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J. DANIELOU, *Messaggio evangelico e cultura ellenistica*, trans. C. Prandi, Economica (Bologna: Dehoniane, 2010, paper €34.80) 633 pp. Bibliography. Indexed. ISBN: 978-88-10-21510-4.

The reprint of the Italian version (1975) of the 1961 French original entitled *Message évangélique et culture hellénistique aux II<sup>e</sup> et III<sup>e</sup> siècles* [NTA 9, p. 445]. The 1973 English version entitled *Gospel Message and Hellenistic Culture* was described in NTA 17, p. 422. The volume treats preparation for the gospel (missionary discourse, the wisdom of the nations, Homer among the Church Fathers, Plato in Christian Middle Platonism, Aristotle and classical apologetics), the exposition of the faith (the apostolic tradition, catechetics), the demonstration of the gospel (Justin and the OT, the exegesis of Irenaeus and Melito, Clement of Alexandria, Hippolytus, Origen, Methodius), theological problems (philosophy and theology, the transcendence of God, the person of the Word, problems of anthropology, demonology), and Christian gnosis (Clement of Alexandria, Origen). Daniélou (1903-74), one of the founders of the *Sources chrétiennes* series, was named a cardinal in 1969.