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Sussex

Dear Professor Barth - I was in Brussels last week, and on my return I had the unexpected pleasure of finding your parcel awaiting me. I am most grateful to you, and glad also to ~~will~~ have this touch with you who appear to me to be sent by God to do an extremely important work in this generation. I read your address on "The Christian Life" when it was first translated, and I have recently read your book on the Epistle to the Romans, from which I learnt much. What I welcome most is your uncompromising insistence on the transcendence of God. Here, in England, our modern teachers servilely follow the German theologians. Since the days of Schleiermacher a one-sided unmanliness has been preached, and today the Evangelicals, who used to have zeal and edge, have overtaken Schleiermacher, call themselves Liberal Evangelicals, & think they have made a great discovery in unmanliness. This is washed by all the modern cults into pantheism, & its devotees preach salvation

as if it simply meant the realization  
of their own divine selves. I am myself  
what is called an Anglo-Catholic, and for  
the most part the Anglo-Catholics have held  
fast to the Transcendence. For this reason  
you would find that if you came to England  
you would probably receive a warmer wel-  
come from the Anglo-Catholics than the  
Neo-Evangelicals. Many of us hold fast to  
the great tradition of faith & grace as seen in  
Abraham, David, Isaiah, Job, St Paul,  
St Augustine and Luther; and it is this which  
makes us watch your career, and welcome  
whatever utterances of yours may reach us.

Are you likely to pay a visit to England?  
If you would stay with me a few days in  
Brighton you would be warmly welcomed &  
should feel honoured. And if you were willing  
to speak to the clergy, I would call a party  
together with the Bishop of Chichester at their  
head. The Bishop, I know, regards you as  
one of the greatest living theologians. Tell me  
if there were such a possibility.

With warmest greetings, and prayers  
to God that you may be guided in these  
most difficult times. Yours sincerely  
Charles Gardner.