

As if and Adam Smith

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“... every man must be supposed a knave.” – David Hume

Adam Smith (1723-90) is memorable for things he was not. He wasn't an economist; he was a moral philosopher. He wasn't a decadent capitalist; he was primarily an underpaid pedagogue. He was not a *bon vivant* either, as if such things were possible in Protestant Scotland. [_more>>>](#)