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Prof. Dr. Karl Barth
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Dear Dr. Barth,

It was indeed a joy and pleasure to receive your note of October 3rd, indicating your interest in my analysis of your ethics.

I am putting in the mail today a reproduced copy of the portion of my dissertation which deals analytically and critically with your ethical thought (pp. 252-413). I am including a copy of the table of contents and a precis of the argument, in order that you might get a glimpse of the subject-matter of the first 250 pages. This material ~~should~~ arrive in Basel within three or four weeks. Since I have the original copy of this discussion, I would like for you to feel free to keep this copy I am sending you in your own library if you so desire. If seeing yourself mirrored (however inadequately) in my discussion is in any sense useful to you, I will be most pleased.

Ever since I completed this manuscript in 1960 I have intended to inquire of you as to whether you would be interested in seeing it. Only recently, since the Westminster Press has become interested in publishing this study, have I been moved to go back over these pages and consider their serious revision. I sincerely hope that have not not misunderstood you fundamentally, particularly at those points at which I have felt compelled for one reason or another to differ with you. In any event, fully aware that time is precious to you, I would welcome any corrections you would suggest, or any suggestions you might have for me as to how I might better understand the intention of your work as an ethicist.

Our Seminary community looks forward to a visit from your son Markus just two weeks from today, when he will be inaugurating a new annual lectureship at Phillips University, the Scott lectures.

With best wishes,

Cordially and respectfully yours,

Thomas C. Oden

