

## THE QUADRUPLED RATIONAL INTERPRETATION OF DIVINITY

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**Abstract.** *When speaking about the rational interpretation of Divinity, there are three main concepts that we will briefly summarize in this paper. At the end of it we will present a fourth one, namely the symmetric rational interpretation of Divinity, as well as the connections between it and the other three ones.*

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### 1. Introduction

We should mention that the first three concepts belong to the Western World, to the Catholic Church, which for more than 1000 years has made a constant effort for reconciliation between Aristotle (384-322 B.C.) and the Christian Dogma.

We, the Romanians, and actually the entire Eastern world, did not have a Renaissance age, in the general meaning of the concept.

We did not need Renaissance. We had the Holy Eastern Fathers, whose effort surpassed ancient art and philosophy and gave answers to the fundamental problems of the human condition, answers that did not involve their issuing of philosophical systems.

### 2. The Tzimtzum Concept

The most serious attempt to explain the idea of *Creation ex nihilo* is expressed in the theology of Isaac Luria (Arizal) (1534-1572). Considered as being the founder of New Kabbalah, in fact the greatest Kabbalist of all times, he uses the ***Tzimtzum doctrine - concentration, contraction or withdrawal***. Being an intellectual concept of Jewish mysticism, Kabbalah is an area dealt with not only by Hebrew scholars. Kabbalah does not give much importance to the primordial chaos. It conceives the world as an organized system, something that, in the current language, would be considered a system governed by laws (conservation laws) and not by hazard. Kabbalah is essentially a system representing the world through areas of perception and representation, of interpretation of Divinity. According to Luria, the existence of the Universe was possible only through a process of "contraction" of God, i.e.

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