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ENGLISH SUMMARIES

MARTIAL BOUCHARD, Deux textes introductifs de Thomas Hobbes à sa traduction anglaise de Thucydide. RThPh 1992/I, pp. 5-18.

The dedicatory epistle and the notice to the reader that Thomas Hobbes placed at the head of his English translation (1629) of The Peloponnesian War written by Thucydides is the object of this paper. This includes a complete French version of the two texts, critical notes, a brief presentation, and a basic bibliography on Hobbes and Thucydides.

L. FREULER, Kant's cosmological antinomies. RThPh 1992/I, pp. 19-40.

The cosmological antinomies of Kant have aroused many objections which are seen to be deficient when closely examined. Those which attack proofs of theses and antitheses can be distinguished from those which reject solutions. The latter are mainly formed around contrary and sub-contrary propositions and the transcendental principle of phenomena and noumena, but they do not extend to the real Achilles' heel of the Kantian method.

CHRISTOPH WASSERMANN, Theology of expiation in a relativist world. RThPh 1992/I, pp. 41-60.

The aim of this article is to compare the Old Testament theology of cultic expiation with Einstein's theory of special relativity. Passing from a pre-scientific reflection via a scientific analysis of characteristic texts to a meta-scientific treatment of the presupposed world views, we first point to formal points of contact, then to functional analogies, and finally to material elements common to relativity and expiation.

G. THEISSEN, Pax Romana et Pax Christi, Primitive Christianity and the idea of peace. RThPh 1992/I, pp. 61-84.

In our time peace is an issue decisively at stake. The author looks at the idea of peace as it was developed by primitive Christian thought in critical dialogue with the contemporary world. Two aspects are underlined: a) a socio-mythological parallel between human wars and peace on earth and those of the gods in the heavens; b) the Christian development of a non-military peace, social peace, lived in community, making nevertheless a political impact.