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## Abstracts

EMILIANO REDAELLI, *Theologia bellica*. Un trattato su guerra e religione agli inizi del XVIII secolo

This article describes a theological treatise on the war published at the beginning of the XVIII century. It is called *Theologia Bellica*. The author is the Theatine Antonio Tommaso Schiara, a man belonging to the Roman Curia and greatly respected by Pope Clement XI. It is an unknown work, nevertheless it is very interesting, both by the way it describes the problem about war from the theological point of view and because references come out to impelling matters for the Church and for the European civilization of the time as for example the connection between temporal and spiritual power, moral debates on probabilism, religious freedom. After a biographical outline about the author and a short picture of the historical context he lived in, it follows the analysis of the structure of the work and the underlining of some most important subjects. In the end I try to draw some conclusions in order to let you know some problems of this complex and contradictory work, which would merely confirm the attempt inside the Catholic Church in the XVIII century to find new solutions to the political and religious changes of the time, without breaking with her tradition.