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Von der göttlichen Schau zur Erfahrungserkenntnis: Intuition im Hoch- und Spätmittelalter

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In the late middle ages a change in the meaning of intuition took place, which became significant for the development of modern science. Intuition as a supernatural contemplation that is restricted to God, angels and the blessed turned into the ordinary perception of experience. The main stages of the turn are connected with John Duns Scotus and William of Ockham. The paper presents and explains the role that plays intuition in both thinkers, tracing the development of thought that leads from the speculative epistemology of ancient and medieval philosophy to empiricism. In order to explain this development the preceding concept of intuition is as well considered especially in Thomas Aquinas to whom Duns Scotus referred. In concluding remarks the resulting fundamental problem of empirical intuitive cognition is touched.