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Is Practical Theology a form of ‘Action Research’?

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Abstract

In this paper, I will use the publication of a new book on what the authors term
theological action research' to examine in depth the claim that practical theology ought to be regarded as a form of action research. Action research is founded on the indivisibility of value and action: a conviction that knowledge, and research, cannot be dispassionate and that values are themselves iterated in the process of their implementation in practice. It insists on the inductive and contextual nature of knowledge and assumes that knowledge comes from human experience (albeit interpreted and codified through rational enquiry and analysis), rather than proceeding deductively from revealed truth.

Zusammenfassung


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