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Résumé

La figure d'Augustin est certainement exemplaire pour étudier ce dont il y va dans la relation et l'expérience religieuses. Comme chacun sait, Augustin décrit la relation religieuse comme un long processus de conversion à Dieu, dans ce qui correspond bel et bien à un acte de foi, mais cette conversion ne va pas sans certaines expériences d'extase qu'Augustin dépeint en s'inspirant de textes de Plotin. Nous nous demanderons si les deux expériences, celles de la foi et de la vision, sont compatibles, chez Augustin plus particulièrement, mais aussi sur un plan plus général.

Abstract

Augustine's work is certainly exemplary if one wishes to understand what is at stake in the religious relation and experience. It is well known that Augustine describes the religious relation as a long conversion process, a process that corresponds to an act

of faith, but one that also contains elements of a direct ecstatic experience, which Augustine describes relying on the works of Plotinus. This article questions whether these two experiences, that of faith and that of vision, are compatible, in Augustine in particular but also in general.

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