

Reinkarnation – ein abendländisches Erbstück

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This essay investigates reincarnation as one of the oldest parts of western intellectual history. The author focuses on the conceptions of the journey of the soul in late antique Platonism, in gnosticism, and in Origen and his school. He concludes by showing the differences between western and oriental reincarnation teachings as well as between reincarnation and the Christian message of the resurrection.