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Eucharistia, Exegesis, Pietas, Devotio, Penitentia, Indulgentia, Paideia, Paupertas, Memoria – these are selected terms that are basis for papers of this tome. The main target of papers presented is to show the main thought of the whole project concerning culture of I Commonwealth in dialogue with Europe and hermeneutics of values: its range, directions and ways of bilateral flow of reflexion on the topic in Polish and European culture (especially in times before Council of Trent and regarding new challenges of Renaissance humanism). Sources that are analysed are mostly rare and have never been researched form this point of view. Hence this monograph is hybrid in nature and outlines foundations of the topic on the background of values.

Widely understood environments of Dominican and Franciscans were able to combine theological thought (especially Christological and Mariological) with folk ministry. Translation of theological content into both high and popular discourse that mostly based on specific hermeneutics of values imprinted in spiritual patterns of monastic communities influenced religious culture and advantaged stability of ethical system. Model of religiousness formed within XIII-XV centuries recognized widely as typically Polish successfully confronted Reformation, secular Renaissance humanism and exclusive currents of XVII century religiousness. Papers published in this tome are based on source texts written by both distinguished authors from monastic communities as well as authors of minorum gentium (sermons, theological and moral writings etc.). The contexts are different forms of catechesis.

Relations of European theological and meditative writings and influence of this model of religiousness on neighbouring cultures remain open problems.