

Intelligence moved by love: Thecla as philosopher with Dawn LaValle Norman (S3:E4)

“Thecla shows us how women could be important models, not only insofar as they overcame their femininity, but *in* their femininity, as models for men and women.”

by [Amy Frykholm](#)

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