Abstract

The thesis («Divine Knowledge and Soteriology in John Wyclif. An Essay on the unpublished tract De sciencia dei») contains the established text of the wycliffian inedited tract De sciencia dei and a doctrinal essay. In the introduction are given many historical, codicological and philological details about the unpublished tract and about the Summa de ente, the academic collection of writings to whom it belongs. In the first chapter are exposed the main contents of the tract pertaining Wyclif’s theory of divine knowledge, considered also in the light of other passages of his works where the same topic is developed. In the second chapter is detected Wyclif’s doctrine of salvation, which is firstly and widely formulated in the De sciencia dei; then, is shown that the soteriology emerging in Wyclif’s later De dominio divino is close to the De sciencia dei’s. Lastly, in the third chapter is suggested an hermeneutical proposal on Wyclif’s theology based on some textual evidences – including those where the interesting notion of esse intencionale can be seen at work– which show Wyclif’s attempt to safe his theology and philosophy from the risk of determinism and panteism