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In the first book-length treatment of this subject, A. N. Williams examines the conception of the intellect in patristic theology from its beginnings in the work of the Apostolic Fathers to Augustine and Cassian in the early fifth century. The patristic notion of intellect emerges from its systematic relations to other components of theology: the relation of human mind to the body and the will; the relation of the human to the divine intellect; of human reason to divine revelation and secular philosophy; and from the use of the intellect in both theological reflection and spiritual contemplation. The patristic conception of the intellect is therefore important for the way it signals the character of early Christian theology as both systematic and contemplative and as such, distinctive in its approach from secular philosophies of its time and modern Christian theology.

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To the memory of Rut Britta Viola Williams née Karlsson

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*Det sköna är evigt; med fiken håg  
vi fiska dess guldsand ur tidens våg.*  
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Feast of Clement of Alexandria, 2005

*Abbreviations*

Abl	Nyssen, <i>Against Ablabius</i>
ACW	Ancient Christian Writers
AD <sub>1</sub> and 2	Basil of Caesarea, <i>Ascetical Discourses 1 and 2</i>
ANF	Ante-Nicene Fathers
Anim	Tertullian, <i>On the Soul</i>
1/2 Apol	Justin Martyr, <i>First and Second Apologies</i> or Tertullian, <i>Apology</i>
Barn	Epistle of Barnabas
Beat	Nyssen, <i>On the Beatitudes</i>
CallC	Nyssen, <i>What It Means to Call Oneself a Christian</i>
CC	Corpus christianorum
CCels	Origen, <i>Contra Celsum</i>
CD	Augustine, <i>The City of God</i>
CEun	Nyssen, <i>Contra Eunomium</i>
2CEun	Nyssen, <i>Response to Eunomius' Second Book</i>
CFth	Basil of Caesarea, <i>Concerning Faith</i>
ChrM	Nyssen, <i>On the Christian Mode of Life</i>
Clem	Clement of Rome, <i>Letter to the Corinthians</i>
Cnfr	Cassian, <i>Conferences</i>
Conf	Augustine, <i>Confessions</i>
Cred	Augustine, <i>On the Usefulness of Believing</i>
CRud	Augustine, <i>On the Catechizing of the Uninstructed</i>
CSEL	Corpus Scriptorum Ecclesiasticorum Latinorum
CtOr	Nyssen, <i>Great Catechetical Oration</i>
CWS	Classics of Western Spirituality
Dial	Justin Martyr, <i>Dialogue with Trypho</i>
Did	<i>Didache</i>
Diog	Letter to Diognetus
Disc	Justin Martyr, <i>Discourse against the Greeks</i>
Doct	Augustine, <i>On Christian Teaching</i>

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EE	<i>Exhortation to Endurance (To the Newly Baptised)</i>
Ench	Augustine, <i>Enchiridion</i>
Eph	Ignatius, Epistle to the Ephesians
Eust	Nyssen, <i>Against Eustathius</i>
Exhort	Justin, <i>Exhortation to the Greeks</i>
Fast	Tertullian, <i>On Fasting</i>
FC	Fathers of the Church
FSym	Augustine, <i>On Faith and the Creed</i>
GChr	Augustine, <i>On the Grace of Christ</i>
GCS	<i>Die griechischen christlichen Schriftsteller</i>
Gnos	Evagrius, <i>Gnostikos</i>
Govt	Justin Martyr, <i>On Government</i>
Haer	Irenaeus of Lyons, <i>Adversus haereses</i>
Herm	Tertullian, <i>Against Hermogenes</i>
HSp	Nyssen, <i>On the Holy Spirit</i>
HumP	Nyssen, <i>On the Making of the Human Person</i>
Inf	Nyssen, <i>On Infants' Early Deaths</i>
Inst	Cassian, <i>Institutes</i>
Judg	Basil of Caesarea, <i>Concerning Judgement</i>
LA	Athanasius, <i>Life of Antony</i>
LArb	Augustine, <i>On the Freedom of the Will</i>
LCC	Library of Christian Classics
LM	Nyssen, <i>Life of Moses</i>
LP	Nyssen, <i>On the Lord's Prayer</i>
LR	Basil of Caesarea, <i>Long Rules</i>
Mag	Augustine, <i>The Teacher</i>
Magn	Ignatius, Epistle to the Magnesians
Marc	Tertullian, <i>Against Marcion</i>
MarP	Martyrdom of Polycarp
MEcc	Augustine, <i>On the Morals of the Catholic Church</i>
Monc	Evagrius, <i>Ad Monachos</i>
Mor	Basil of Caesarea, <i>Morals</i>
Mort	<i>On the Care to Be Had of the Dead</i>
NBon	Augustine, <i>On the Nature of the Good</i>
NPNF	Nicene and Post-Nicene Fathers
Or	<i>Oration</i>
PArch	Origen, <i>Peri Archōn (On First Principles)</i>
Pat	Augustine, <i>On Patience</i>
Paed	Clement of Alexandria, <i>Paedagogōs (The Teacher)</i>
Perf	Nyssen, <i>On Perfection</i>

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PG	Migne, <i>Patrologia Graeca</i>
Phil	Ignatius, Letter to the Philadelphians
Phlp	Polycarp, Letter to the Philippians
PL	<i>Patrologia Latina</i>
PMer	Augustine, <i>On Sin and Merit</i>
Pol	Ignatius, Letter to Polycarp
Prae	Augustine, <i>On Predestination</i>
Prak	Evagrius, <i>Praktikos</i>
Prax	Tertullian, <i>Against Praxeas</i>
Pray	Evagrius, <i>Chapters on Prayer</i>
Pro	Tertullian, <i>Proscription against the Heretics</i>
Prot	Clement of Alexandria, <i>Protreptikos</i>
Rich	Clement of Alexandria, <i>What Rich Person Can Be Saved?</i>
Rom	Ignatius of Antioch, Epistle to the Romans
Resr	Justin Martyr or Tertullian, <i>On the Resurrection</i>
SC	<i>Sources chrétiennes</i>
Smyr	Ignatius of Antioch, Epistle to the Smyrneans
SpLt	Augustine, <i>On the Spirit and the Letter</i>
Sol	Augustine, <i>Soliloquies</i>
Soul	Nyssen, <i>On the Soul and Resurrection</i>
Str	Clement of Alexandria, <i>Stromateis (Carpets)</i>
Tral	Ignatius of Antioch, Epistle to the Trallians
Trin	Augustine, <i>De Trinitate</i>
VRel	Augustine, <i>On True Religion</i>
Virg	Nyssen, <i>On Virginity</i>