

HOLY WONDER: THE EXPERIENCE OF BEAUTY AND CREDAL CONTEMPLATION

Description: Beauty has a way of catching our attention. It surprises us, opening a world where aesthetic experience is central to the formation of meaning. In this plenary, we will consider a way to contemplate the experience of beauty. By joining the dynamics of beauty with the commonplaces of the creed, we will explore one way of integrating theology and the arts.

I. Introduction:

II. The Dynamics of Experiencing Beauty:

III. Credal Contemplation and the Experience of Beauty:

a. Created Beauty and Aching Awe

b. Broken Beauty and Suffering Love

c. Promised Beauty and Courageous Hope