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In ancient thought one can find the idea of the deification of reason (also wisdom, word), that is the conferment of the quality of divine nature to reason or the equation of it with god. The conceptions of the Logos (gr. “reason”, “word”) as a god appear in Heraclitus of Ephesus, stoics and in the early Christians. The reason – the Logos was thought of as a creative power, universal principle and also educational and epistemological element, thanks to which man could reach perfection and approach the divine world. In ancient thought one can find the ideas of the deification of the typically human feature, that is to say the reason, what is probably the introduction to the rationality of religion. The quest for the idea of deification of reason is the search for certain objective values and common transcendent reality as well as the idea of universalism.

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