

Special Issue

Karl Barth's Theology in a Time of Crisis

Message from the Guest Editor

What possible value could there be in exploring the theological insights of someone—no matter how influential—whose times were so other than these? Nevertheless, this is precisely what this Special Issue of Religions will do. Noting not only that Karl Barth lived, worked, and thought theologically in a time of global turmoil—the catastrophes of the First and Second World Wars, the Great Depression, the myriad wars for independence from colonial rule through the 1960s, and the establishment of the State of Israel in the aftermath of the Sho'ah—this Special Issue also recognizes that Barth's theology was, however implicitly and even unwillingly, shaped by such events. Without suggesting that Barthian theology provides any sort of panacea to the world's current crises, this Special Issue does invite explorations of the ways in which Barth's thought intersects with, and illumines, the challenges of global modernity.

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