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In an entry on “comparative theology” in the Encyclopedia of Religion, published in 1987, David Tracy claims that “[a]ny theology in any tradition that takes religious pluralism seriously must eventually become comparative theology”. But what does “comparative theology” mean, and how should it be understood in relation to other expressions such as “interreligious theology”? In my paper, I will discuss the relation between the two notions of “comparative” and “interreligious” theology. In a broader perspective, this conceptual distinction touches upon the question of what defines “interreligious studies” as an academic discipline – as discussed in my recent book *Interreligious Studies: A Relational Approach to Religious Activism and the Study of Religion* (Leirvik 2014).