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New classic works by most prolific translator our times

(Arlington, Virginia and Nanaimo, British Columbia) - While many have translated ancient Greek classic works into English, and many others have given us new and inspiring translations of Kafka, Nietzsche, Rousseau, Aristotle, Rene Descartes, Denis Diderot and Karl Marx, how many can be said to have successfully translated all of those mentioned, and more? It requires a unique and special talent to translate the work of so many in such a variety of languages and genres, and all with so intimate a translation that there have been greater than 10 million page viewings to the various works on this translator's website since its inception.

Richer Resources Publications is pleased to announce the release of new translations by Ian Johnston of three of the Western world's best-loved Greek plays: *Bacchae* by Euripides, and by Aristophanes, *Clouds* and *Frogs*. This brings to 8 the number of Mr. Johnston's translations released in just the last 14 months.

Johnston, a retired professor of English, Classics and Liberal Studies living in British Columbia, is one of the most prolific, talented and diversified translators working today. He is known for his powerful and direct style, and his ability to make the works accessible to the modern reader while remaining faithful to the original work. This unique talent is making his work increasingly the translations of choice for high schools, colleges and universities throughout the English-speaking world.

Though much has been written about Johnston's works, he himself has yet to be interviewed in depth. Richer Resources Publications has arranged for Mr. Johnston to be available for interviews beginning Apr 1st 2008.

"Students reading this translation will have no doubt of the passion and issues raised by the plays," according to Elaine Fantham, Professor Emerita from Princeton. Johnston's translations of the classic Greek plays have been used in numerous dramatic performances, including at Oxford University.

These latest works follow by less than 6 months the release of his translations of *The Oresteia* by Euripides, *Antigone* and *Oedipus the King* by Sophocles. In April, the publisher will release Johnston's translations of works by Friedrich Nietzsche, followed by Franz Kafka and Jean-Jacques Rousseau. In 2006, his translations of the *Iliad* and the *Odyssey* in a modern English poetic form were released and reviewed on NPR.

Written reviews of this translator's work have been posted to the publisher's website, where you will also find an audio clip of NPR's review. It can be accessed here:

www.RicherResourcesPublications.com/Books.htm

by clicking on the link to the NPR website via this page. Alternately, the same clip can be on NPR's web site here:

www.npr.org/templates/story/story.php?storyId=6849615

Additionally, all eight of these texts may be found in their entirety on our website by following the link to our E-Books home page. It is the translator's and the publisher's wish that these translations be made available to anyone who wishes to read them, thus the publisher has created this unprecedented free online access to these texts.

Naxos Audiobooks continues to use these translations for their new classic audio titles, most recently adding his translations of Aristotle to their line.

A more complete biography of Professor Johnston can be provided upon request. The Professor is available for interview from his home in British Columbia. An interview can be set up via his publisher by return email.