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Erasmus to Bèze  
1516–1598

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Among the epistles, the one to the Hebrews was most controversial. The authorship question alone, after Erasmus (1516), lifted the discussion to a more textual and historical level, and posed severe theological problems. Hebrews raised questions about OT interpretation, law, gospel, Christ, priesthood, sacrifice, faith, works.

The focus is on the introduction in printed commentaries from Erasmus to Calvin, Politus to Bèze. After Calvin, introductions do more than cover the content of the epistle. They are more historical (*occasio*), literary (*genus*), methodological (*loci*) and linguistic (*Hebraeos*). After a translation of the introduction, an analysis is given in the light of medieval and (earlier) 16th century exegesis of Hebrews.

A bibliographic contribution to 16th century exegetica is attempted. Considerable effort was given to identify every edition of a Hebrews commentary to Bèze's 5th.

One advantage of working on exegetica is that the text (Hebrews) provided some control. In other words, this study offers a fairly constant and focused view of a near century of work on sacred matters.



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Diese Sammlung enthält 47, zwischen 1933 und 1979 in verschiedenen Zeitschriften und Festschriften erschienene religionswissenschaftliche Aufsätze. Die meisten sind in französischer, einige in englischer Sprache verfaßt.

Den Hauptgegenstand dieser Auswahl bildet das Christentum der vier ersten Jahrhunderte. Einige Aufsätze behandeln Fragen der christlichen Archäologie, andere befassen sich mit methodologischen Problemen. Doch die große Mehrzahl weist einen ausgeprägten historischen Charakter auf. Verschiedene Richtungen im Leben der Alten Kirche sowie des Judentums und des Heidentums werden erörtert. Der Verfasser nimmt Stellung zur religionsgeschichtlichen Schule. Ohne den Ansichten dieser Schule beizupflichten, bemüht er sich dennoch, das Christentum von seiner geistigen Umwelt aus zu beleuchten. Einige Aufsätze sind dem Mithraskult gewidmet. Besondere Aufmerksamkeit wird jedoch dem Judentum und seinem Verhältnis zum Christentum zuteil. Wechselseitige Einflüsse zwischen der Alten Kirche und ihrer Umwelt werden erforscht. Die Einleitung des Buches bringt die fachlichen Grundanschauungen des Verfassers zum Ausdruck.



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