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AL-RĀZĪ ON THE THEOLOGIANS' MATERIALISM

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Abstract. Late in his intellectual life, Faḥr al-Dīn al-Rāzī espoused a dualistic position on the nature of the soul, denying that the soul is in any sense a material body. This view, which in broad terms concurs with Avicenna's, sets al-Rāzī in opposition to the theologians' materialistic stance. To make his position clear, in his last work *Al-maṭālib* al-Rāzī sets out a comprehensive case for the theologians' materialism, before critiquing that position. This paper offers a reconstruction of al-Rāzī's arguments for the theologians' materialism, providing an insight into arguments in the philosophy of mind during the Islamic Middle Ages.

Résumé. Tard dans sa vie intellectuelle, Faḥr al-Dīn al-Rāzī a adopté une position dualiste sur la nature de l'âme, niant que l'âme est en tout sens un corps matériel. Ce point de vue, qui, de manière générale, concorde avec celui d'Avicenne, oppose al-Rāzī à la position matérialiste des théologiens. Pour clarifier sa position, dans son dernier ouvrage, *Al-maṭālib*, al-Rāzī expose un argument approfondi en faveur du matérialisme des théologiens, avant de critiquer cette position. Cet article offre une reconstruction des arguments d'al-Rāzī en faveur du matérialisme des théologiens, offrant une perception des arguments dans la philosophie de l'esprit pendant le Moyen Âge islamique.

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