gave is illicit and usurious.

Vix Pervenit, I



John Paul II

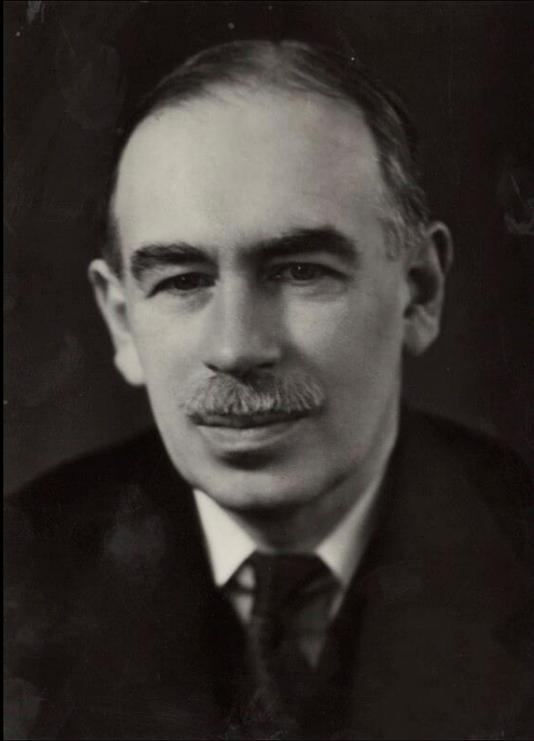
In fact, the purpose of a business firm is not simply to make a profit, but is to be found in its very existence as a ***community of persons*** who in various ways are endeavouring to satisfy their basic needs, and who form a particular group at the service of the whole of society.

[CA 35, original emphasis]



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A business cannot be considered only as a 'society of capital goods'; it is also a 'society of persons' in which people participate in different ways and with specific responsibilities, whether they supply the necessary capital for the company's activities or take part in such activities through their labour. [CA 43]



J. M. Keynes

Speculators may do no harm as bubbles on a steady stream of enterprise. But the position is serious when enterprise becomes the bubble on a whirlpool of speculation. When the capital development of a country becomes a by-product of the activities of a casino, the job is likely to be ill-done.

The General Theory (1936)



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