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Dear Prof. Mora,

Do you remember our being introduced at the A.P.A. convention in New York by a former pupil of yours, and my promise to send you some books by the late German philosopher Constantin Brunner?

I have just sent you "die Lehre --" and "Materialismus und Idealismus", the two basic philosophical books of Brunner which constitute, in my opinion, the minimum reading for a comprehensive view of Brunner's system of philosophy. I was almost going to send you ^{also} another book of Brunner's: "Unser Christus, oder das Wesen des Genies" which is almost as essential as "Materialismus u. Idealismus" for complementing the "Lehre" but I thought you have enough for the present. I shall be glad to send ^{you} this book of Brunner too, whenever you express an interest in having it sent to you.

I also included in the shipment my book on "The Philosophy of Spinoza and Brunner" (not available in the book trade now) which was my doctor's thesis at N.Y.U. But knowing the limited time that a scholar has available for reading, I urge you, in all sincerity, to spend your time on the original source rather than on my book. You may have sensed in the few words I spoke to you that my obligation and devotion to Brunner spring from a deeper source than from vanity or a feeling of pride in having "discovered" some one or trying

to push a certain school of thought.

What I admire in your book: Philosophy Today (and I only know this work of yours) is not only your erudition, the clarity of your presentation but, if I may say so, your serious and genuine love of philosophy "as a subject encompassing fundamental human attitudes" as you expressed it. I feel, therefore, that you will find in Brunner much that is congenial to your way of thinking. And who knows, perhaps you, too, will find as we, the friends of Brunner's philosophy have found, that his philosophical system comes nearest to the "great synthesis" that for most philosophers is an unattainable, almost of utopian goal.

Well, perhaps I've let my enthusiasm run away with me; ~~But~~ in this "critical" age this is very unfashionable. But I know you will understand.

Sincerely yours,
Walter Neurand

The books I sent you are presented to you as a personal gift. If you were to order these books also for the college library you would, no doubt, perform a good deed.

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