PREFACE

The year 1972 marks a new beginning for the Eranos Yearbook. Since 1933, when Olga Froebe-Kapteyn began organising the Eranos Conferences, 38 volumes of the Eranos Yearbook were published thanks to the generous co-operation of Dr. Daniel Brody. Rhein Verlag having ceased its activities this year, a new publisher had to be found. The editors are very grateful to the publishing house E.J. Brill for having decided to continue the series. Moreover, we are very pleased that, by arranging to publish volumes 39 (1970) and 40 (1971) simultaneously the new publisher has enabled us to make up for the inevitable delay caused by the liquidation of the Rhein Verlag.

The change-over also gave us the opportunity to make some necessary modifications in the presentation of the Yearbook. The new title reflects the three languages, in which lectures are given. Furthermore, each contribution is now followed by summaries in the two other Conference languages.

As we pointed out in the preface to volume 38 (1969), the order of Professor G. Quispel's lectures, given in 1969 and 1970, has been reversed for the purpose of publication. By agreement with the author, Ruth Horine prepared an edited English version of Professor Quispel's 1969 lecture for inclusion in the present volume.

Owing to an accident sustained by Professor Pierre Hadot, his lecture announced on the Conference programme could not be given.

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