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Dr. H. R. Niebuhr
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Dear Dr. Niebuhr,

Thank you for your comments and suggestions concerning my dissertation in your last letter of some time ago.

I have been giving all my time to the project since June 1st, and I am pleased to report that at long last it is very near to completion. It has indeed been a fruitful exercise for me.

One question concerns the title. After some deliberation Dr. Shppley and I came to the conclusion that an appropriate title for the thesis would be: "The Use of the Idea of Obedience in Contemporary Christian Ethics". Is this satisfactory? Do you think I need a sub-title delimiting the scope to Barth and Bultmann?

I believe that I will be able to submit the bound copies of the thesis to your office and the Graduate School by August first or thereabouts.

R^uspectfully,

Thomas C. Oden

PS: You will be please to know that I am remaining on the teaching staff here at Perkins next year. I am quite pleased.

