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Sémiotique de l'égoïsme Le politique chez Blaise Pascal

Abstract: The purpose of this article is to analyse the problem of foundation of politics in Blaise Pascal. Taking as starting point the initial theological perspective presented in the *Thoughts*, we intend to prove how Pascal develops an articulated series of strictly philosophical remarks on the political order. The original element of the Pascalian thought consists in the criticism of the political order built on the selfishness of the Cartesian *ego*, which imitates the visible effects of charity, without imitating the nature of it.

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