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The research interests of G. Oberhammer are aptly described by the editor in referring to a quotation taken from Francis X. D'Sa stating that G.O. is "indologist by profession, philosopher by temperament, and theologian by inclination." Consequently the collected papers, which are written in German with the exception of the first one, are subdivided into two parts comprising twenty (p. 1–437) "Indologische Beiträge" (Contributions to indology) and sixteen (p. 441–722) "Religionshermeneutische Beiträge" (Contributions to the hermeneutics of religion). Three indices (names, Sanskrit words, references to Sanskrit texts) refer the reader easily and smoothly to the information searched and needed.

In this volume all articles were reset carefully by S. Bohdal, though very regrettably not following the original, but the reformed orthography. The page numbers of the original publication are always duly and clearly indicated. The original place of publication, however, is not mentioned for the individual reprinted articles and, consequently, has to be traced by searching the bibliography, where they are marked by an asteriscus.

The book is introduced by an updated bibliography, which is divided in the same way as the collected papers and containing, moreover, works edited by G.O., miscellaneous contributions such as, e.g., obituaries, and a long list of the reviews, which he authored. At the end translations of G.O.'s works into English, French, Polish and Japanese are listed. The last two sections on "Das Werk Gerhard Oberhammers in der wissenschaftlichen Literatur" (G.O.'s work as mirrored in research) and "Zur Person

Gerhard Oberhammers” (On the person G.O.), which demonstrate wide influence exercised first of all by his contributions to the hermeneutics of religion, round off the bibliography.

Together with two felicitation volumes published parallel and simultaneously in 1994 and covering both areas of G. Oberhammer’s interest, the present volume honours a lifetime’s *œuvre* of a scholar with unusually wide and stimulating interests reaching out indeed far beyond what is expected from an “indologist by profession.”