For *The Encyclopedia of the Reformation*

**BIBFELDT, FRANZ, (1899- ).** Born at Sage-Hast bei Groszenkneten, Niedersachsen, Oldenburg, Germany, this historical theologian has made numerous contributions to Reformation-era research. Some analysts have described him as belonging to a "predeconstructive" school, since he anticipated by fifty years many of the Derridaen contentions, notably those having to do with the "instability" of texts and readers. Professor Bibfeldt demonstrates his grasp of the notion of textual uncertainty because of his claim that all events and all texts can be credibly read in opposing ways, with no loss of meaning, so long as the reader himself and/or herself were/was capable of Bibfeldtian instability, or "being of two minds."

Bibfeldt began his career as a patristics scholar; it was his devotion to the theme of his doctoral dissertation at the long-defunct Helmstadt University as well as his *Habilitationsschrift* which has also made him an elusive figure. One year late in handing in his original dissertation, he stumbled upon the work of Dionysius Exiguus (Denis the Little), the Scythian monk who invented the Christian calendar but misdated the birth of Christ in the Roman imperial scheme. Bibfeldt changed thesis topics and promoted his own Pseudodionysian Exiguan school of calendrical reform. Noting that neither in Dionysius's nor in other calendars was there a year zero--they all dated events in 1 B.C.
or 1 A.D., Bibfeldt, with his characteristic love of balance, urged that both alternatives be always offered. On those terms, he argued that his dissertation was not a year late but a year early. When scholarly convention called for reference to "The Common Era," Bibfeldt began to date the publications of his work, e.g., *Handbuch des Geschicchte der Quellen und der Literatur des canonischen Rechts von Dionysius Exiguus* 1929 and/or 1931 A.D. and/or C.E. (The professor also tends to be elusive, always missing by exactly a year the occasional EuroAmericanAustralasian Bibfeldt festivals held on April First.)

Having learned the arts of balance and compromise, but having failed to attract followers for his NeoDionysian School, Bibfeldt deserted patristics and moved to modern Kirchengeschichte. On a trip to Spain to confirm the Bibfeldt Coat-of-Arms motto (Spanish for "I Dance to the Tune Which Is Played" under the god Proteus atop a weathervane) he read Unamuno's endorsement of Kierkegaard. Hearing then of the interest in Kierkegaard's *Either/Or*, Bibfeldt published a response, *Both/And*. When critical reviews appeared he wrote a sequel, *Either/Or And/Or Both/And*, and, thanks to his Exiguan calendrical approach, was able to date the sequel earlier than the original. He followed this with his celebrated response to Karl Barth's little book *Nein!* with a big book, *Vielleicht?*

Finding equipoise between patristic and modern periods difficult, Bibfeldt chose to balance his chronological posture by concentrating, as he has for fifty years, on Reformation-era research. He resolved first to specialize on the Thirty Years War, beginning at the beginning. With empathy for Jaroslav von Martinitz and Wilhelm von Slawata, the Catholic councillors who were unceremoniously thrown out the window by Protestants in the "Defenestration of Prague," Bibfeldt, in ecumenical spirit, published a
sequel, "The Refenestration of Prague." In it he urged that Protestants push Catholics back through windows. He was awarded the Ratzinger-Kueng Medal of Reconciliation for this appeal.

For a time Bibfeldt attempted to draw Continental theologians' attention to the Scottish Reformation, with his translation of John Knox's *The First Blast of the Trumpet against the Monstrous Regiment of Women*. However, the Oldenburg School of feminists, threatening to turn April First into an annual Hilda Bibfeldt Fest, forced him to retitled it: *The Last Whimper before Supporting the Postpatriarchal Leadership of Women*.

This Scottish foray proved to Bibfeldt that he should stay with Continental research, so he has devoted recent years to the work of his fellow Helmstadtian, Georg Calixtus. Bibfeldt's series, *Studies in Syncretism*, includes an update of *Judicium de controversiis theologicis quae inter Lutheranos et Reformatos agitantur, et de mutua partium fraternitate atque tolerantia propter consensum in fundamentis*. This update advocates, *inter alia*, the substitution of Shi'ite Islam and Lefebvrist Catholicism for Calixtian Lutheran and Reformed examples. It remains unpublished. When asked about a due date, the aged professor smiles: "Next year. Or, *vielleicht*, last year."

Martin E. Marty is the Fairfax M. Cone Distinguished Service Professor of the History of Modern Christianity at The University of Chicago.
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AN EVENING OF LEISURE
WITH MARTIN MARTY
AND OTHER FRIENDS

MUSIC
Betty Gehring, violin
Karen Shirer, harpsichord

Sonatina for Violin and Harpsichord
Allegro leggero
Adagio espressivo
Allegro vivo

Ragtime for Violin
Easy Winners
Bethena
The Entertainer

ADDRESS, AND CONVERSATION
Dr. Martin E. Marty

MUSIC
Sonata in A Major (BWV 1015)
(Andante)
Andante un poco
Presto

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Date 6-7-77 Title(s) Visiting Lecturer

Mr. Mrs. Pknoeurd, Franz
Miss Last
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Home Address Number and Street

Date of Birth July 14, 1925

Are you a citizen of the United States? yes
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Invisible Wire-haired Terrier

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Transparent with opaque shadings

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Sire
Bismarck III IC-8599364

Dam
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Breeder
Anne Witt
513 - 10th St. S.E.
Washington, D.C. 20003

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Female

Sex

July 10, 1974

Date of Birth

July 17, 1974

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THE UNRELIEVED PARADOX

EDITIO PRINCEPS NON EXPURGATA

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PRICE: Upon application

Don't bother. We found a copy in our archives. The above was on the file page.
Library Finds Jewel Among the Dust

Graduate student Ed Peepers, full-scale bibliomaniac, has uncovered another rare book among the potsherdst in Pritzlaff Library. Loc. Communes, eine kritische Untersuchung der Geschichte kirchlicher Hintergebaeude by C. F. W. Altglaube in the edition of Stuhlberg was probably brought over on the Amalia, according to Dr. Suemlow of the Historical Institute. A marvel of scholarship, Altglaube's well documented and profusely illustrated volume, of which this is the only copy in American ownership, was long a standard reference work in Continental theological libraries. Professor Krentz is unwilling to venture an estimated value before accurate study of the book and sufficient tracing of the volume. It will soon be on display under glass at the west end of the reference room. Heureckman! (An old Greek football cheer!)

1 Also partially responsible for unearthing The Paradox Relieved of Franz Bibfeldt, translated by R. Cloweson (London: Howard Press, 1950), reviewed by "mm" in the Seminarian, Vol. 43, No. 4 (December 19, 1951), p. 19.
N OT SINCE KARL BARTH issued his Romans from Safenwil has a continental voice sounded so sudden and surprising a theological note. A Pfarrherr like Barth had been, Bibfeldt had been working until quite recently in relative obscurity in little Grossenkneten, Oldenburg. To use Sasse’s phrase, Barth was “bone of the liberal theology’s bone and flesh of its flesh” when he rose to criticize it. So too the author of The Relieved Paradox has come out of the dialectical theology movement to appear as what promises to be its most startling critic. The wide range of his interest and knowledge, which includes music, archaeology, drama, and social interest, enable him to summon a variety of illustration that makes his writing more attractive than the burdened, often oppressive argumentation of the crisis theologians. This color and warmth has assured him an immediate public in the States, and we are given to understand that more of his work in translation will be available here soon.

In this rather slight volume he has outlined the central motif of his attack on the Barthian dialectic. He believes that the emphasis on sharpening tension and paradox has carried all theological expression into an illegitimate and distorted line which does its greatest harm in relation to preaching and through it creates confusion in Christian ethics. He believes that Christian revelation is so clear in its relation to the paradoxes of faith, lending so much weight in each case to one side of the tension, that vigorous homiletical emphasis only “relieves the paradox” and clarifies the confusion.

While closer in spirit to the Reformed confession and tradition Bibfeldt’s viewpoints on inspiration, creation, extra-Christian revelation, and social issues as revealed in this and his German works (where he employs a de-mythologizing in his effort to appreciate the kerygma) limit his usefulness to all but rather mature theological thinkers. But he indicates a trend to watch, and in that light is called to seminarians’ attention at this time. The translation and introduction by Canon Cloweson are dramatic and faithful to the original spirit of the author.
April 1, 1958

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URGES NEW LANGUAGE OF GOD

By FRANZ BIBFELDT, JR., of the rap Staff.

"Having solved the problem of the multiplicity of sex in America, we must probe new means for conceiving the great religious truths," said noted Protestant theologian George E. Giorgi last Thursday, "and reformation of the language of religion is the place to start."

Speaking before a packed audience in Swift Hall's common room, Mr. Giorgi cited Martin Buber's famous "I-Thou" formulation as a model for the sort of change he proposes. "When men speak," he noted, "they speak with tongues. This we must take for granted so long as paracletes remain unparalized in our society. The question before us is, in the final analysis, what do they say?"

"'I-Thou' is acceptable language for Jews," Mr. Giorgi admitted, "because it accurately expresses in the current idiom what Franz Kishke has termed 'the gut feeling of the Jew in confrontation with God.' But," Mr. Giorgi explained, "such a way of thinking just isn't kosher for the Christian, whose essential understanding of the Divinity is a bit different.

"First of all," he contended, "the Christian's perception of self is not as 'I', the subjective case, but as the objective case, as the being upon whom God acts and to whom God addresses Himself, namely me. Moreover," Mr. Giorgi continued, "the key Christian teaching rests in the idea of a complex God, or of a God of complexes. So, for the Christian, god are not a singular, but a plural. Thus, where Buber would have it 'I-Thou'," Mr. Giorgi concluded, "the Christian must substitute 'Me-Youse Guys.'"

Commenting on Mr. Giorgi's argument, the noted rabbi-sociologist, Andrew M. Greenberg, reported on the results of an opinion survey he had directed. "Working under a $3 million grant from the Meyer Lansky Foundation, we in the National Attitude Research Center (NARC) conducted an anonymous poll of each member of the Holy Trinity."

The question the NARC researchers asked the Trinitarians to answer was, "Would you respond favorably to George Giorgi's 'Me-Youse Guys' formulation?"

According to Mr. Greenberg, "The results of our poll show that the Holy Trinity is against the Giorgi plan by better than four to one."
Herrn Redaktor

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Cantata Choir to Present Final Concert May 10th

The Concordia Cantata Choir under the direction of Robert Bergt will present its final concert of the school year, Friday evening, May 10, at 8:15 p.m., in the May 10, at 8:00 p.m., in the seminary auditorium.

Featured works of the evening will be the Buxtehude Cantata, Every Thought and Word; J. S. Bach’s Brandenberg Concerto #4.
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The Experts Speak on Big League Secrets

Beginning with the next issue of the *Quod?*, in a dramatically summarized, exciting new series, will be the inner workings of baseball, known only by a select group of talented exponents. In the forthcoming series, unlike anything ever done before, the *Quod* presents the secrets of winning baseball; they will grace the players and the thousands of Preacher fans alike. Now watch for these dates:

Thursday, April 11: Dave Wallenschläger on OUTFIELDING AND BASERUNNING. With a glove or on the bases, the daring Dave is one of the best. “It's not that I’m exceptionally fast,” says Dave, “but it's starting from a crouch and getting a jump on the ball.” On the base paths Dave combines unbelievable speed with a hard fade-away slide. A disciple of strict conditioning, Dave urges the youngsters to get plenty of rest and good meals. The Preacher battery testifies to his skill: Hein, “Well, I dunno, but . . .”; Jöckel, “He's undoubtedly the finest in his department.”
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announcements

1. Chapel: Today—Paul Goetting shall speak on the topic "Peace and Quiet." The Holy Eucharist will be celebrated tomorrow at 10:00 by Ev Kalin.
2. Baseball: Practice game at Wash U. Be there at 3:45.
3. Furniture Exchange is now listed in the back of the Job Book.
4. Anyone in the market for a brass double bed, please contact Dornheim at CCC.
5. Interested in learning Sign Language, please contact Shirrel Petzoldt.
6. If you can spare the time, Elim could use some assistance in various capacities. please call 822-2060.
7. Brauchen Sie Geld? See Kaz (as in Kazimierz Apolinary Kowalski) for a good time.
8. Seminex Directories: The final edition of the Picture Book is available at the CCC for a nominal fee. All hardship cases are directed to Roock and Neeb Enterprises.
9. This inscription is completed with ☺. This translates as follows: "Is Deppe his real name?"

THE COMMUNITY MEETING, TUESDAY OCTOBER 8, AT 3:30 P.M.

The meeting will be held in Lecture Hall #2 for the purpose of community discussion about Inreach/Outreach plans. (Those halls are underground near Busch Center) BRING YOUR COPY (distributed Oct. 4) along with your concerns, question, challenges. YOU WILL BE HEARD! We hope to make constructive use of all concerns raised.

INREACH/OUTREACH COMMITTEE

11. And the winner is: Mr. Frank Imhoff who correctly identified the mystery maps of last Thursday and Friday as Kansas and St. Louis, in that order.
12. Tomorrow's Anniversary: Friedrich Pfotenhauer, 5th President of the LCMS, passed away this day in 1939.
13. The sky is falling. (CL)
14. Bibfeld's course on Christian Ethics has been cancelled for the duration of the semester. The following reasons have been cited in regard to this decision: 1) Prof. Yagow could not find a room large enough to fulfill course requirements. 2) Bibfeld, according to Elim, was asking for an unheard of amount of remuneration. 3) Someone (reliable sources identify the someone as von Bodelschwingh) filed doctrinal charges against Herrn Bibfeld. 4) Last, but not least, someone walked off with his entire wardrobe which had been hanging in the Commons. With tears in our voices, we regret to inform you of this sad occasion.
15. Sorry you missed it, but the Dick Tracy Surprise party was a rollicking success at John Groh's place this past Sunday.
16. (write your own announcement).
17. Where's the party this Friday?
18. The Ernie of the Week award goes to KTVI (ch.2) for its refusal to show the "Last Picture Show.

The Daily Announcement Straw Poll. Please answer these 7s and turn in to CCC.
1) I find the Announcements to be (too serious; too humorous; boring; enlivening; occasionally funny; a laff a minute; other ________).
2) I find the CCC staff (droll; sarcastic; the living end; budding Art Buchwalds; budding Herman Ottens; other ________). 3) When it comes to reporting the news, the staff is most (Mike (Ron Ziegler; Vic Bryant; Pat Emory; Ollie Raymond; Mort Sahli; Larr Neeb; other ________). 4) I would like to see the announcements printed on (wax paper; something edible; toilet paper; Kleenex; other ________). 5) I think the stump should be called ________. 6) The puzzles are ________. 7) Use other side for comments. Thank you.
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**YOUTH CALENDAR**

Sunday School assistants to work with our children will be:

- **March 7**: David Johnson (March '81)
- **March 14**: Therese White (March '79)

Mark Sanderson will coordinate a Young People's meeting at Diane Libby's on Sunday, February '83, at 2 p.m.
Jay Atkinson will take part.

**FAMILY RELIGION**

Families or individuals have an alternative to our April Fool's service: There will be a weekend retreat at Camp Hitchcock, high on the bluffs northeast of Omaha, March 26-28 (6 p.m. Friday to 1 p.m. Sunday, or any portion thereof, prorated). For the bargain price of $24.50 for adults and children over 5 (babies free), you have the opportunity to join other UU's and friends of all ages, from Nebraska, Iowa and South Dakota, for a weekend of relaxation, horseback-riding, discussions, games-family-enriching activities. If interested in details, contact Penny Oldfather (333-4213) or Maryanna Manfred (333-3435).
Save the last weekend in March for UU!

**MISCELLANY**

Pledges to the Operating Fund are lagging --- have you reviewed your commitment recently?

Mike and Deb O'Connor have generously offered to prepare our membership directory on their word processor. The "floppy discs" (ask them!) allow for easy alterations in script. Into the new age!

Is everyone receiving his copy of the monthly UU WORLD from the UUA? If you are not receiving this denominational publication which is included in your membership, contact Greg Boris (336-7586).

Please call in to Maryann (333-3485) or send to her at 309 North Duluth, Sioux Falls SD 57104, any news items or philosophical thoughts you would like to share with our readers. (Apparently, there are "outsiders", members of other churches, etc., who show an interest in our Fellowship by reading the Newsletter.)