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INTRODUCTION TO EARLY MEDIEVAL NOTATION
SECOND EDITION, BY CONSTANTIN FLOROS

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This book is based primarily on the research of the author in the field of neumatic notation, particularly his three-volume *Universale Neumenkunde* published in 1970. Naturally the principal studies in the field, both the older and the younger studies, are acknowledged. In addition to that, many recent research results of the author appear here for the first time.

With regard to research on neumatic notation, it must be said that it is unfortunately encumbered with hypotheses and prejudices as hardly any other field in the area of Medieval studies. Blatantly subjective opinions are declared to be doctrines; numerous erroneous and false hypotheses find mechanical repetition in the literature, their authors clinging to favorite theories even though they have been proven to be without foundation. This situation has made the acceptance of new research results very difficult. But even though the progress of science can be delayed, in the long run it cannot be stopped.

The author lays particular weight on the statement that this little book - as in his other research - is based not on the exposition of high flying hypotheses, but on the presentation of scientifically valid conclusions.

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