

The necessary, including "the abstract, impossibly unexemplified essence of deity" is:

"the neutral common element of all possible alternative states of reality" (148);

"the empty featureless invariant in all possible variations" (148);

"that to know which is to know next to nothing" (164);

"the outline for which all that is concretely real provides unimaginable richness of definite actuality" (164).

(All page references are to "Religious Aspects of Necessity and Contingency.")