



Robert Folger (Heidelberg) The Embodied Self in Premodern Europe

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Abstract

Premodern science and philosophy (Natural Philosophy) provided a complex model for the workings of the human mind and body. So-called faculty psychology postulated an interlocking system of mental faculties that processed sense impressions and regulated bodily functions with the help of vital spirit (*pneuma*). In this model, all processes of the human body must be seen as psychosomatic, and the self is embodied. This self is not limited by the boundaries of the body as we see them but embedded in an animated world of objects and other subjects. I will show that this model can be described in terms of Gilles Deleuze's folds (*plis*).

