

Abstract

In this Master's thesis, I propose to first investigate the existence of this autonomy of reason, which Cassirer postulates as a *differentia specifica* of enlightenment against other epochs, and which articulates this entire flow. Secondly, the critique of Cassirer's work and its truth content will be examined more closely. In order to make this project feasible, I will focus, among others, on Jonathan Israel's depiction of Enlightenment, and his idea, according to which two irreconcilable explanations have been given, is a concept which Cassirer himself was altogether alien to.

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