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Divine Logos in Translation: Philosophy and Biblical-Exegesis in Context

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Holy Scripture tends to be bound to a particular holy language, often intimately related to its divine logos. As testimonies of divine revelation they claim certain incommensurability when translated into language, and even more when translated from its original, cannonical form into a different human language. However, at the same time, these sacred, revelatory texts are frequently and intensively translated, both within the religious communities that hold them sacred (e.g., the Greek, Aramaic, and Arabic renditions of the Hebrew Bible) and across denominational boundaries. The history of this ancient two-sided paradox—the incommensurability of divine message and the constant need to transmit it beyond all linguistic borders—will be the focus of this Special Issue of Religions. We are plan to focus on cases of such translation in Judaism, Christianity, and Islam from antiquity to modernity and to discuss the explicit and the implicit aspects, both in theory and in the practice of transmitting divine logos across and between linguistic divides.











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