

THE PASSION FOR UNIFYING:
CATHOLIC NATURAL THEOLOGY OF JÓZEF ŻYCIŃSKI

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The passion for unifying is one of the most characteristic features of Józef Życiński's thought. It is also noticeable in the area of natural theology which he proposes. This theology can be named 'catholic'. Życiński takes care of compatibility of his results with the doctrine of The Catholic Church. He tries to unify different streams and points of view in one conception. He stands for methodological naturalism which is not inconsistent with looking for ultimate explanations of reality beyond science. Życiński accepts panentheism inspired by philosophy of Whitehead as the most plausible theory of correlation between God and the world. This paper shows the project of synthesis which can be found in books and articles by Życiński, points the elements which his natural theology is built of, and indicates the questions and problems connected with this theory. Finally, there is shown the importance of Życiński's natural theology which ranks to "new natural theologies".

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