Concept of history in the theology of Karl Barth

Abstract
This thesis provides a complete, chronological view of Barth’s concept of history throughout his theological career. The purpose of undertaking this hitherto unattempted task is to demonstrate that, ever since his full engagement with dogmatics in the mid-1920s, Barth has unequivocally affirmed the reality of the history which revelation becomes and is. Though he continues to insist upon the transcendence of revelation, he does so by way of an increasingly christocentric theology, so that both divine sovereignty and human dignity are firmly upheld. This is especially evident in his later theology, with his concentration on the history of Jesus Christ on the basis of the doctrine of election. This thesis thus rejects both the charge that Barth’s theology is ahistorical or anti-historical on the one hand, and the charge that it is excessively historical on the other.

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Dialectical Theology: Karl Barth, Emil Brunner, and Friedrich Gogarten; The Theologies of Karl Barth and Dietrich Bonhoeffer, in: Modern Christian Thought: The Enlightenment and the Nineteenth Century, vol. II. 2nd rev. ed. A Comparative Assessment of the Concept of Freedom in the Anthropologies of John Macmurray, John Zizioulas, and Karl Barth. Ph.D. thesis, University of Otago, 1994. Fries, Heinrich. Green, Christopher C. Doxological theology: Karl Barth on divine providence, evil and the angels. The theology of Karl Barth is an important resource for theological reflection on the complicated problem of God’s relationship to time; yet much of what Barth says is difficult to unravel. His statements on God and time, and on God and eternity, are spread throughout his writings, finding their place in theological discussions of a variety of doctrinal topics. In short, for Barth “time and eternity” are not so much philosophical or scientific concepts but theological terms that point to fundamental realities. This work proceeds from the conviction that in Barth we have a twofold opportunity: to allow earlier answers to speak to our own recent questions and to use our contemporary perspective to gain insight on historic contributions. eISBN: 978-1-4514-9656-7. Subjects: Religion. The theology of Karl Barth is to be understood as rethinking and restating of reformed theology after the immense philosophical and scientific developments of modern times, which have supplied us with new conceptual and scientific tools. Chapman, John Arundel. The Theology of Karl Barth: A Short Introduction. London: The Epworth Press, 1931. This article argues that in the history of the Christian Church, Christian theologies have always been developed from a particular cultural context. The different theologies we have inherited from the Christian Church in the west were and are contextual theologies. These theologies were developed to address specific cultural, social, political and economic issues facing the particular societies