

## **Pluralizing Theology.**

### **Revisiting Rosenzweig's *Star* in Light of a Dialogical Theology**

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#### Abstract

My lecture deals with Rosenzweig's view on religions in light of a dialogical theology. I describe the place of world religions in the *Star*, showing the limits and chances of Rosenzweig's approach. I argue that in a Europocentric way, he limited the interreligious dialogue to a dialogue between two religions. He did not take into account that all religions react to the ultimate reality in a variety of ways. Yet, he connected between Judaism and Christianity in a "trans-different" manner. The interaction between the twin religions was part of his broader relational thinking. As such, he stands at the beginning of a pluralized theology and can be called a pioneer in dialogical theology that avoids the Scylla of relativism and the Charybdis of absolutism. Religious heterogeneity and bridging or interconnectedness belonged together. Although Rosenzweig's position on world religions in the *Star* does not stand up to the challenge of present-day dialogical theology, which aims at shaping a religious identity that is not formed on the negative background of other religions, the *Star* celebrates, in an embryonic way, a plurality of lifestyles that complement and need each other.