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Dear David:

With the aid of a grant from the Eli Lilly Endowment we are planning to convene an international scholars' conference on the Holocaust in November of this year and very much hope to have you with us as a participant. Our meetings will take place on the Bloomington campus of Indiana University during the three days of November 3, 4, 5. It is our hope that these dates will be convenient for you and that you will be able to attend for the full period of the conference.

The aim of the meetings will be to focus the most rigorous kind of thinking on significant historiographical and theological issues in the aftermath of the Holocaust. To this end we are planning to assemble a group of distinguished Jewish and Christian scholars to work together in intensive sessions over the entire three-day course of the proceedings. In an effort to gain the most from our time together, we are limiting attendance to a maximum of fifty people.

At this stage we are still in the process of completing work on the conference agenda, but in the next two months you can expect to receive details describing particular sessions and a full list of conference participants.

All travel, housing, and meal expenses will be covered by us.

Please consider this letter a formal invitation to participate in the important work of the scholars' conference on the Holocaust and let us have your reply soon. We hope it will be positive and that you will be joining us in Bloomington in November.

Sincerely yours,

Alvin

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P.S. We are planning to set aside the morning of November 5 for a critical assessment of Jewish thought in the aftermath of the Holocaust. This subject will be treated in two separate papers: one devoted to theological and philosophical responses, the other to literary responses. We very much hope that you would agree to offer a brief response (15 minutes) to these presentations before we open discussion to the floor. Please let us know if you might serve in this capacity.

Thanks!
Alvin