

## BIOGRAPHICAL NOTES

**AGATA BIELIK-ROBSON** was born in 1966 and received her PhD in philosophy in 1995. She worked at the Institute of Philosophy and Sociology at the Polish Academy of Sciences. Currently she has been appointed a Professor of Jewish Studies at the University of Nottingham. She has published articles in Polish, English and German on philosophical aspects of psychoanalysis, romantic subjectivity, and the philosophy of religion (especially Judaism and its crossings with modern philosophical thought). Her publications include books: *The Saving Lie. Harold Bloom and Deconstruction* (in English, Northwestern University Press, Marcz 2011), *In the Wilderness. Cryptotheologies of Late Modernity* (Cracow 2008), *Romanticism. An Unfinished Project* (Cracow 2008), *The Spirit of the Surface. Romantic Revision and Philosophy* (Cracow 2004) *Another Modernity* (Cracow 2000) and *On the Other Side of Nihilism* (Warsaw 1997).

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**LOUIS DUPRÉ** studied at the University of Leuven, from which he graduated with a doctoral dissertation on “The Starting Point of Marxist Philosophy” (published and awarded a biennial prize). He immigrated to the United States in 1958 and taught philosophy at Georgetown University until 1972. In 1973, he became the T. Lawrason Riggs Professor in the philosophy of religion at Yale University. His teaching and writing have concentrated mostly on the phenomenology and philosophy of religion and on the philosophy of culture. In 1994 he was elected a member of the American Academy of Arts and Sciences. The members of the class of 1996 of *Phi Beta Kappa* awarded him the William C. DeVane Medal for distinguished teaching and scholarship at Yale College. In 1998 students and friends presented him with a Festschrift on *Religious Interiority and the Culture of Modernity* published by Wm. Eerdmans Publ. (Grand Rapids, MI). He received seven honorary degrees from various universities and colleges in the U.S. and Canada. He has lectured at a number of universities in the USA, as well as in Belgium, The Netherlands, Italy, and Ireland. He has published 15 original books, and 4 collective works, in addition to some 200 articles in professional journals, collective works, and encyclopedias. In 1986 he was elected a foreign member of the Belgian Royal Academy of Letters, Arts and Sciences.

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**JOHN MILBANK** previously taught at the Universities of Lancaster, Cambridge and Virginia. He is the author of several books of which the most well-known is *Theology and Social Theory: Beyond Secular Reason* and most recently, *Being Reconciled: Ontology and Pardon* and *The Future of Love: Essays in Political Theology*. He is one of the editors of the Radical Orthodoxy collection of essays which occasioned much debate. In general he has endeavored in his work to resist the idea that secular norms of understanding should set the agenda for theology and has tried to promote the sense that Christianity offers a rich and viable account of the whole of reality. At the same time he tends to insist that Christianity is itself eclectic and fuses many traditions—particularly that of biblical

narrative with that of Greek philosophy. In style his theology is eclectic, interdisciplinary and essayistic—though it aims to be systematic in a somewhat ad hoc fashion. So far he has produced two books in the areas of Christian doctrine and ethics—though both have a strong philosophical component. In addition he has sustained interests in developing a political and social theology—critical of the liberationist current as insufficiently theological, while retaining a left-leaning perspective. Currently he is pursuing a long-term project concerning the topic of 'gift' which involves all the above-mentioned concerns. In the long-term he hopes to develop a fully-fledged 'Trinitarian ontology'. Currently he is working on a two-volume sequel to *Theology and Social Theory* entitled *Philosophy: A Theological Critique*.

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