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Abstract:

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B. Books


Alexander Sesonske and Noel Fleming (eds.). Metameditations: Studies in Descartes. Belmont,
bibliography or by the Bulletins, has also been announced (Archives de Philosophie, XXXV, 2, Apr.-June 1972, 263) and is to be prepared under the supervision of Gregor Sebba and Wolfgang Röd. Some useful bibliographies of recent works are to be found in Edwin Curley's "Recent Work on 17th Century Philosophy" (American Philosophical Quarterly, XI, 4, Oct. 1974, 235-255) and in Hiram Caton's The Origin of Subjectivity: An Essay on Descartes (New Haven: Yale University Press, 1973), pp. 223-243, which lists works between 1960 and 1970.

A. Translations and Reference Works. Reprinting of the standard Adam and Tannery edition of Descartes' works has nearly been completed (Paris: J. Vrin, 1964- ). Additions and corrections have been included at the end of each volume. This reprinting has been undertaken by Joseph Beaude and Pierre Costabel under the auspices of the Centre National de la Recherche Scientifique. Adrien Baillet's biography La Vie de Monsieur Descartes is also now available (Geneve: Slatkine Reprints, 1970).


C. Articles

1. The Cogito.


André Gombay. "'Cogito Ergo Sum': Inference or Argument?" R. J. Butler, Cartesian Studies, pp. 71-88.


Roger Mitton. "Professor Hintikka on Descartes' 'Cogito.'" Mind, LXXXI, 323, July 1972, 407-408.


2. The Truth of Clear and Distinct Perceptions and the Charge of Circularity.


P. A. Schouls. "Cartesian Certainty and the 'Natural Light.'" Australasian Journal of Philosophy, XLVIII, 2,


3. Arguments for the Existence of God.


Donald Cress. "Does Descartes' 'Ontological Argument' Really Stand On Its Own?" Studi Internazionali di Filosofia, V, 127-140.


4. Substance, Mind and Body


Peter A. Bertocci. "The Person and His Body: Critique of Existentialist Responses to Descartes." Cartesian


5. Clear and Distinct Ideas and Method.


6. Extended Substance and Physics.


7. Comparisons.


Thomas O'Kelley. "Locke's Doctrine of Intuition was not Borrowed from Descartes." Philosophy, XLVI, 176, Apr. 1971, 148-151.


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