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ENGLISH SUMMARIES

M.-C. CALOZ-TSCHOPP, Comprehension in the work of Hannah Arendt: an activity of resistance and of political creativity through thought, RThPh 1999/III, p. 257-281.

For Hannah Arendt, comprehension is an activity linked to resistance and to the political creativity of the person confronted with the invention of a regime of «total domination», «without precedent», seeking to contain «superfluous humanity». The article shows the continuous movement of the three stages of comprehension described by Hannah Arendt: immediate intuition and denial; what has been only perceived becomes banal; the return to the initially denied intuition, thanks to thaumazein, surprise. The article shows the obstacles and the infinite work of comprehension that precedes, prepares and accompanies knowledge, action and judgment. It concludes by signalling the link between the blind spot of the third stage and liberty, or birth, and suggesting some follow up in the direction explored by Arendt concerning the status of the imagination.

N. CHARRIÈRE, Ecumenical reflections concerning the encyclical *Ut unum sint*, RThPh 1999/III, p. 283-302.

John-Paul II, in his encyclical Ut unum sint, situates ecumenism in a twofold relationship, ascending and descending: the relationship of humankind to God and of humankind to the world. To be dynamic, these two movements must pass through the critical grid of truth and love, which corresponds to revelation as the first movement of God to humans. Thus ecumenical dialogue cannot avoid a reflection of the status of truth and love in ecclesiastic management, in the light of Christo-pneumatological polarity. Symptomatically, the question of papal ministry shows existing dead ends and possible apertures.

M.-A FREUDIGER, Pocket books to explain Protestantism, RThPh 1999/III, p. 303-307.

With their new collection on Protestantism, the publishers Labor and Fides are reinforcing its existence amongst the public. The first four books, by their different aims and perspectives, show a current convinced by streamlined thinking and discernible influence.