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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, Descartes, Diderot, Lucretius and Marx, how many can be said to have successfully translated all of these, 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 15 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 additional titles: *On the Nature of Things*, by Lucretius, *Knights* by Aristophanes, and Descartes' *Discourse on the Method for Reasoning Well and for Seeking Truth in the Sciences*. This brings to 25 the number of Mr. Johnston's translations released in the last 4 years.

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 August 10th, 2010.

"Students reading this translation will have no doubt of the passion and issues raised by the plays," said Elaine Fantham, Professor Emerita of 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 3 months the release of his translations of Kant's *Universal Natural History and Theory of the Heavens* and Georges Cuvier's *Discourse on the Revolutionary Upheavals on the Surface of the Earth*. Not previously available, this important work might otherwise have been lost. Later this year the publisher will release Johnston's translation of Ovid's *Metamorphoses* followed by works of Rousseau and more by Aristophanes. 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. Alternately, the same clip can be on NPR's web site here: www.npr.org/templates/story/story.php?storyId=6849615

All 25 of these texts may be found in their entirety on our website as readable pdf files. 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 Ian's works in translation for their new classic audio titles, most recently adding his translations of Aristotle and Lucretius 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.

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