MARKUS BARTH
(1915-1994)
History

Markus Barth (72:2) was born in Switzerland in 1915, a son of Professor and Mrs. Karl Barth, acclaimed twentieth century theologian. Following the usual earlier education, he studied at Berne, Switzerland in 1934-1935; at Basel Switzerland in 1935-1937; in Berlin, Germany in 1937-1938 and at Edinburgh, Scotland in 1938-1939. Barth earned his doctoral degree in theology from the University of Goettingen, Germany in 1947 with a focus in New Testament.

Dr. Barth served as a parish minister in the Evangelical Reformed Church, Bubendorf, Baselland, Switzerland from 1940-1953. In 1953, he was appointed Visiting Professor of New Testament at the Presbyterian Theological Seminary in Dubuque, Iowa, and in 1956 became Associate Professor of New Testament at The Federated Theological Faculty of the University of Chicago in January 1956. Pittsburgh Theological Seminary called Dr. Barth as Professor of New Testament in 1963, where he served until 1972, when he returned to his native Switzerland and the faculty of the University of Basel.

Markus Barth was married to Rose Maria Barth and the two had four children.

Dr. Barth was the author of numerous articles and books. The reader/researcher will want to explore the main catalog for circulating works by Barth in Barbour Library.

He died in 1994.

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The record group of Dr. Markus Barth contains articles, his manuscript for the Anchor Bible on Ephesians, personal information and lectures.
trees or polluted rivers from offending, we may perhaps agree at the beginning that our stories have but one goal: to excavate, define, and strengthen our relationship with God. If so, strength may even proceed through an initial blasphemy. We ought not fear what sounds blasphemous if our goal is to strengthen our relationship with God. Excavation, definition, and strength proceed through stories we tell ourselves and one another. Nevertheless, our stories ought to do so by feeding, clothing, and sheltering both ourselves and the other: the depraved, the soiled, the hungry, the pained. Our stories ought to inspire us to take care of one another, physically, psychologically, spiritually, and metaphorically. If so, our stories will not be lies but Aaronic truths; that is, tales told to search the hidden recesses of the good life.

There would then be no need to seek heroes. We would speak a new heroics into being.

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IN MEMORIAM
MARKUS BARTH (1915-1994)

Born in 1915, Markus Barth died on July 1, 1994. He was an Associate Editor of J.E.S. from its very inception in 1964 until 1983. He published in the first number of J.E.S. an article on “The Challenge of the Apostle Paul,” and the following year he published another article that became one of his most well-known essays, “What Can a Jew Believe about Jesus and Still Remain a Jew?” In 1967, his article “Developing Dialogue between Marxists and Christians” appeared, and in 1968, two more were published: “Was Paul an Anti-Semite?” and “Jews and Gentiles: The Social Character of Justification in Paul.” Especially in those early years of J.E.S. when I was a very young theologian, I depended very heavily on the sage advice of Markus.

Markus was on the faculty of Pittsburgh Theological Seminary as Professor of New Testament. He remained there until 1973 when he became the successor to Oscar Cullmann at the University of Basel, Switzerland, the university that his father Karl Barth made so famous earlier in the twentieth century.

Markus Barth was clearly a pioneer from the Christian side in building theological bridges to the Jewish people. We were enriched by his presence.

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