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D. WIGGINS, Sinn, Bedeutung and natural kind terms, RThPh 1993/III, pp. 225-237.

It is often supposed that Putnam's deictic theory of natural kind terms and the semantics of Frege cannot possibly fit together. In this article Putnam's theory is purified of certain traits that have in any case made it less acceptable than it might have been. When these and other points are attended to, and when the Fregean scheme itself is better understood, Putnam's theory can be readily inserted into the semantical framework of Frege. At the end of the article it is shown how beautifully the resulting theory will cohere with the Leibnizian doctrines of clear indistinct ideas and of our ordinary a posteriori knowledge of the natural world.

F. BONSACK, The Real epistemified, RThPh 1993/III, pp. 239-265.

Normally the realist, situated in reality, finds knowledge in the relationship of an objectified subject with the world, but in the form of a "naturalized epistemology". Here we take the opposite direction, finding what is real in knowledge but in the form of representation, an "epistemified reality". This is not to attempt to reach the inaccessible, but to ask how the realist himself represents what is real, what he means by calling it such, what the criteria are by which he recognizes it amongst other representations. In spite of seeming rather idealist, this method does satisfy a certain number of the realist's characteristic demands, enumerated at the beginning of the article.

G. LASSERRE, Some recent studies on the Covenant Code, RThPh 1993/III, pp. 267-276.

The Covenant Code is the most ancient collection of laws in the OT. It picks up on juridical, moral and religious precepts; proposing one and the same foundation for all of human behaviour; seeking thus to re-establish social and religious cohesion amongst the whole people and to respond to the distress of the times.

B. HORT, Ecumenism according to Father Bernard Sesboüé, RThPh 1993/III, pp. 277-283.

In a collection of articles, Father Sesboüé gives us a vast inventory of interconfessional dialogue from the past twenty years, as well as an appraisal of the consequential theological revisions and progress in Catholic thought. This critical study takes account of Father Sesboüé's contribution and then attemps to confront it with the demands of respect for protestant diversity and for the dialogue between faith and culture.

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J. BRUN, The sense of meaning, RThPh 1993/III, pp. 285-290.

A theologian and a philosopher, G. Widmer and J.-Cl. Piguet, reflect on the sense of meaning – a pertinent issue at a time when people wander between dogmatisms and nihilisms. "Semantic reversal" turns its back to both: for the fact is not that I must be met by truth where I am, but that I must meet truth where it is; where I am, I am already, but where it is, there I must go.