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Re-reading of David Tracy's Theological Model: A Reflection on the Pluralistic Situation of the Contemporary World¹

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As a theologian, David Tracy has tried to propose a model based on which religious humans might be able to live in this world. Tracy's main claim is based on the answer to the religious human life in the modern age. In order to do so, he has borrowed a great deal from preceding theologians and hermeneutics philosophers. Having re-read Christian resources, he explained pluralistic situation of theology using such self-made concepts as analogical imagination, classic, and whole. He, therefore, regards theology in the contemporary world as public theology. According to Tracy, theology's most important task is to establish a solidarity between the modern world and the religious man. The current study aims to explain his model and thoughts in different points of views. The concepts he introduced and his thinking framework are investigated. After that, also, some criticisms such as sociologists such as Berger and theologians such as Lindbeck are briefly interpreted. Finally, the model he has proposed to tackle the pluralistic situation of the contemporary world is explained.

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