

## **Abstract**

### **Reflection of paganism by Minucius Felix and his predecessors**

The main topic of the work is the analysis of the theological horizon of the lesser-known Christian apologist Marcus Minucius Felix. His only surviving work, the dialogue *Octavius*, represents a completely unique type of argument in favor of the Christian religion in the pagan world, based on philosophy.

In addition to the translation and analysis of the text itself, the thesis deals with the characteristics of the author himself, his literary intention, setting in the context of the apologetic literature (in this respect, the research was primarily shaped by the dispute over primacy in the field of Latin apologetics between Minucius and Tertullian). The theological analysis is not possible without a content analysis of both the text itself and the historical and cultural context.

The author's own translation, presented in the form of Latin-Czech bilingua, is supplemented, in addition to brief explanatory notes, by a study with a theologically focused analysis, which is still lacking in Czech. The following are discussed: Minucius' relation to the majority church, reasons for a specific attitude to the Scripture, relation to the Roman religion and cult, relation to Judaism, attitude to philosophy, the author's theological emphasis and his specific conception of „philosophical Christianity“.

### **Keywords**

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