

## Phenomenology of the Human Person

In this book, Robert Sokolowski argues that being a person means being involved with truth. He shows that human reason is established by syntactic composition in language, pictures, and actions and that we understand things when they are presented to us through syntax. Sokolowski highlights the role of the spoken word in human reason and examines the bodily and neurological basis for human experience. Drawing on Husserl and Aristotle, as well as Aquinas and Henry James, Sokolowski employs phenomenology in a highly original way in order to clarify what we are as human agents.

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Philosophy thrives on confusion.

– John N. Findlay

Viam veritatis elegi. – Psalm 119



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