

Summary

Impact of Hans Küng's Outlook on Inter-religious Collaboration in the Czech Environment

Over the last few decades the Swiss theologian Hans Küng has worked towards dialogue between religions. His work has led for instance to the wording of declaration Towards a Global Ethic: An Initial Declaration, signed by representatives of all religions of the world. In this study Küng presents a general ethical agreement which can form a basis for the coexistence of all existing religions. This consensus can apply not only on a religious level but also in lesser fields such as politics, economy or management. There can be no peace without peace between religions – this is the inspiratio behind all Küng's work.

Küng argues strongly for ecumenism. He seeks understanding among religions, rather than differences. He starts out from the idea that a human being is fundamentally a believer. In a time when interest in institutional religion is declining Küng takes pains to convey the religious experience to the largest possible number of people.

This study maps out the effect of Küng's inter-religious efforts in the Czech territory. It looks at the reception of the inter-religious dialogue in the Czech environment and examines its conditions and implications.

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