Books Received for Review in Gnosis: Journal of Gnostic Studies

Albrecht, Felix and R. Feldmeier, eds. 2014


The present volume is devoted to the theme of “Divine Father” in Second Temple Jewish and early Christian tradition and in its ancient pagan contexts. It brings together proceedings of a conference under the same title, held in Göttingen in September 2011. Selected articles by well-known scholars focus on religious and philosophical concepts of divine parenthood in antiquity, from the Hebrew Bible and Second Temple Judaism (the Dead Sea Scrolls, Targums, Philo and Josephus) to the field of the New Testament. In addition, the volume deals with the designation of deity as “father” or “mother” from the broad spectrum of ancient Egypt and classical antiquity (Homer, Hesiod, Plato, and its reception) to late antiquity (Plotinus and Porphyry).

Alt, Peter-André, Jutta Eming, Tilo Renz und Volkhard Wels, eds. 2015


This volume brings together articles about magic presented within the program *Episteme in Bewegung*, in November 2013 at the Free University of Berlin. Topics range from different aspects around magic and alchemy, such as the Arabic alchemy and Pythagoras, transmutation in *Tristan*, magic texts from Middle Age libraries, various aspects of alchemy in the work of Johann Fischarts, Johann Rists and J. J. Bechers (1635–1682); interpretation of multiplicatio in the work of Johannes de Monte Raphaim, and, finally, the virgula divinatrix—
debates around magic and magnetism. The reader has here a wide spectrum of articles which enriches the scholarship on the fascinating world of magic and alchemy.

Bumazhnov, Dmitrij, ed. 2013


This volume presents the papers offered at _Der 2. Tübinger Tagung zum Christlichen Orient_ organized in 2007. The reader is introduced into the fascinating world of Apocrypha and related literature, iconography and iconology, and to a fresh translation of the Testament of Isaac from Coptic. Contributions to these various aspects of Early Christianity are due to renowned specialists, such as Frank Feder, Jan Dochhorn, Emmanuela Grypeou, Peter Nagel, Uwe-Karsten Plisch, Alexander Toepel, Pablo Argarate, Ioannis K. Grossmann, I. Männlein-Robert, H.-J. Cristea, B. Gleede, E. Schulz-Flügel and Bärbel Dümler.

Corrigan, Kevin and Tuomas Rasimus, eds. 2013


This Festschrift honors the life and work of John D. Turner (Charles J. Mach University Professor of Classics and History at the University of Nebraska at Lincoln) on the occasion of his 75th birthday. Professor Turner’s work has been of profound importance for the study of the interaction between Greek philosophy and Gnosticism in late antiquity. This volume contains essays by international scholars on a broad range of topics that deal with Sethian, Valentinian and other early Christian thought, as well as with Platonism and Neoplatonism, and offer a variety of perspectives including intellectual history, Greek and Coptic philology, and the study of religions.