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Gasparo Contarini's Double Access to the One Truth, as Seen in His Letter on Predestination*

Abstract

Not only in his response to Pietro Pomponazzi's treatise on the immortality of the soul, but also in his other philosophical and theological works Gasparo Contarini energetically opposes the notion of an opposition between truth gained by the natural light of reason and divine revelation. Natural reason itself points towards the truth granted through supernatural enlightenment. This corresponds to a cosmological model in which some things can exceed their merely natural aims.