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ANOTACE: In classical scholarship divination is typically approached, through the evidence of historians and poets, as either an important part of social history or as an expression of the occult world of ancient magic. This paper looks at the topic through the evidence provided by ancient philosophers. They provide a history of divination that places the ability to perform it among the different cognitive capacities that humans have. Their study of it looks like a very early attempt to explain something that we would call intuition.

Peter Struck se zabývá se antickým myšlením na rozhraní náboženství, filosofie a literární kritiky. Je autorem knihy *Birth of the Symbol: Ancient Readers at the Limits of Their Texts* (Princeton University Press, 2004), jež podává asi nejlepší analýzu proměn pojmu *symbol* v antice. V letošním roce vyjde rovněž v Princetону jeho nová kniha *Divination and Human Nature: A Cognitive History of Intuition in Antiquity*.