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The Rev. Professor Karl Barth, Ph.D.
University of Basel
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Dear Professor Barth

I am much concerned over your letter of September 3rd to Mr. Schaeffer and me. First let me say we are protestants and agree with you in opposing all kinds of religious persecution.

Further, we believe that God's truth is objectively true and verifiable, and that what contradicts God's truth is false. We spend far more time in reading and listening to men who disagree with us than those who agree. Thus we believe we may correct our own errors, and apprehend God's truth more accurately. Though we believe that the truth is really true, yet we are very likely to err. For this reason I should be glad to walk half way 'round the world if necessary, in order to talk with an important scholar who disagrees with me. It is not we who have closed our window shutters.

Of course, we shall not disturb you further personally, but the "let me alone" attitude is impossible in the world-wide field of Biblical scholarship. You have invaded our theological class rooms all around the world. Your views on religious liberty are, we believe, sound and good and stimulating. But your views on theology are, we are convinced, leading young ministers astray in serious and important doctrines. We are very anxious not to misrepresent you, for the truth is really true, and if we bear false witness against our neighbor, we are false! Therefore, we came to talk with you.

We do appreciate your kindness in talking with us.

Very sincerely yours

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