

AUSS HONORS GERHARD HASEL

The staff of Andrews University Seminary Studies is pleased to render posthumous tribute to Gerhard Franz Hasel with this special issue of the journal. We thus recognize with gratitude his long and fruitful association with AUSS.

Those who contributed to this issue have written in the many areas that were of interest to Hasel. Perhaps a word about the connections between the authors and Hasel would be of interest to our readers.

The life sketch, by C. Mervyn Maxwell, longtime professor of church history at Andrews University and Hasel's colleague at the Seventh-day Adventist Theological Seminary, is an adaptation of the life sketch Maxwell delivered at Hasel's funeral.

The bibliography was prepared by Hasel's son Michael, who is about to complete his dissertation in Near Eastern archaeology with William Dever at the University of Arizona. Jacques Doukhan was a colleague in the Old Testament Department of the Theological Seminary; his article on resurrection appropriately reflects Hasel's hope.

Walter Kaiser, Jr., shares Hasel's passion for biblical theology. When Kaiser was teaching in Illinois, Hasel repeatedly invited him to present guest lectures in his classroom at Andrews. Hasel also lectured in Kaiser's classroom.

Greg King, who recently completed a dissertation on Zephaniah, was a student of Hasel in his M.Div. years.

In addition to sharing a personal friendship with Hasel, Elmer Martens edited with him a book on biblical theology, *The Flowering of Old Testament Theology*, published in 1992 by Eisenbrauns.

Ken Mulzac was working on his dissertation at Andrews University under Hasel's tutelage at the time of his fatal accident; the abstract of that dissertation appears in this issue of AUSS. Mulzac's work was in a sense a continuation of his mentor's work on the remnant.

Gerhard Pfandl, a native of Austria but now working in Australia, completed his Ph.D. in 1990 with Hasel as his advisor.

Angel Manuel Rodríguez from Puerto Rico completed his doctorate in Old Testament at Andrews University under Hasel in 1979.

Before William Shea went to University of Michigan for a doctorate in Near Eastern history, he was a missionary physician. After his studies, he became a colleague of Hasel's at the Seminary.

Kenneth Strand, editor emeritus of AUSS, worked with Hasel on the journal, as a colleague at the Seminary, and as chair of the Church History department when Hasel was dean.

Bruce Waltke's friendship with Hasel grew on the basis of their shared interests. While they did not always agree on linguistic details, both strongly affirmed the inspiration and authority of Scripture. Waltke's article points beyond the grave to the resurrected and ascended Christ, a most fitting tribute to Hasel's faith.

Finally, Ganoune Diop was in the midst of writing his dissertation under Hasel at the time of the tragic accident that took his mentor's life. Diop now teaches in France.

The book reviews represent Hasel's far-reaching interests in other areas of biblical studies; their authors join in the AUSS tribute. Many others would have liked to contribute to this issue. Space limitations precluded their doing so.

We at AUSS pay tribute to Gerhard Hasel—Christian, scholar, friend. We extend our sympathies to his bereaved family. And until the resurrection, we say with John, "Blessed are the dead who die in the Lord, . . . that they may rest from their labors, for their deeds follow with them" (Rev 14:13).

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