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Abstract

In recent months, there's been a boom in a literature of 'recovery' from Covid-19. In Australia, book titles in this genre include *Upturn: A Better Normal After Covid-19*, edited by Tanya Plibersek; *Reset: Restoring Australia after the Pandemic Recession*, by Ross Garnaut; *The Kindness Revolution: How we can restore hope, rebuild trust and inspire optimism*, by Hugh Mackay.

Overwhelmingly, the premise of this literature is that Covid-19 is (or could be) a crisis in the true sense of a 'turning point'; the recovery both calls for and opens opportunities to reform (even transform) Australian society. Yet, strikingly, there is very little sense that religious communities or theological vision have any distinctive part to play in generating the 'better normal' to which this literature aspires. In particular, there is no real account of how we move our way of being from 'here' to 'there'.

This paper seeks to explore what, from a Christian perspective, is lacking in this literature and what the contribution of Christian vision, practice, and community might be.

Presenter: Rev Dr Sarah Bachelard



Sarah Bachelard is a theologian, retreat leader and priest in Anglican Orders. She is a member of the World Community for Christian Meditation and has led retreats and taught contemplative prayer nationally and internationally. She leads the Benedictus, an ecumenical Christian community with a practice of silent contemplative prayer at its heart.

Respondent: Iain Radvan

After a few years as Director of the Champion Retreat Centre in Melbourne, Jesuit priest, spiritual director and supervisor, Iain Radvan is completing a PhD at SCD on the transformative nature of the Spiritual Exercises of St Ignatius of Loyola.

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