

Gamwell says, "[i]n itself, affirmation of the way of reason says nothing about what understanding of ultimate worth can be validated" (*Politics as a Christian Vocation*: 168). But, surely, affirmation of the way of reason says or at least implies *this* about what understanding of ultimate worth can be validated—namely, that no such understanding can be validated unless—whatever else it may assert or imply—it asserts or implies the validity of the way of reason.

Could this be what Gamwell himself in effect allows when he immediately goes on to say that "in another sense," the humanistic commitment *is* "a faith, namely, as an aspect of every primal decision for a self-understanding, whatever its content may otherwise be"?

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