

pozwała odkryć granicę możliwości ludzkiego rozumu: tą granicą jest poznanie Boga jako nieznanego.

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ABSTRACT:

The paper presents *via negationis* in the cognition of God based on *Super Boetium De Trinitate*: St. Thomas Aquinas. It consists of three parts. In the first part Pseudo-Dionysius's concept has been pointed out as the main source of inspiration for St. Thomas Aquinas in the scope of negative theology. In the second part natural cognition and faith as well as philosophy and theology have been differentiated. The concept of philosophy, particularly, the concept of existence and cognition, determine the necessity of using a way of negation in the natural cognition of God. In the last part of the paper the range of this cognition has been illustrated and what role *via negationis* plays in it has been emphasized. Negation cleans excellence which a man takes from creatures and assigns to God, excludes all of the compounds from the God entity, and finally allows to discover the limit of human reason: this limit is to know God as unknown.

Key words: St. Thomas Aquinas, God, faith, natural cognition, negative theology