

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH

W. L. PROBASCO, SENIOR PASTOR

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Dr. John Warwick Montgomery
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Dear Dr. Montgomery,

After nearly four months since we returned from East Germany, I am getting around to writing everyone on the tour to thank them for new friendships and a great time together. I especially want you to know how very much the trip meant to me and to thank you for making it all possible.

I cannot begin to tell you the spiritual and historical benefits that I have reaped in reliving Luther's life and ministry, not to mention the other greats that we came across, such as Bach. Neither will I ever forget the indelible sense of outrage that was imposed upon my soul at Buchenwald. That experience shook me and still haunts me--not simply the merciless inhumanity that was heaped upon so many at places like that, but the insidious hatred and lack of conscience that caused it, ultimately produced, as you have said, by the erosion of God consciousness within the thinking of Western man.

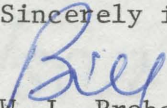
No one has ever given me a tangible gift that meant so much to me as this trip. You were most gracious to allow me to go with you, and I will always be in your debt.

I hope that you will pray for me. I'm going through an unsettling period in my life and ministry, feeling that, after 10 years in this small city, I have about reached my limit of growth with this church, though of course the Lord may feel differently.

Please excuse the long delay in writing, but be assured that the delay reflects no lessening of my thankfulness to God for your invitation to be with you on the trip. I have written to Horst, but have received no answer. I wrote on plain paper, and avoided any direct reference to our conversations' subject, in case his mail is censored. I hope to hear from him.

May every blessing be yours.

Sincerely in Christ,


W. L. Probasco

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