

1967 Glaube und Religion bei Karl Barth (Faith and Religion in Karl Barth's theology). For detail see List of Publications below.

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This is my doctoral thesis in Systematic Theology at Marburg University. An analysis of paragraph 17 of Karl Barth's Church Dogmatics reveals that in his early work Barth developed a highly structured dialectic: God's revelation in Christ as a thesis is juxtaposed with human religion as an antithesis. Human religion is, by definition, inauthentic, whether it is Christian or non-Christian. But when human religion is made the medium of God's revelation, it becomes authentic, just as the sinner is justified by grace. The thesis closes with a critique of Barth's position on the basis of a Lutheran approach.