



In love with being Desmond Tutu

What's needed instead is what I've come to think of as the Higher Selfishness, an outlook best expressed in this note (found [via Substack](#)) from the book *Being Disciples* by the former Archbishop of Canterbury, Rowan Williams, reflecting on his meetings with Desmond Tutu:

I have a theory, which I started elaborating after I had met Archbishop Desmond Tutu a few times, that there are two kinds of egotists in this world. There are egotists that are so in love with themselves that they have no room for anybody else, and there are egotists that are so in love with themselves that they make it possible for everybody else to be in love with themselves. They are at home in their skins... And in that sense Desmond Tutu manifestly loves being Desmond Tutu; there's no doubt about that. But the effect of that is not to make me feel frozen or shrunk; it makes me feel that just possibly, by God's infinite grace, I could one day love being Rowan Williams in the way that Desmond loves being Desmond Tutu.

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