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ABSTRACTS

Bálint Béla: „But they are all Unitarians”. *Unitarians and Their Beliefs in the Works of József Hermányi Dienes*

This article continues the research published in issue nr. 2022/1. József Hermányi Dienes (1699–1763), a Reformed (Calvinist) preacher from Nagyenyed, came into contact with members of the Unitarian Church and Unitarian doctrines on several occasions during his career. His best-known work, the *Nagyenyedi Demokritus* (Democritus of Nagyenyed), contains Unitarian-related stories. The previous study examined how József Hermányi Dienes mentioned the Transylvanian Unitarians in *Nagyenyedi Demokritus*, his famous collection of anecdotes.

This article provides further data on the relationship between Hermányi Dienes and the Transylvanian Unitarians by examining the author's other works, such as the *Nagy Enyedi Eklésiának Papjai* (Ministers of the Nagyenyed Ecclesia), his *Emlékirat* (Memoirs) and his two manuscript volumes of sermons. These texts contain several mentions of Unitarians, their beliefs and the Calvinist interpretation of these beliefs. Hermányi Dienes enjoys narrating his father's and grandfather's controversies against Unitarians and he also argues with the Unitarian beliefs in his own sermons. The article presents references to Unitarians and Unitarian-related citations in Hermányi's texts.

Keywords: anecdotes; Calvinist sermons; disputes of faith; Reformed preacher; manuscript volumes of sermons; *Nagyenyedi Demokritus*; *Nagy Enyedi Eklésiának Papjai*; Nagyenyed; *Emlékirat*; sermons; Transylvanian Unitarians; Unitarian doctrines; Hermányi Dienes, József (1699–1763)

Elek Rezi: *The Life, Church Service, Theological Work and Spiritual Heritage of Zoltán Sztankóczy*

This article presents Zoltán Sztankóczy's (1916–2002) life, church service and Unitarian theological work. Sztankóczy was a prominent secular person of

the Hungarian Unitarian Church in the last decades of the 20th century. One of his great merits was the organization and management of joint theological conferences of Hungarian and Transylvanian Unitarian ministers, theological teachers, and lay people. The article evaluates the theological aspects of his books, studies, and shorter writings and proposes that his theological work and intellectual heritage obliges us to consider him a secular Unitarian theologian.

Keywords: intellectual heritage; joint theological conferences; secular leadership; Unitarian Church; Unitarian theology; Sztankóczy, Zoltán (1916–2002)

László Somogyi: *Debating Partners or Enemies? The Controversies Between Jesus and the Pharisees*

The parting of the ways between the followers of Jesus and Pharisaic Judaism was not smooth. In the New Testament, there are frequent biased, even hateful remarks about the Pharisees, the chief priests and the scribes, although Pharisees were also found in the latter two groups. For this reason alone, it is worth attempting to analyse the extent to which the image of Pharisaic Judaism in the New Testament can be traced back to Jesus of Nazareth. Were there conflicts between Jesus and the Pharisees? What was their content? To what extent can they be regarded as hostilities or merely theological disputes? To answer this question, the Gospel texts, especially the Synoptics, are the source.

If we look at the topics on which the Gospels report controversy, we can see that the number is not very large. Among them, Sabbath work is the most prominent. Other topics of controversy include divorce and adultery, fasting, ritual purity and the payment of taxes.

Jesus and the Pharisees were serious debating partners, because Jesus had a religious lifestyle, his knowledge of the Torah and the prophets, and his literacy made possible a debate between them. At the same time, two distinct worlds were revealed in their arguments: the casuistic law of the Pharisees and the apodictic law of Jesus' arguments.

Keywords: apodictic law, casuistic law, Gospel texts, Jesus, New Testament, Pharisees, Synoptics