

Kulturelle Differenzen und ihre Auswirkung auf die ökumenische Frage im heutigen Judentum

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Cultural differences and their impact on the ecumenical issue in today's Judaism

It is not only the case of Christianity that different religious options spring from cultural differences, but it goes the same for other religions too, even for ethnic religions. Using the example of today Judaism, this study seeks to show how different cultural backgrounds lead to different religious forms, and how they may bring about tensions between members of the same religion. I shall bring up to discussion situations where the cultural differences are finally bridged, as well as others where they persist, feeding the strained relationship. Via the example of Judaism, I shall elaborate on the importance of non-religious factors in the appearance of confessional differences and the attitude towards other practitioners. The material allows theologians to draw a comparison with the situation within Christianity and to reach to useful conclusions for Christian ecumenism.

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Eine Religion wie das Christentum, die sich an Angehörige aller Völker wendet, sieht sich notwendigerweise mit kulturellen Differenzen konfrontiert, und stellt bald fest, dass diese zu einem Prozess der Inkulturation der eigenen Botschaft führen. Die Kontextgebundenheit der theologischen¹ sowie der missionarisch-pastoralen Arbeit² werden heute als Faktum anerkannt. Es ist in theologischer Hinsicht interessant, zu verfolgen, inwi-

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² Siehe z. B. Jooseop Keum, „Together towards Life: Mission and Evangelism in a Changing Landscape. An Introduction to the New WCC Mission Statement“, in: Aurel Pavel et al., (Hrg.), *Making Mission from the Model of Christ. The Specificity of Orthodoxy and Ecumenism Today*, Sibiu, Astra Museum Publishing 2013, S. 11-16; oder Constantin Necula, *Perspective*