

During his lifetime, Emil Brunner (1889–1966) was a highly influential and renowned theologian, instrumental in shaping the course of modern Protestant theology. Yet in recent decades he has been neglected. In this major study Alister McGrath, himself one of the world's leading theologians, presents an insightful reappraisal and comprehensive intellectual history of the influential Swiss thinker.

Informed by a wealth of innovative scholarly research, McGrath's study delves deeply into Brunner's role in shaping dialectical theology, Brunner's distinctive approach to the leading theological debates of the 1930s, and his mature theological vision. McGrath also examines such topics as Brunner's debate with Karl Barth over the question of natural theology – an integral aspect of the complex relationship between the two theological giants – in addition to Brunner's reception in the English-speaking world of the 1930s, and Brunner's distinctively Swiss voice in the German-language theology of the day. The study also considers the reason for his neglect, and sets out the case for his continued relevance for current discussions of natural theology, ethics, and ecumenism. Illuminating and insightful, *Emil Brunner: A Reappraisal* represents an invaluable scholarly contribution to our understanding of the ideas and historical significance of one of the most important theologians of the twentieth century.

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“McGrath’s consummate skills as both a theologian and a historian are masterfully at work in this penetrating and highly illuminating study arguing for the importance and continuing vital relevance to current theological and cultural debates of one of the twentieth century’s largely forgotten major theological voices ... This intensively researched and captivating book brings together for the first time an enormous wealth of original source material yielding important new insights and contexts.”

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“McGrath’s meticulously researched and lucid exposition and assessment of Emil Brunner’s legacy is a landmark publishing event not only for the better understanding of modern Reformed theology but also of twentieth-century theology at large.”

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