

is particularly notable in his final thesis to the effect that, 'Against Pascal I say: The God of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob and the God of the philosophers is the same God. He is a person and the negation of himself as a person.'

It is not altogether easy to turn from Professor Tillich's streamlined thought and writing, and his direct concern with reality, to Dr Robinson's more wordy and academic discussion of books. It is less incisive and less concise, though its criticisms are more detailed and the subjects of its criticism are given more chance to speak for themselves. But its judgments are usually apt, and this book also represents less a swing than a salutary steadying of the pendulum which should be welcome to Catholics generally, and to Thomists particularly.

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THE PAULINE VIEW OF MAN. By the Rev. W. David Stacey, M.A. (Macmillan; 25s.)

The thesis of this book is that St Paul was neither a Hebrew nor a Greek but a Christian, who had seen the Risen Lord, on the road to Damascus, and received from him a new and blinding revelation concerning God, man, and the world. But the background to St Paul's new Christian thinking was Hebrew, and remained so under the transforming light of the new vision; where St Paul uses Greek terminology without parallels in Hebrew he normally derives it from later Jewish sources. So much is true, and given convincing demonstration, within limits: for Hebrew thinking allows of no anthropology that is not rooted in the idea of the community, and in this matter, as J. A. T. Robinson and others have shown, St Paul is a Hebrew of the Hebrews, yet in this book the idea of the human community and of the Christian community are barely mentioned; again, for the Hebrews and for St Paul God is Spirit, an infinite immaterial force, yet St Paul's belief in the Holy Spirit who is at work in the world transforming it, equally with the Father and the Son, goes far beyond this, but is not even referred to in the chapter on 'Spirit'. These are grave *lacunae*, yet there is much good work in this book on St Paul's language and ideas concerning man.

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BREVIAIRE DE POCHE. Par A. M. Henry, O.P. (Editions du Cerf, 750 francs; obtainable through Blackfriars Publications.)

The French layman's debt to Père Henry grows ever greater. His work in editing *L'Initiation Théologique* must already have ensured the permanent gratitude of thousands. And five years ago his *Breviaire des Fidèles* made the riches of the Divine Office available in a form