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A Lecture by

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Internal Realism & Religious Plurality

When Hilary Putnam's theory of internal realism is applied to the issue of religious plurality, the result—"internalist pluralism"—constitutes a paradigm shift within the philosophy of religion. Internalist pluralism succeeds in avoiding the major difficulties faced by John Hick's famous theory of religious pluralism, which views God, or "the Real," as the noumenon lying behind diverse religious phenomena. In sidestepping the difficulties besetting Hick's revolutionary Kantian approach, internalist pluralism thereby provides a solution to significant theoretical problems, while doing so in a manner that is respectful of cultural diversity and religious sensitivities.



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