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ABSTRACTS

Sergey Avanesov

Empedocles: Divinization and Suicide

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Pages: 147-171

Key words: Early Greek philosophy, *theosis*, suicide, ethics

In his article on Empedocles Sergey Avanesov of Tomsk State University presents a part of his bigger study in the philosophy of suicide, and shows that Empedocles' famous deed can be understood as an act of "metaphysical revolt", a mysterious purification of the soul from the body and the universe from the evil elements. The article is a developed version of a paper presented by the author in May 2007 at the conference "Rethinking Dodds. Rationalism and Irrationalism in Ancient Philosophical Tradition", organized by the Centre for Ancient Philosophy and the Classical Tradition at the Institute of Philosophy and Law of the Siberian Branch of Russian Academy of Sciences.

Andrey Shetnikov

Mathematical definitions and axioms in Plato and Aristotle

Language: Russian

Pages: 172-194

Key words: Ancient mathematics, Euclid, axiomatic, defining

Andrey Schetnikov, a historian of mathematics from Novosibirsk, discusses the problem of origins of the concepts of definitions and axioms in Ancient mathematics prior Euclid. Having noticed the fact that axioms and postulates are entirely absent from geometry in the time of Plato, the author turns to the problem of definitions in Plato and Aristotle instead and reads relevant passages from their works against the background of the "Elements" of Euclid. His working hypothesis is that the greater part of proofs from the first book of the "Elements" should be traced back to the time of Aristotle's school rather than Plato's Academy despite the degree of sophistication of the mathematical technique in the time of the latter.

Leonidas Bargeliotes

Whitehead's organismic conception of God and its religious availability

Language: English

Pages: 195-202

Key words: Concepts of God, ethics, Philosophy of process, metaphysics

Leonidas Bargeliotes of the University of Athens focuses in his article on the problem of God's religious availability and sees Whitehead's organismic theory of God as a correction of Aristotle's barren conception of a Prime Mover.

Marina Wolf, Igor Berestov

Problem-oriented approach to Ancient philosophy

Language: Russian

Pages: 203-246

Key words: Early Greek philosophy, methodology, Neo-Kantian philosophy, Parmenides, Plotinus

Igor Berestov and Marina Wolf of the Institute of philosophy and law, Novosibirsk, discuss various methodological difficulties typical of studies in the history of Ancient Greek philosophy and try to develop their own problem-oriented approach.

Corpus Aristotelicum, On Indivisible Lines

Language: Russian

Pages: 247-257

An annotated translation of the treatise "On Indivisible Lines" is prepared by **Andrej Schetnikov** (ΣΙΓΜΑ: The Centre for Educational Projects, Novosibirsk) especially for this issue. This short text from the *Corpus Aristotelicum*, important for the history of mathematics, is translated into Russian for the first time.

Hermetism. The Chaldean Oracles

Language: Russian

Pages: 258-275

Two bibliographic outlines of this issue prepared by **Eugene Afonasin** of Novosibirsk State University deal respectively with Hermetism and the *Chaldean Oracles*.

Reading and Interpreting Philosophy Texts

Language: Russian

Pages: 276-298

A discussion “Reading and Interpreting Philosophy Texts”, led by **Svetlana Mesyats** of the Institute of Philosophy, Moscow, opens a series of round-table discussions planned in the framework of the interdisciplinary seminar “Teaching Classics. Fundamental Values in the Changing World” organized by the Centre for Ancient Philosophy and the Classical Tradition and supported by the Open Society Institute, Budapest.

Eric R. Dodds

The Rediscovery of the Classics

Language: Russian

Pages: 299-303

An early article by Eric R. Dodds, **The Rediscovery of the Classics** (Irish Statesman II: 42 [1920]) in a Russian translation by **Eugene Afonasin** and **Anna Afonasina [Kuznetsova]** (Centre for Ancient Philosophy and the Classical Tradition, Novosibirsk University). Visit a page of the conference "**Rethinking Dodds**", Novosibirsk Akademgorodok, May 2007 (texts are mostly in Russian).

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Второй выпуск журнала, посвященного изучению античности и классической традиции во всех ее разнообразных аспектах, подготовлен специально для участников долгосрочного проекта «Преподавая античность. Фундаментальные ценности в изменяющемся мире», проведение которого оказалось возможным благодаря Программе поддержки высшего образования Института «Открытое общество» (Будапешт). Как и первая наша встреча (август 2007 г., Новосибирский научный центр), второй семинар (январь–февраль 2008 г.) посвящен изучению классической философской традиции и традиции гуманитарного образования в контексте современных представлений о ценностях. Публикации, вошедшие в этот выпуск, представляют собой как оригинальные исследования по истории античной философии, так и результаты работы летнего семинара. Эти и другие дополнительные тексты заинтересованные читатели смогут прочитать в электронном виде по указанному ниже адресу.

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