

Raimon Panikkar (* 1918) is one of most famous thinkers current intercultural dialogue. Family background his father was an Indian Hindu and his mother a Spanish Catholic destined the direction Panikkar's intellectual activity. After studying chemistry, philosophy (Barcelona, Bonn, Madrid) and, consequently, theology (Madrid and Rome), he worked in India, where he became one of protagonists of dialogue with the Christian Orient thinking, in particular the Indian culture. In his efforts he continued, as professor at prestigious American universities.

Labor initially pursuing theological and philosophical background Panikkar's thinking. Panikkar gradually develops in his works the idea of need for complementarity between East and West. He began by comparing the basic religious and philosophical concepts using functional analogies (comparing the perception of reality, of God, of metaphysical's concepts such as transcendence, immanence, etc.). Very quickly switched to an existential plane, which culminated in the conviction of relativity of the all reality and the provisions of the relation as constitutive element of being. For the expression of Panikkar used the term "non-duality" (Jater "a-duality"), the concept is inspired by Indian philosophy, Advaita-Vedanta together with the Christian doctrine of God's trinity.

"No-duality", or a radical consciousness of relativity, is presented as a basic reference of Panikkar's dialogical thinking. His concept of "dialogical dialogue" reflects the existential experience of pluralist fact, defined by a down on the same idea as a philosophy of dialogue: to be the only means of meeting a real knowledge of another. Cover duality, which is a constitutional element of alterity dialogical philosophy, however, Panikkar replaced polarity, where you and I exist only as a relation.