

I have argued, together with Gamwell and other "process" thinkers, that Christian faith necessarily implies an understanding of the individual-in-community, distinct from—not to say, contrary to—radically individualistic understandings, whether liberal or conservative.

This understanding can be supported philosophically by observing that if the world is a community of individuals—of many different types and at many different levels—it is equally true that individuals are possible only in communities—again, of many different types and at many different levels. To this extent, or in this sense, we must define individual and community in a circular way, as each requiring the other to be what it is.

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