

BRAUN, HERBERT, 1903-.

Herbert Braun papers, 1947-1986

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Descriptive Summary

Creator: Braun, Herbert, 1903-.
Title: Herbert Braun papers, 1947-1986
Call Number: Manuscript Collection No. 185
Extent: 2 cubic feet (4 boxes)
Abstract: Contains lecture and research notes along with many of Braun's published sermons and articles.
Language: Materials in English, German, Hebrew, and Greek.

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Biographical Note

Herbert Braun was born in Warlubien, West Prussia in 1903. He studied theology in Königsberg, Rostock, and Tübingen. Among the major influences upon his theological thought were the works of Luther, Kant, Kierkegaard, and K. Barth. He eventually became a pastor in East Prussia and was later imprisoned in 1937 for resisting the Nazis. After the war, he served as a pastor

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in Magdeburg (1946-47), a professor at the Kirchlich Hochschule in Berlin (1947-52), and a professor in Mainz. He continued to teach even after his retirement.

Braun focused on two major issues in his work: (1) the relationship of the New Testament to the pagan and Jewish Hellenistic environment in which it originated and (2) the question of meaning in the interpretation of texts. His publications included *Spätjüdischhätetischer und frühchristlicher Radikalismus*, *Qumran und das Neue Testament*, and *Jesus of Nazareth: The Man and His Time*.

Scope and Content Note

The collection consists mainly of Braun's lecture and research notes. The topics covered consist mainly of various Biblical books and the history of early Christianity. The notes are grouped together under the subject headings which Braun himself gave them. Braun sometimes included correspondence relevant to the topic concerned among his notes. Also mingled in with the notes are what appear to be class rolls.

In addition to Braun's lecture and research notes, the collection also includes many of his published sermons and articles, several of which were printed in *Zeitschrift für Theologie und Kirche*, and a large number of typed sermons. Also of note in the collection is a published pamphlet written by Hermann Dembowski, author of *Grundfragen der Christologie, erörtert am Problem der Herrschaft Jesu Christi*. Braun grouped this pamphlet with other papers under the heading "Disputatio."

The majority of the collection is written in German, but there is at least one article written in English. There are also numerous lengthy passages in Greek and a few in Hebrew.

Container List

Lecture/Research Notes

| Box | Folder | Content |
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| 1 | 1 | Abot, 1958-1982 |
| 1 | 2 | Acta [Acts], 1952-1969 |
| 1 | 3 | Acta [Acts], undated |
| 1 | 4 | Acta [Acts], undated |
| 1 | 5 | Aristeas, 1966-1967 |
| 1 | 6 | Auferstehung, 1966 |
| 1 | 7 | Der barmherzige Samariter, 1953-1973 |
| 4 | 15 | Christologie [Christology], 1956-1961, undated |
| 1 | 8 | Einleitung N.T., [196-?] |
| 1 | 9 | Einleitung N.T., [196-?] |
| 1 | 10 | Entstehung des Christentums, Christologie, undated |
| 1 | 11 | Epheserbrief & Kolosserbrief [Ephesians and Colossians], 1947-1951 |
| 1 | 12 | Essener Seminar, 1957 |
| 1 | 13 | Galater [Galatians], 1960-1970 |
| 1 | 14 | Gericht und Rechtfertigung bei Paulus, 1961-1966 |
| 1 | 15 | Glaube im N.T., 1958 |
| 1 | 16 | [Greek passages], undated |
| 1 | 17 | Hellenisticum Die Essenerberichte bei Josephus, 1982 |
| 2 | 1 | Hellenisticum Epiktet, 1952-1985 |
| 2 | 2 | Hellenisticum I Qp Hab II u. Philostrat vita Apoll VII, 1952 |
| 2 | 3 | Hellenisticum Joseph Aseneth, 1974-1979 |
| 2 | 4 | Hellenisticum Mandäer, 1951-1984 |
| 2 | 5 | Hellenisticum Plutarch De superstitione, 1953-1970 |
| 2 | 6 | Johannes Evangelium [the Gospel of John], 1960, 1967-1969 |
| 2 | 7 | Johannes Evangelium [the Gospel of John], 1960, 1967-1969 |
| 4 | 16 | Die Johannesbriefe [the Johannine letters], 1952-1969, undated |
| 2 | 8 | Kanongeschichte, 1958 |
| 2 | 9 | Kanongeschichte, 1958-1960 |
| 2 | 10 | I Korinther [I Corinthians], [196-?] |
| 2 | 11 | II Korinther [II Corinthians], undated |
| 2 | 12 | II Korinther [II Corinthians], undated |
| 2 | 13 | Lucian Peregrinus, 1958-1980 |
| 2 | 14 | Lukian Philopsendes, 1978-1986 |
| 2 | 15 | LXX, undated |
| 2 | 16 | Manual of discipline, 1951-1954 |

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| 2 | 17 | Oden Salomos [Song of Solomon], 1983 |
| 2 | 18 | Passion, 1954-1968 |
| 2 | 19 | Passion, 1954-1968 |
| 3 | 1 | Philipperbrief [Philippians], 1962 |
| 3 | 2 | Philo, 1971 |
| 3 | 3 | Philo De opificio mundi, 1972 |
| 3 | 4 | Philostrat Vita Apollonii, 1957-1984 |
| 3 | 5 | "Planao" Seminar, 1953 |
| 3 | 6 | Plutarch Vita Apollonii, 1975 |
| 3 | 7 | Proseminar Synoptische Texte, 1956 |
| 3 | 8 | Psalmen Salomos [Psalms of Solomon], 1965-1981 |
| 3 | 9 | Qumran Apokalypsen, undated |
| 3 | 10 | Römer [Romans], 1961-1963 |
| 3 | 11 | Römer [Romans], undated |
| 3 | 12 | Römer [Romans], undated |
| 3 | 13 | Semitisticum Habpescher, 1966-1967 |
| 3 | 14 | Semitistikum Messianische Texte aus Qumran, [1966?] |
| 3 | 15 | Stirb und Werde, 1956-1957 |
| 3 | 16 | Synlogien, 1956-1975 |
| 3 | 17 | Synoptische Gleichnisse, 1967 |
| 3 | 18 | Synoptische Wundergeschichten, 1949-1959 |
| 3 | 19 | Text N.T., undated |
| 3 | 20 | Thessalonicher [Thessalonians], undated |
| 3 | 21 | Weihnachten, 1963-1964 |

Sermons/Articles

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| 4 | 1 | [Published sermons and articles], 1940-1950 |
| 4 | 2 | [Published sermons and articles], 1951-1953 |
| 4 | 3 | [Published sermons and articles], 1953-1957 |
| 4 | 4 | [Published sermons and articles], 1957-1958 |
| 4 | 5 | [Published sermons and articles], 1958-1960 |
| 4 | 6 | [Published sermons and articles], 1961-1967 |
| 4 | 7 | [Published sermons and articles], 1969-1971, undated |
| 4 | 8 | [Typed sermons], 1948-1967 |
| 4 | 9 | [Typed sermons], 1967-1972, undated |

Other

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| 4 | 10 | [Letter to congregation members from] Drengfurt [and] Lamgarben, 1948 |
| 4 | 11 | [Bibliography], 1963 |
| 4 | 12 | ["Disputatio" on the occasion of his 80th birthday], 1981-1983 |

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| 4 | 13 | ["Disputatio" on the occasion of his 80th birthday], 1983 |
| 4 | 14 | Abschiedsreden, undated |
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