



The Logos in the Platonic Tradition

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The concept of the divine Logos, developed by the Alexandrian philosophers such as Philo, Clement, Origen, and Plotinus, and appearing also in the Prologue to the Gospel of John, seems to attract increasing attention in recent years, in particular among those who are interested in renewing the dialogue between traditional metaphysics and the Platonic tradition, on the one hand, and our present-day spiritual, intellectual, and social concerns, on the other. It can be viewed not only as a principle of theophanic self-expression or self-knowledge within Godhead itself, but also as the foundation of the intelligible, teleological, and moral structure of the physical universe as well as the binding principle of human relationships and communities (based on a dia-logical spirit of a shared, respectful and unrestrained enquiry). In the conference held at the Cambridge Centre for the Study of Platonism, we'd like to discuss both the traditional views of the Logos and their significance for the present situation of the Western culture.

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