

Smeder in Harper's Custom's Minds. Smeder is mediating like Berk. Bot. Ref. + liberal ^{Phil} The world consist that she is Reformed in historical sense. Smeder is Dutch Ref.

Also James Daane is liberal Ref. They feel that 16 + 17th c. made Calvin too rigid. They trying to get back to Calvin. Dort, Princeton ^{Wartfield, Beekhof} misinterpreted Calvin. Westminster, Van Til stand in Warfield tradition. Has written against Daane. Jack Brody Paper at Fuller = Daane. Dort vol. in inerrancy & strong Calvinism.

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II. The Theology

A. The Guiding Principle. ^{Co-relativ} Theol. should be an expression of faith with a view to preaching. System not the imp. thing but theol. is an interpretation of word. Theol. is relative.

B. Rel. to the Confession. B. says - What were the framers of the Conf. trying to say. This is how we can modify the Theol. of the Conf. Presbyterians doing same re - Westminster Conf.

C. The Content. Ref. New Theol.

1. Providence - Not prod. of pred. ordination. God not ultimate cause of all things. Prov. is a confession on part of Xn, ≈ Berk's existentialism. Berk. has been inf. by Bavinck.
2. Election. = grace in X. ≠ B's in X. but ≠ election flowing out of decree of God.
3. X'tology. Berk. kept here. ^{vst. mg} Person of X. No extreme

4. Man in God's Image. Bible concentrates on whole of man
so discussion on traducianism, sad, meaningless today.
But Bible speaks of them, so relevant. People will ask
about origin of soul whether Berk. says irrelevant or not.
SL Traducianist. ^(about) ~~Another~~ ^{Another} realism ^(imputed) ^{dec. represent} ^(form) non-federalism
explain imputation. ~~Berk.~~ ^{Education} leaves us with "alien sin"
i.e. a sin not from ourselves. In realism we are
regarded to have sinned ourselves. But realism doesn't
escape alien sin bec. we did sin before we existed!

Berk. has no solution except to emphasize
"Cooperative aspect." Berk. compromises all the time. 517-18

e.g. Scripture, election, sin. See Van Til: The

5. ^{Scripture} Sovereignty of grace. Berk. has been moving in
doct of Script - did bel. in inerrancy - then to
salvation content of Script - then to existential
direction of Script. Berk. bel. Script but he
opened door to critics of Script. & some have gone
there that door. Ed Palmer studied under Berk.
says Berk. had abandoned inerrancy.

III. Criticisms

A. Compromise - Above on Script.

B. Change. Away from Calvinistic, creedal Theol.

C. Confusion. Providence. Too much detracting
into "mystery." Some of Berk's Theol is a real
cop-out.

4. Criticism of standard Calvinism & sometimes
misrepresents viewpoints. e.g. says Warfield makes Script
so inerrant that it isn't vital + living. "He tends to
unsettle everything & to settle nothing" - Samuel Johnson.

True of Berk.