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Preview Response

WHAT CAN DOCUMENTARY FILM TEACH US ABOUT JUSTICE?

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1. Within the discipline of Christian theology, I am currently working on:
 - a. Virtue ethics, particularly practical strategies for the formation of students as *wise* thinkers and *good* leaders able to contribute to the common good
 - b. Freedom, what virtues are required for the flourishing of highly-educated, cosmopolitan young people who experience a degree of freedom unknown in human history
 - c. Culture and the arts, particularly a theology of documentary cinema, what can theologians / Christians learn from documentary practice and *vice versa*
2. Given the interests listed above, connections and questions relating to the excellent Theology Brief on Justice would include:
 - a. If justice is about 'interactions between human beings' then the 'actors' or the 'agents' are clearly important, opening up an interesting question: What virtues might be necessary to underwrite the ability to interact justly - honesty, humility, gratitude?
 - b. What might an artform such as documentary cinema, often explicitly concerned with questions of justice, contribute to our discussion of this important topic?

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