

NOTES ON PROCESS THEOLOGY AUGUST 2019 CPRT GROUP LED BY PETER CORRY

PETER PRESENTED SIX PROPOSITIONS USING THE "GOD" WORD. EACH PROPOSITION WAS INTENDED TO CLARIFY THE USE OF THE "GOD" WORD IN PROCESS THEOLOGY. BUT IN A GROUP DISCUSSION ON THIS SUBJECT IT WOULD BE NECESSARY TO BEGIN WITH A CONSENSUS AS TO WHAT IS MEANT BY THAT WORD. EACH MEMBER OF THE GROUP WILL BRING THEIR PERSONAL AND DIFFERENT CONCEPTS TO THE DISCUSSION. THEREFORE I SUGGEST THAT WE CANNOT ADDRESS THE ASSIGNMENT UNLESS WE FIRSTLY REACH AGREEMENT ON WHAT WE ARE TALKING ABOUT.

OUR AGREEMENT WILL NEED TO BE A COMPROMISE DEFINITION THAT RESPECTS THE OPINION OF OUR MEMBERS, WHILE AT THE SAME TIME ACKNOWLEDGING THE THEISTIC UNDERPINNING OF THE PROPOSITIONS. AS A NON-TRADITIONAL PROGRESSING RELIGIOUS MEMBER OF THE GROUP, I FIND THIS VERY DIFFICULT TO DO. BUT I WILL BEGIN BY CHOOSING A DIFFERENT TITLE FOR THE "GOD" WORD. TRY, **"A NUMBER OF COMPREHENSIVE ASPECTS OF AN ENTITY WHICH IS IN A SUPERIOR RELATIONSHIP TO/WITH THE WORLD"**. I USE THE ADJECTIVE **"COMPREHENSIVE"** BECAUSE SOME OF US WILL WANT TO INCLUDE A NUMBER OF CONTRIBUTORY ASPECTS TO THEIR CONCEPT.(E.G. THE ROLE OF CHANCE IN EVOLUTION) I USE THE NOUN **"ENTITY"** TO AVOID A TRADITIONALISTIC THEISTIC CREATION RATIONALE WITH WHICH SOME OF US WOULD DISAGREE.(E.G. THAT GOD IS CREATOR) AND I CHOOSE THE PHRASE **"A SUPERIOR RELATIONSHIP"** OUT OF RESPECT FOR OUR MEMBERS WHO NEED TO LEAVE THE PROCESS OF CAUSATION A MYSTERY.