

Dear Dr. Schweitzer

Thank you for your letter of October 21.

I am very amenable to your suggestion to reduce the section of the paper dealing with the European theologians and to leave the rest intact. I would be glad to follow along these lines.

May I suggest one thing. The basic structure of the paper involves a contrast between the clarity and ambiguity of the demand of God. This contrast is followed by a constructive proposal. The study of Kant, Bultmann, and Barth illustrates the notion of the clarity of the demand of God. May I suggest that this portion of the paper be reduced severely, but not entirely omitted. If it were omitted, it would involve a basic revision of the structure of the essay. The constructive proposal can be better understood by seeing it in the context of the contrast between the clarity and ambiguity of the divine demand.

I like your suggestion, however, that the essay emphasize the American situation rather than the work of European theologians with which your readers doubtless are already familiar. If I could reduce Part 1 to a fraction of its present size and maintain Parts 2 and 3, it could both conserve the present basic structure of the paper and emphasize those portions of special interest to your readers.

As for the translation of the essay, it is about finished and I will forward it to you in the German text as soon as possible.

~~Yours cordially and sincerely,~~

