



CATHOLICITY VHI 2019

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Catholicity: Its Varieties and Futures

Catholicity, the key marker of the Roman Catholic Church, has been understood in many different ways over the last two millennia. As worldviews change in complex ways human communities, whether religious or not, imagine their place in the cosmos variously. These differing worldviews entail changing conceptions of human anthropology, theology, ecclesiology, ethics and much else. Most recently catholicity has been understood in a tribal and sectarian way, based on particular views of the human and the divine and their interaction. This lecture will explore some alternative views from the long tradition of Christian theological, mystical and philosophical traditions in order to point to other, more wholesome and more traditional, ways of thinking about catholicity.



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