



owens: ~~And I think that's a really good question~~ helping either a
seems to me that the amount of schol-
arship that really does both of those
things is surprisingly limited even now,

tian legal scholarship there. I would hope that you will. I'm just saying that a lot of the articles that have titles like *Christianity and...*, *Christianity and Critical Legal Studies*, *Christianity and Feminist Legal Scholarship* don't really qualify in my view as Christian legal scholarship.

owens: In your definition of Christian

the candidacy of Mike Huckabee right now is a small-scale reflection of that.

OWENS: And in terms of the normative groundings of your Christian legal theory, you draw upon a conception of the *imago dei* and a recognition of the fundamental nature of human sin. And for the Protestant readers among this, there might be an immediate reflection back to Reinhold Niebuhr in American religious thought. How would you respond to that and how would he fit into the model that you're bringing to bear here?

skeel: I think that Niebuhr is very much one of the fathers of this theory.

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