

## CREATIVITY AND STRUGGLE: PROCESS PHILOSOPHY AND LIBERATION THEOLOGY

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I am a Biblical scholar who has had the privilege during my active ministry of *living during the emergence of a movement of Christians, mostly poor, who* live their faith as a motivation to struggle for the liberation of Latin America. The study of the Bible has been a major instrument in that struggle and the best part of our discipline has been cultivated in a dual relation with popular Bible study and academic Biblical research. I was a founder of RIBLA, the Journal of Latin American Biblical Interpretation that appears three times a year in both Spanish and Portuguese and has enough sales to pay its own way in spite of its modest cost. The strength of our journal is its use by pastoral agents who work at the base level with groups of poor Christians. These are not just any poor Christians, but those who have made an option for the poor as agents which means they are engaged in the struggle to transform society so that there will no longer be great numbers of disposable humans and also a disposable environment for life. These are the subscribers who pay six dollars per issue or half price if ten get together to receive their issues at a single address. Of course, the journal also depends for its success on academic writers who themselves make an option for the poor. They usually carry out some kind of ministry that allows them to speak to them as together all seek to open the Bible as God's Word for the poor who affirm their dignity and struggle for a different world.

These introductory remarks are designed to show that liberation theology is a movement in Latin America. The books and journals, which are the theological tip of