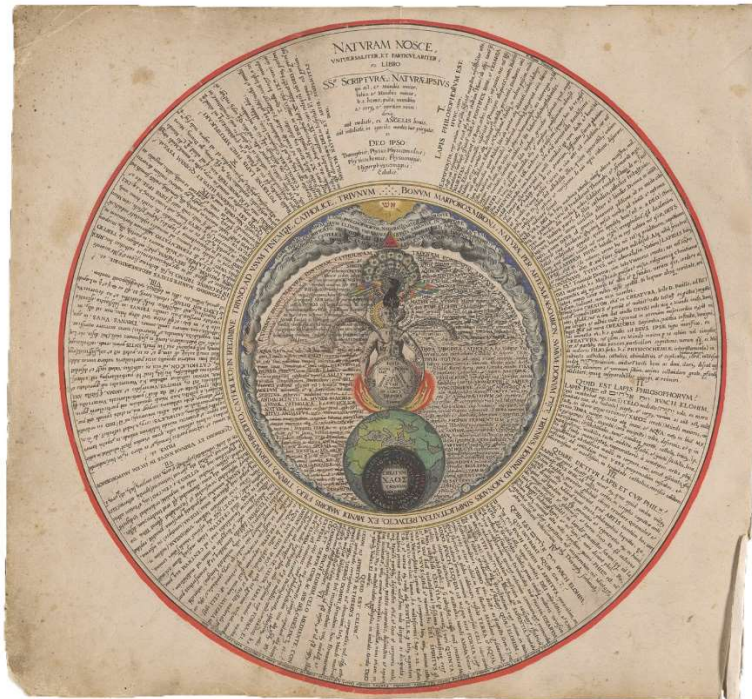


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Heinrich Khunrath, Amphitheatrum sapientiae aeternae, solius verae (Hamburg? 1595)

Mittwoch, den 20.11.2019, 18.00 Uhr:

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Natura, Mens, Scriptura, Christus – sive libri Dei.

The Genesis of the Metaphorical Triad/Tetrad

The likening of nature and of the mind to a written text has a long-standing tradition going back to Cicero, Lucretius, Plato and beyond. In the cultural and intellectual context of the “people of the Book”, and especially in the Christian context, the philosophical, theological and later scientific significance of these metaphors greatly increased. The aim of this talk is to present concisely the ancient and medieval prehistory and history of the “book metaphors”, in order to point out their remarkable integration in the Lutheran mysticism at the turn of the seventeenth century, and their following “systematization” for the sake of pansophia – i.e. universal method, science and encyclopaedia – as proposed by the Moravian polymath and Protestant exile Jan Amos Comenius (1592–1670).