

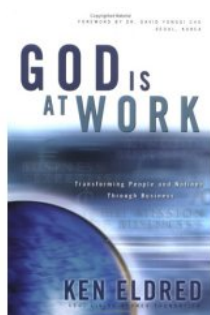
The Top 25 Business as Mission Books



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One of the many exciting aspects of contemporary mission is the intersection between mission and business, or, as it is often called, *business as mission*. An excellent resource for this whole area is the [Business as Mission Network](http://www.businessasmissionnetwork.com) website. Among many other things they publish a periodically updated list of their top 25 books on faith and business, and they have given kind permission for Encounters to reproduce the list here. My thanks in particular to Justin Forman for arranging this.

So here is the list. Where possible the titles are linked to review articles on the Business as Mission Network website. The article on their top title, Ken Eldred's *God is at Work*, is also included.



1. [God is at Work](#) by Ken Eldred

"Every significant movement can point to a book, paper, article or series of all of the above that communicates in one clear voice the vision of a movement.

God is at Work by Ken Eldred defines and gives examples for the movement of Business as Mission with clear cut precision. Sharing from personal experience with two companies and acclaimed success Ken forecasts a movement of the Church and the Christian community to Business as Mission with speed similar to that of the response to the California gold rush.

Taking what appears to be some content from a previous book that he co-authored called *On Kingdom Business: Transforming Missions Through Entrepreneurial Strategies* the book establishes maybe one of the most widely recognized baseline definitions for business as mission.

The last chapters of the book clearly outline the key forms of business as mission and the role that each play. Everything from micro enterprise development to overseas privately owned companies. One of the things that is most insightful about the book are the specific case studies of people that are living out the concepts in countries around the world. It is refreshing to see a book that is so intent on highlighting specific next steps rather than living in a world of theory.

Of all the books that exist on business as mission this has been the one brought up most frequently at events or meetings with business and mission agency leadership teams. It is also the book that I received the most email replies about when nominating business as mission catalysts to watch in 2007.

It's a great read, and I encourage you to visit the website to take a look. You can purchase a copy of the book and read excerpts by clicking on this link: <http://www.godisatwork.org/>."

and the rest...

2. [Lausanne Forum Papers](#)
3. [Business as Mission](#) by Michael Baer
4. [On Kingdom Business](#) edited by Ken Eldred and Tetsunao Yamamori
5. [Great Commission Companies](#) by Steven Rundle and Tom Steffen
6. [Marketplace Christianity](#) by Robert Fraser - (NEW to the List)
7. [Business for the Glory of God](#) by Wayne Grudem
8. [God at Work](#) by David Miller
9. [Kingdom Catalyst](#) by Johnny Combs
10. [Doing God's Business](#) by Paul Stevens
11. [Tentmaking](#) by Patrick Lai
12. Transformation by Ed Silvano - (NEW to the List)
13. [Business as a Calling](#) by Michael Novak
14. [Devotional Ventures](#) by Corey Cleek
15. [Anointed for Business](#) by Ed Silvano
16. [Convergence](#) by Brett Johnson
17. [God at Work](#) by Rich Marshall
18. Where There are No Jobs by David Befus - (NEW to the List)
19. [Kingdom Companies](#) by Jorg Knoblauch and Jurg Opprecht
20. Transform the World by Sharon Swarr and Dwight Nordstrom
21. [Entrepreneur's Creed](#) by Merrill Oster and Mike Hamel
22. [Business as Mission](#) by Tom Steffen and Mike Barnett
23. [The Gods of Business](#) by Todd Albertson
24. Loving Monday by John Beckett
25. [Galtrnoics Story](#) by William Goheen

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