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THE VOLUNTARISM OF DUNS SCOTUS: WILL AND FREEDOM

SUMMARY

The article reveals reasons of the voluntarism of Duns Scotus. In his conception of freedom, understood as the freedom of will, Duns Scotus endows will with priority. Will becomes a real rational power, followed by intellect that is a natural power. Then ethical and anthropological consequences emerge to show a new way of understanding man. The reasons of the voluntarism of Scotus are analyzed in their historical context. To return his omnipotence to God, Scotus has to prioritize an infinite and limitless willingness in God, understood as charity. Through his will also man relates with God and reaches his ends in *praxis*. This means a break with tradition since man is to discover *le raison d'être* of the things not by his *ratio*, but by his *praxis* which directs him and allows him to achieve his goals.

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