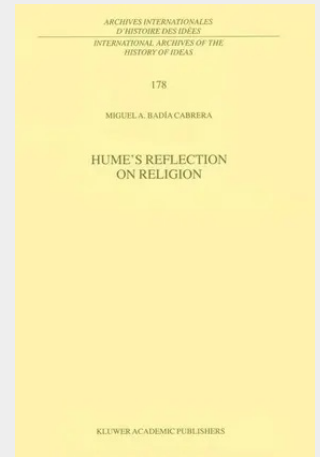


Hume's Reflection on Religion

Edinburgh and spend most of July and August 1999 at the National Library of Scotland and the Edinburgh University Library. Although I have incorporated into the present work only a small part of my research at those libraries, if this book shows a greater appreciation of the immediate social and religious context of Hume's thought (particularly of Calvinistic theology and the Scottish Enlightenment) than its Spanish predecessor, it is in no small measure due to the books, articles, and xi xii Preface manuscripts I was able to consult at the time. In this respect, I would like to thank Professor Peter Jones, Director of the Institute for Advanced Studies in the Humanities at the University of Edinburgh, who was very instrumental in making my visit to Edinburgh a reality, and generously put the facilities of the Institute at my disposal. Many thoughts and lines of argument contained in this book date back to my doctoral dissertation, and some earlier versions of a number of chapters or sections of chapters have been published in different philosophy journals or anthologies. I of them in the bibliography under my name. But since my previous works list all on the subject have been revised and modified so many times in the light of new findings or to meet actual or possible criticism, I can say that they have been effectively superseded by the present writing.

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