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Deep Equality: Models of Living Well Together from Small Stories

This paper will explore the elements of deep equality that emerge from everyday stories. In particular, I will focus not only on religious difference and the achievement of deep equality, but also collaboration and cooperation between religious and non-religious actors. As an increasing number of people self-identify as nonreligious, and yet religion is becoming more visible in the public sphere, the future promises to become ever more socially complex. However, complexity does not have to mean conflict. One vital aspect of living well together is the identification of models of cooperation that already exist but which are often overlooked in the tendency to focus on negative stories and conflict which dominate the media and other social institutions such as law.

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