

## *Table of Contents*

<b><i>Gehorsam</i></b> A Personal Memory	i
<b>Foreword</b> by Herbert Richardson	iii
<b>Prologue</b>	vii
<b>Chapter 1 Pilgrimage to Basel: An American Scholar's Memoir</b>	 1
First Impressions	2
" <i>Herr Professor Doktor</i> "— A Field Marshal's Role	6
An Existential Search for Meaning	11
Barth's Maturity as Teacher— An Un-American Activity	14
Barth in Colloquy and Classroom	19
<i>Doktor Ecclesia</i> —A Lighthearted Intelligence	29
The Teacher as Writer	33
Barth's Counterpart and Adjutant	35
The Basel University Context: Contrasts and Tensions	40
<b>Chapter 2 The Mind of Faith: Barth's Quest for Rational Intelligibility</b>	 45
The German Tragedy—A Natural Mind	45
The Anselmic Perspective: <i>Fides quaerens intellectum</i>	53
Faith Seeking Its Own Mind— Greater Than We Can Think	58
Faith Has Its Reason: The Humanity of God in Christ	67
Faith's Intelligence: Rational Unity in Diversity	70

<b>Chapter 3 The Beautiful Craft of Theology: Showing Faith's Inner Coherence</b>	<b>75</b>
Barth's Stance: Incarnational Theology in Pneumatic Response	75
<i>Analogia fidei</i> and Relational Coherence	82
Christocentric Reflection—a Noetic Necessity	85
The Grace-Grounded, Faith-Bounded Way	89
Theology's Way in Action— Complex Unity and Coherent Diversity	98
 <b>Chapter 4 Theology as Attentive Dialogue in the Vertical</b>	 <b>105</b>
Dogma in "Obedience"?—Spirit-Led Hearing	106
A "Word-Study for Americans"	108
Attentive Openness and Spontaneous Interaction	118
Openness to the Canon as a Whole: Biblical Coherence	120
Attentive to Prophetic Witness:	122
<i>Geschichte</i> and the Warrant of Saga	125
Attentive to Apostolic Witness: the Early Christian Sagas	127
Barth's Pauline Perspective on the Time of our Lives	129
Attentive to the Church's Voices in History	131
 <b>Chapter 5 Interactive Dialogue: Horizontal Openness Today</b>	 <b>139</b>
Barth's Way with Others' Voices	139
Basel Dialogues	142
Saying Yes to Life and No to Nothingness	146
Freedom to Disagree in the Sphere of Grace	147
A Medieval View of Disputation?	150
Openness to Nature?	152
Openness to the Future?	154
Hearing Others—Barth's Last Word	155

<b>Chapter 6 Listening In: The Tone of Karl Barth's Anglo-American Colloquies [Transcriptions]</b>	<b>157</b>
How Barth Epitomized His Views in English	157
On Natural Theology	158
On Old Testament Promise	169
Off-the-Cuff Reflections on Tillich: Gnosis vs. Theology?	184
And as to Existentialism . . .	199
<b>Chapter 7 Barth's Resonance for an American</b>	<b>205</b>
Barth and the Americans	205
"Order is Everything" for our Confused World	214
Unpacking the Priority of Grace	216
<b>Chapter 8 Natural Theology's Push to Monopoly</b>	<b>227</b>
Faith Side-Steps Every Natural Theology	228
The Specter of the Natural as Basis or Norm	230
The Old Liberalism—Barth's Foil	237
Misreading Barth on Human Nature	243
Theology of Nature (Not Natural Theology or Denatured "Spirituality")	244
Theology and Philosophy	247
<b>Chapter 9 Grace for the Religious &amp; Godless World</b>	<b>251</b>
"Religionless" Christianity	251
Patience for Impatience	257
"Free Will"—A Natural Theology	259
"Spiritual Growth"—A Natural Theology	263
Vestigial Remnants of Natural Roots	265
Slippage on Why Christ Must Suffer	268
<b>Chapter 10 Holistic Election Discovered in Christ: God Is For His Enemies</b>	<b>275</b>
The Challenge of Grace-Defined Justice	275
"Forensic Sanctification"—A Corollary?	280
The Specter of Universalism	282

<b>Divine Simultaneity:</b>	
How God Has the Time of our Lives	288
A Theology for Outer Space	304
<b>Chapter 11 Resonance in Christians'</b>	
<b>Community and Worship Today</b>	<b>309</b>
Love, The Law that Daunts Us	310
Solidarity with Those Around,	
as Nothingness Sloughs Away	314
Reorientation in and for the Godless World	319
Acceptance—Decision on our Behalf	322
Public Worship: The Priesthood of All to All	324
<b>Chapter 12 Barth's Challenge to Church Leaders:</b>	
<b>A Liberating Liturgy</b>	<b>329</b>
The Bible in Worship:	
The Scripted and the Living Word	333
From Grace to Grace: Speak Out With	
Courage, Good Humor and Joy	338
Trinitarian Preaching:	
"Leave the Driving to Us!"	353
The Sacraments and God's Word	359
Towards Concomitant Response:	
Prayer and Practice	364
No Manipulative Magic,	
Yet Each Word Is Heard	367
Counterparts in Ministry	369
<b>Chapter 13 An Evergreen Social-Ethical Challenge</b>	<b>371</b>
Dynamics of Spirit-Responsiveness	373
Free Political Engagement	375
Justice in Action Today	376
A Creeping Pharisaism Encroaches	385
The Mature Barth and Denominational Differences,	
Right and Left	387

<b>Chapter 14 Barth's Liberating Art in Play</b>	<b>391</b>
Life as Cadenza: The Play's the Thing	392
In the Play of Grace: Mozart	397
Writing Itself as Artful Play	401
Play of Grace in the Visual Arts?	404
A Lighthearted Asceticism in Play	407
Serious Work and the Puritan Play Ethic	411
<b>Afterword: Reflecting Playful Freedom and Radiant Joy</b>	<b>415</b>
<b>Bibliography</b>	<b>421</b>
<b>Index of Names and Subjects</b>	<b>429</b>