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The Spiritual Senses in the Syriac Tradition

ABSTRACT

Although the phrase 'spiritual senses' first occurs in Syriac in the fifth-century author John of Apamea, the concept is already present in earlier authors such as Ephrem. The paper will explore the role of the spiritual senses in connection with discernment in the writings of selected Syriac Fathers of the fourth to eighth century.

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