

“You’re Soaking in It”



The Science of Transformation Panel

The Interfaith Health Project

Dr. Susan Brooks Thistlethwaite

Genetic Science

- *“Inherited factors can have an impact on our health, but their effects are embedded in a network of biological and ecological relationships. Genes are part of the metabolic apparatus of organisms that have multiple, mutual relationships with their environments. We breathe our ‘environment,’ eat it, sweat and excrete into it, move through it and with it.” Ruth Hubbard*

Feminist and Liberation Perspectives

- A nondualistic understanding of the world helps to better explain how genes actually work. This, in turn, bridges the traditional gulf between religion and science and helps us understand the human beings, the creation, and the way this whole functions for biological flourishing or biological destruction.

The Nature of Grace



- “By our acts of love or lovelessness we bring one another into being.”

Beverly Harrison

The Nature of Sin

- “Evil and sin together may be called ‘wickedness,’ the complex condition of the lack of right relations in the world in which we live naturally, socially and individually.”

Mary Potter Engel

“Wicked” and “Tame” problems in Public Health

The U.N. Declaration on Human Rights



- Everyone has the right to a standard of living adequate for the health and well-being of himself (sic) and of his (sic) family, including food, clothing, housing and medical care and necessary social services, and the right to security in the event of unemployment, sickness, disability, widowhood, old age or lack of livelihood in circumstances beyond his (sic) control.

Article 25