Hyperkantianism and Hermeneutics

The paper analyses Hick's so called hyperkantian philosophy of religion and its role in his pluralistic hypothesis, a theory that gains a fundamental role in his approach to religious diversity. I argue that his interpretation of the divergent religious traditions as different, but equally authentic, manifestations of the 'Real an sich' is weakened by the fact that his epistemological standpoint renders possible only the formulation of a position which I call hyper-Kantian antinomy.Finally, relying on Waldenfels's responsive phenomenology, I propose the principles of a hermeneutical position which may be appropriate in inter-religious dialogue.