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Dr. Rudolf Bultmann
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Dear Dr. Bultmann,

I am sending you by regular mail a copy of an essay which I completed only recently, entitled "Bultmann as Lutheran Existentialist". It is now being read by the editors of our new American journal Dialogue. Although its proposal would not be new to German readers, it needs increasingly to be said on the American scene, and I thought it might interest you.

As you can see upon reading it, I am coming increasingly to differ with my former colleague Schubert Ogden, as he attempts to interpret your thinking to American audiences. Should you be interested in seeing it, I have also written a rather elaborate critique of Ogden's charge that you are caught in a "structural inconsistency", which is entitled "The Alleged Structural Inconsistency in Bultmann". I would be glad to send you a copy if you so desire.

The book on Radical Obedience will soon go to press, and I will let you know when a publication date is set.

There is some chance that I might be able to come to Germany this summer or fall. If so I would be very grateful for the opportunity to talk with you some, if that would be possible.

Cordially and sincerely,

Thomas C. Oden

