

# What *is* Process Theology?

## 1. In a nutshell, what did you say it is?



Well, some nuts are hard to crack, but try this: Process theologies are relational ways of thinking about the dynamism of life and faith. Process-relational theologians integrate implications of a thoroughly interdependent universe into how we live and express our faith. We are convinced that everything is dynamically

interconnected; that everything matters; that everything has an effect. Such insights can be adapted to many faith traditions, but this particular booklet applies them to Christian faith.

## 2. Is there a difference between process theology and process-relational theology?

No, I am using the terms interchangeably. “Process” indicates the dynamism in this way of thinking, and “relational” indicates the supposition of radical interdependence.

## 3. What sources do process (or process-relational) theologians use?

Like many Christian theologians, we draw from Scripture, the long faith tradition, philosophical categories, and our own experience. The philosophical categories we use are those of process philosophy, especially as developed by Alfred North Whitehead and Charles Hartshorne. But I caution you to notice (should you decide to investigate further!) that these sources and categories can be used by process-relational theologians in a great variety of ways!