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Preface

Those who arrive at the end of the journey are not those who began.

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Abbreviations

- AT* Charles Adam and Paul Tannery, eds., *Œuvres de Descartes* (Paris: Cerf, 1897–1913).
- BLGNP* *Biografisch Lexicon voor de Geschiedenis van het Nederlands Protestantisme*, ed. Doede Nauta and Johannes van den Berg, 6 vols. (Kampen: Kok, 1978–2006).
- BT* *Bibliotheca Tilliana, Sive Catalogus praestantiorum in omni genere studiorum Librorum*. [...] *Quos collegit* [...] *Sal: van Til, P. M.* [...] *Quorum Auctio habebitur in Officina Isaaci Severini Bibliopolae Lugdunensis Ad diem 8. Octobris M D. CCXIV*. (Leiden: Isaac Severinus & Andr. Dijkhuisen, 1714).¹
- BZ* *De boekzaal van Europe*, 19 vols. (Rotterdam: P. van der Slaart, 1692–1701).
- CCSL* *Corpus Christianorum Series Latina*, 228 vols. (Turnhout: Brepols, 1953–).
- CO* *Ioannis Cavini Opera quae supersunt omnia*, ed. Guilielmus Baum, Eduardus Cunitz, and Eduardus Reuss, 58 vols., *Corpus Reformatorum* 29–87 (Braunschweig: Schwetschke, 1863–1900).
- CR* Karl Gottlieb Bretschneider, et al., eds., *Corpus reformatorum*, 101 vols. (Halle: Schwetschke, 1834–).
- CSEL* *Corpus Scriptorum Ecclesiasticorum Latinorum*, 105 vols. (Wien: Verlag der Österreichischen Akademie der Wissenschaften, 1866–2012; Berlin: De Gruyter, 2013–).
- CSM* John Cottingham, Robert Stoothoff, and Dugald Murdoch, eds., *The Philosophical Writings of Descartes*, 2 vols. (Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 1984–1985).
- CTN* Salomon van Til, “Compendium theologiae naturalis,” in *Theologiae utriusque compendium cum naturalis tum revelatae* (Leiden: Jordanus Luchtmans, 1704).
- CTR* Salomon van Til, “Compendium theologiae revelatae,” in *Theologiae utriusque compendium cum naturalis tum revelatae* (Leiden: Jordanus Luchtmans, 1704).
- CW* *The Collected Works of Spinoza*, ed. and trans. Edwin Curley, 2 vols. (Princeton, NJ: Princeton University Press, 1985–2016).

¹ This auction catalog is paginated continuously and consists of three major sections: 1. Libri Theologici & Philologici Sacri; 2. Catalogus Librorum Hebraicorum aliorumque Orientalium; 3. Libri Prohibiti. Within these sections, titles are grouped according to their book size (folio, quarto, octavo, duodecimo). Where the present study refers to works included in this auction catalog, the respective page and item number is provided at the end of the first reference between square brackets preceded by the expression “*EBT*.”

- DSECDP* Wiep van Bunge et al., eds., *The Dictionary of Seventeenth and Eighteenth-Century Dutch Philosophers*, 2 vols. (Bristol: Thoemmes Press, 2003).
- NNBW* P. C. Molhuysen and P. J. Blok, eds., *Nieuw Nederlandsch Biografisch Woordenboek*, 10 vols. (Leiden: A. W. Sijthoff, 1911–1937).
- OS* *Johannis Calvini Opera selecta*, ed. Petrus Barth and Guilelmus Niesel, 5 vols. (Munich: Chr. Kaiser, 1926–1936).
- PG* *Patrologiae Cursus Completus Series Graeca*, ed. Jacques Paul Migne, 161 vols. (Paris, 1857–1866).
- PL* *Patrologiae Cursus Completus: Series Latina*, ed. Jacques Paul Migne, 221 vols. (Paris, 1844–1864).
- PRRD* Richard A. Muller, *Post-Reformation Reformed Dogmatics. The Rise and Development of Reformed Orthodoxy*, 4 vols. (Grand Rapids, MI: Baker Academic, 2003).
- PTS* *Patristische Texte und Studien*, 79 vols. (Berlin: De Gruyter, 1963–).
- SC* *Sources Chrétiennes*, 613 vols. (Paris: Cerf, 1942–).
- SD* Gisbertus Voetius, *Selectae disputationes [theologicae]*, 5 vols. (Utrecht/Amsterdam: Johannes à Waesberge [vol. 5: Antonius Smytegelt], 1648–1669).
- WA* Ulrich Köpf, et al., eds., *D. Martin Luthers Werke: Kritische Gesamtausgabe*, 127 vols. (Weimar: Böhlau, 1883–2009).

For other abbreviations found in this study, see Siegfried M. Schwertner, *ITAG2. Internationales Abkürzungsverzeichnis für Theologie und Grenzgebiete*, 2nd ed. (Berlin: De Gruyter, 1992).