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**“Intuitive reason in Kant's transcendental philosophy. Kant's early approach towards a theory of unconditioned synthesis and its traces in the Critique of Pure Reason”**

Kant is well known for rejecting the possibility of an intuitive, i.e. unconditioned and quasi-divine reason in the realm of human knowledge. However, there is evidence to suggest that Kant's philosophy of the self-knowledge of pure reason, i.e. transcendental philosophy, includes a conception of reason as an intuitive and unconditioned faculty, which Kant scholarship appears to have overlooked until today.

I would like to show that central aspects of an intuitive and unconditioned reason can be found in Kant's theory of synthesis. Not only did Kant explicitly develop basic parts of a theory of unconditioned synthesis in unpublished reflections of the 1770s; in addition, the core components of this theory play an important role in his critical writings from the 1780s, for example in the Critique of Pure Reason, especially in the transcendental doctrine of method and particularly in the architectonic, which aims at the systematic self-knowledge of pure reason. It turns out that an unconditioned synthesis, which qualifies human reason as an intuitive and unconditioned faculty, represents a hidden nucleus in Kant's program of critical transcendental philosophy.

For more information about my research project and its general framework please visit the websites [www.anschauendevernunft.de](http://www.anschauendevernunft.de) and [www.estdeusinnobis.de](http://www.estdeusinnobis.de). English versions are accessible.

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