



The Beginnings of Life: William Harvey and the Latin Lexicon of Plantanimal Growth

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William Harvey's description of the embryological development of animals is replete with borrowings from the language of botanical Latin. These words are not merely descriptive; they are analogical tools aimed at scrutinizing the nature of animal generation while assessing the extent and limits of the vegetative power in shaping the specific identity of living beings. In my paper, I will concentrate on some key issues concerning the vegetative soul in Harvey's *Exercitationes* on the reproduction of animals (1651).

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