

Gastvortrag

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A disjunctive approach to religious experience

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Disjunctivism is a position associated primarily with the philosophy of perception, and it involves denying that there is a common conscious experience to veridical and non-veridical perception; instead, how things appear to someone should be analysed in terms of the subject's being in either one or the other of two quite distinct conscious states. The editors of a recent collection argue, however, that 'the mark of disjunctivism, in all of its varieties, is a conception of the inner and outer as suffused'. I unpack this metaphor, take seriously John McDowell's claim that it involves taking seriously the idea of an unmediated openness of the experiencing subject to external reality, and consider whether there is sense to be made of the idea of an unmediated openness of the experiencing subject to God. The case I construct involves taking seriously the idea that experience thus conceived is a form of desire.



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Ausgewählte Publikationen: God, Value, and Nature (OUP 2014) und New Models of Religious Understanding (OUP 2017).

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