



Questions:

1. What stood out for you from Philippians 4:4-9?
2. How might using our mythological imagination change the way we read scripture? What could be some benefits?
3. What do you think Melvin is trying to tell us regarding the messages we receive about scripture when he asserts that there is no neutral telling? If that is the case, what should we do with that information?
4. What is your own interpretive tradition? How does it expand your understanding? How is it limiting?
5. When Melvin suggests approaching scripture with a sense of humility, what do you think he wants us to understand? What does it mean to you when you hear about moving away from being people of certainty and toward being people of faith?

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Featured Guest: Melvin Bray

Born and raised in inner-city Washington, DC, by a strong single mother, I grew up in a multi-racial, multi-ethnic, multi-class faith community that gave me opportunities to live beyond the ordinary limitations of my socio-economic circumstance. My church was my first experience of the beauty that can arise when we transcend boundaries of difference, and I have lived my adult life helping others imagine even greater possibilities.

Pneuma Divina Scripture: Philippians 4: 4-9

4 Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, Rejoice. ⁵Let your gentleness be known to everyone. The Lord is near. ⁶Do not worry about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. ⁷And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

8 Finally, beloved, whatever is true, whatever is honourable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is pleasing, whatever is commendable, if there is any excellence and if there is anything worthy of praise, think about these things. ⁹Keep on doing the things that you have learned and received and heard and seen in me, and the God of peace will be with you.

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