



Mark, Mutuality, and Mental Health: Encounters with Jesus

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An incitement to re-assess how society relates to persons with poor mental health

Mainwaring explores the societal contexts of those who suffer poor mental health, and in particular the relational dynamics of how identity, agency, and dialogue are negotiated in personal encounters. This work seeks to serve as an experiment, such that interested readers might better understand the dynamics of relational power that pervade encounters with persons with poor mental health.

Features:

- Foucauldian analysis of the relational dynamics of poor mental health used to re-imagine hegemonic relational dynamics
- Close readings of encounters between individual characters to evaluate how mutuality operates in those encounters
- Study of mutuality as it has emerged in mental health literature, feminist theologies, and theologies of disability

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