

“The *aseitas Dei* echoes throughout the halls of the Christian tradition. Barth, of course, is no exception. In this study, Asbill explores the convergence of the concept and this theologian. In doing so, he presents his readers with not so much a tour de force as a tour of the key issues. Committing to leaving no stone unturned, he may prolong this most prodigious journey into the divine mysteries, but he indeed arrives at a most unmistakable destination. Some may still ask, “why study divine aseity”? Asbill, for his part, quells such doubts with a resounding “why not”?”

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‘Divine aseity and the question of the relation between God’s own triune life and God’s act toward what is not God have been disputed in much of the Christian theological tradition, and the debate is lively to this day. Asbill’s book, one of many fine studies produced under the guidance of John Webster, expertly traces these matters through Barth’s *œuvre* and presents their benefits when aseity is not reduced to a negative sort of freedom ‘from’ the world, abstracted from divine love. The result is a compelling study of Barth’s doctrine of the triune God who, in God’s overflowing love, freely binds Godself to the world.’

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