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Mr. Karl Barth
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Dear Mr. Barth:

I hope you will pardon my letter. You may answer if you see fit. I am sincerely interested in your theological work, having read and studied your publications in English (I read no German). Yet I seem to be alone in my interest; few take you seriously in America even though the handwriting is on the wall. Nevertheless I continue my studies with the hope that sometime I may be of fundamental service to the Church.

In lieu of the contemplated volumes you intend to bring out dealing with the Doctrines of God, Creation, Reconciliation, and Redemption, with their Ethics I would like to know what sources or text you use in your regular teaching of these subjects now. I judge you use your Dogmatics I as Introductory and for "Revelation" but what do you use for the other doctrines? I have a suspicion it might be Calvin's "Institutes". Am I right? This question is pertinent to poverty-stricken theological American Christianity. Also, what is your opinion of Brunner's "Divine Imperative"? I hardly know whether I like it or not. May God bless and continue your great work. Sincerely
Byron E. Allender