Maimonides Lecture on Scepticism
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Maimonides on Prophecy:
Synthesis And Reconciliation
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The lecture will introduce and analyse Maimonides’s theory
of prophecy, with reference to the following aspects: previous
and contemporaneous approaches to prophecy; the human
qualifications needed for being a prophet; the process of actualising
a prophecy; and the degrees of prophets. It will be argued that in
several respects, Maimonides’s methodological approach is not “either/
or,” but rather “both/and”: (1) both God and the human being play a role
in the formation of prophecy; (2) both the intellect and the imagination
function in the process of prophesying; and (3) both Aristotelian and
Neoplatonic elements are instrumental in the shaping of Maimonides’s
theory of prophecy.

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