

HERMENEUTICS OF ENCOUNTER. Essays in Honour of Gerhard Oberhammer on the occasion of his 65th birthday. Edited by FRANCIS X. D'SA and ROQUE MESQUITA, Vienna, 1994. Pages 303.

This Festschrift to professor Oberhammer presented on his 65th birth day contains twenty research papers dealing with different aspects of Indology by well-known scholars like Halbfass, Heesterman, (on Puruṣārthas), Vattanky (God in Nyāya), F. X. D'Sa (Mīmāṃsakas Vedapramāṇam), Mariasusai Dhavamoni (*Prapatti* in Rāmānuja), John Clayton (Enlightenment, Pluralism and the Philosophy of religion), Bettina Baumer (*Vāc* as Saṃvāda) and Anand Amaladass (Aesthetics and Hermeneutics). Most of the contributors are his students, friends or colleagues.

Prof. Oberhammer, 'an Indologist by profession, a philosopher by temperament and a theologian by inclination', has contributed much to bring philosophy and religion closer and to popularise hermenutics in textual studies. He considers a text is a place of hermenutic encounter; hence his aim is not merely to find out what it said historically, but what it could possibly mean today.

This volume is a fitting tribute to the great scholar, Prof. Oberhammer. He has been a frequent visitor to Madras and the Adyar Library before he became the head of the Institution.

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