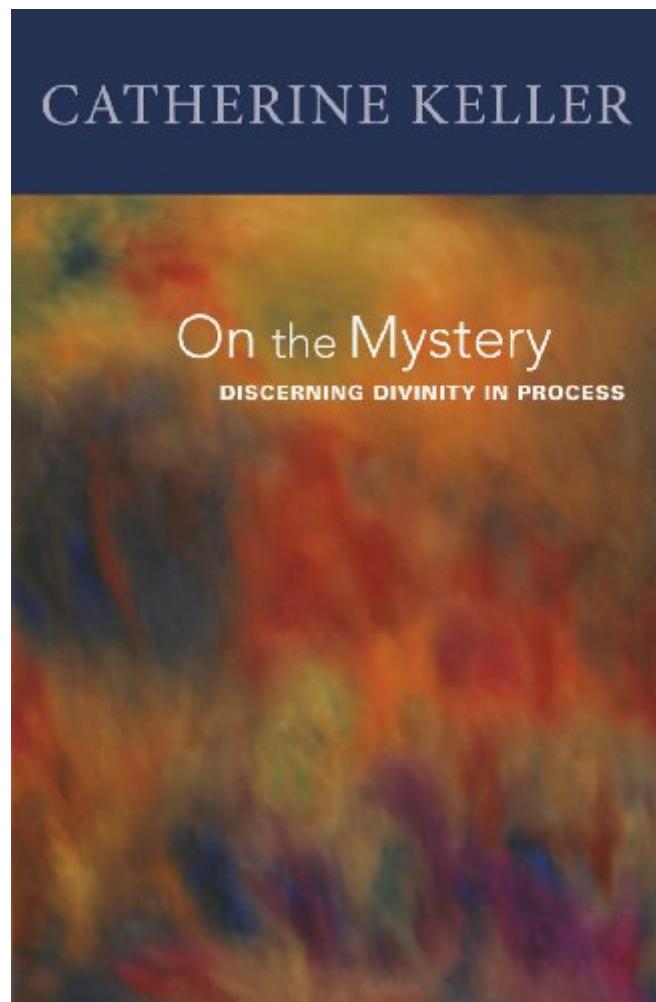


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I feel very privileged in giving the first review of Catherine Keller's new book because this is certainly theology at its finest! (In case you are a bit confused, I deleted my initial review and reinserted here...) This has been a pure joy to read. This is a theology that is accessible enough to the student and the educated "layperson" but sophisticated enough for the pastor or budding theologian. Some of CK's works are densely written and tough going but this is one that is overall, far less daunting.

That is not to say the reading is always easy going and immediately comprehended. The reader will need to pay close attention to CK's flow of thought, word play and nuance to get the most out of it. But one will certainly be rewarded for the efforts of sustained reading. As an introduction to process theology, this steps to the head of the class. The two standards "Process Theology: An Introductory Exposition" by John B. Cobb Jr. and David Ray Griffin; and "Process Theology: A Basic Introduction" by C. Robert Mesle all do a fine job in a nuts and bolts fashion but can't hold a candle to CK's elegance of writing and overall stimulation. But this goes way past a standard intro to process theology and really is a highly original contribution to theology in and of itself. Much of written theology is highly analytical, abstracted and just plain dry. CK is almost lyrical, weaving metaphor, word play and theological insight into a spun silken web that interconnects the strands of her thought into an organic whole. One may not so much learn the propositional tenets of process thought but most certainly be taken into the heart and vision of this brilliant relational theology.

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