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Place et fonction de l’intuition dans la philosophie fichtéenne

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The transcendental path adopted by Fichte in his theory of knowledge, largely inspired by Maimonian criticism of Kantian philosophy, has two goals. On the one hand, it aims to avoid Maimon’s radical scepticism, which leads to deprive the empirical sciences of any objective basis. It is therefore necessary to preserve a use of the category of reality, hence the crucial role that limits and feeling (Gefühl) play in the Doctrine of Science. On the other hand, in spite of this realism, it aims to avoid the dogmatic thesis admitting a conditioning influence of things on the self. This implies the establishment of a mechanism of neutralization of this influence which unfolds through the theory of feeling, intuition and concept. This process of internalisation of the theory of knowledge, which gives nature and society only mediate influence, makes it possible to safeguard the radical freedom of the human being.