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Dear Art,

As you perhaps recall I worked on Barth's ethics on my dissertation. Now The Westminster Press wants to take that discussion of Barth's ethics and reshape it into a book. I have been working on it, and now want to ask your help.

Would you be willing to read over the manuscript as it now stands and give me any pointers as to where I need further elaboration, or (especially) where I might have misconceived Barth's intention? Although I can well imagine that you are snowed by other projects, I can only say that I would greatly value any comments you might have about this effort of mine before it goes to press. Tentatively it is now scheduled for publication in January, 1965. Of course I would like to spot any problems or ambiguities in my analysis in time to do an adequate job of correcting them. I can think of no one in the country who could give me a better critique of Barth's ethics than you, although be assured that I will understand if you cannot see your way clear to do it. It is now about 125 pages. In subsequent revisions I may expand the introduction. But mostly I want reassurance (or criticism!) on whether I am on the beam in my basic interpretations of Barth's ethics.

Should you be interested in such a project, drop me a note and I will send the manuscript as it now stands forthwith. Sorry that I cannot offer remuneration for such a labor, but I would only hope that you might let me do the same for you sometime. Give my best regards to Bob Healy and family, and let me know if this interests you.

Cordially and sincerely,

Thomas C. Oden



