



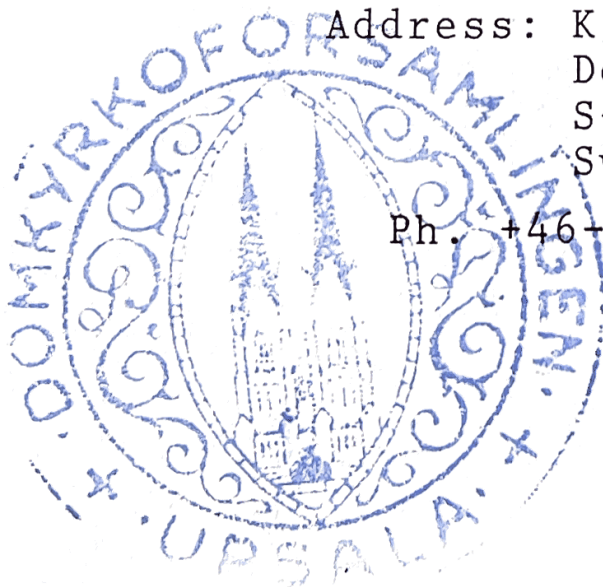
Sept. 30, 1992

Dear friends,

Life goes on. The last step I took in September was a pretty bit one...to a new city, to a new position: To Uppsala and to the position of Chancellor of the Archcathedral of Uppsala. It is a very big challenge to me. I am still amazed over the fact that they wanted me to be and minister here. I really hope You will take time to visit me in my beautiful and most amazing cathedral from the 1200s. It is the largest in all of the Nordic countries, well worthwhile seeing. My very large apartment, also from the 1200s, is located only 20 yards from the dôme. It, then, takes me only half a minute to walk to my work - not bad. The oldest university in Sweden, founded 1477, is Uppsala University, and all the old buildings are located close to the dôme. The surrounings are therefore very charming and signs of a marvellous history. From my heart: Welcome to Uppsala!!!

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Greetings from



Uppsala, Sweden

Jan. 14th, 1993

Professor Walter H. Capps  
 Professor Birger Pearson,

It seems to me that you are coming to Sweden, both of you this coming spring. Since I'm now in central Uppsala (20 yards from the cathedral) and several beds for guests in my apartment, I just know that you are more than welcome to stay. You, and your family (at least I know that Barbara might come along, Walter) are hjärtligt välkomna. Please let me know when you are supposed to start. I might be in England for 3-4 days in mid may (but even if I stay you can still use my apartment which oldest parts are from the 11th century - amazing, isn't it. Anyhow, more than welcome to Uppsala and Sweden with you from Santa Barbara.

Your friend

Kjell O. Lejon

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June 16<sup>th</sup> 1993

Hi Walter!

Thank you very, very, much for all the things you have sent me. I will for sure enjoy reading the books during my vacation this summer.

It was great fun to have you and Laura here.

I hope that you feel that I (we) appreciated having you here. You are always welcome back.

I enclose a photo. I don't know if it's something for the Alumni Newsletter.

It's been very hectic since you left. We are making up all the plans for the great jubilee in August - with people from all over the world - patriarch, cardinal, archbishops (Tutu f.ex.) bishops, metropolitans etc... the celebration will be an historical event, that's for sure. Amazing to be involved in it.

Did you accept the position as a Chair?

Take care and say  
hello to everyone.

Your friend

Jim

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August 16, 1993

Dear Kjell:

We know this is a big, big week for you.

Please know of our support in prayer and thought. You will be celebrating our own roots too.

Todd will be married this coming Saturday, given the time change, at about the time major events will be occurring at the Cathedral. Somehow all of it fits together.

We're very grateful for your friendship, and send our best regards to your family and to Annika.

I would love to be observing "my favorite student" this week.....

With love,

Walter

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Sept. 21, 1993

To: Prof. Walter Capps  
 From: K. Lejon  
 Re: Religiöst Apriori

## Preface

The Swedish professor and bishop Anders Nygren (1890-1978) has played an important role on the philosophical and theological scene during the 1900s. His thoughts have been published in several languages and have had a major impact on especially Lutheran theological interpretation of what the essence of Christianity is. His magnum opus is the well-known "Agape and Eros". Together with distinguished colleagues at the Faculty of Theology, Lund University, Sweden, he created what has been called the "Lundensian theology". In 1947 Nygren was elected ~~to~~ the first president of Lutheran World Federation.

The foundation of Nygren's theoretical building was first published in his dissertation "Religiöst Apriori" (1921). For some unexplainable reason this book was never translated into English. Finally, on the initiative of professor Walter H. Capps, the main parts of the work will now, in this volume, be accessible for English-speaking readers.

I hereby thank professor Capps for his initiative, for excellent support during my work on the translation, and for good friendship since my years as a doctoral candidate at the Religious Studies Department at University of California, Santa Barbara.

Kjell O. Lejon  
 Uppsala, Sweden

- Since my English is really bad these days I ask you to correct what's above. Is this ok??

- Kjell Olof Urban Lejon (not Olof)

- Did you have any use of the bibliography I wrote??

- My first impression was that the introduction was a little bit too long, especially the first part of it.

Greetings,  
 Kjell

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BIOGRAPHICAL INTRODUCTION

Anders Theodor Samuel Nygren was born in Gothenburg, Sweden, on Nov. 15, 1890. He was the third of four sons, all pursuing the Lutheran priesthood, of schoolprincipal Samuel Nygren and Anna Maria Lundström. The impressions from his home and the regular church attendance in the Evangelical Lutheran (State) Church of Sweden led Nygren into the world of Christianity, especially into the thinking of Luther and Lutheranism. After his father died in 1906 the family moved to Lund in the south of Sweden. Nygren enrolled at the Faculty of Theology at the University of Lund, and graduated after just five semesters with a Teologie Kandidat-degree (Bachelor of Divinity). Practical-theoretical pastoral training followed and on June 3, 1912, he was ordained, 21 years old, (in the apostolic succession), by bishop E.H. Rodhe for the diocese of Gothenburg.

During his ministry he deepened his knowledge in exegetics and pursued his special interest in philosophy and systematical theology. The works of Immanuel Kant and Friedrich Schleiermacher was thoroughly penetrated during nightly study sessions. In order to confirm a 'correct understanding' of these and contemporary German authorities, he took a leave of absence and left for studies in Germany, where he also met his future wife, Irgard Brandin, daughter of Superintendent Theodor Brandin. The marriage produced four

children.

In the spring of 1921 Nygren completed his Teologie Licentiat-thesis (Licenciate of Theology). Shortly after, May 20, 1921, he defended his dissertation "Religiöst Apriori. Dess filosofiska förutsättningar och teologiska konsekvenser" (A Religious Apriori. Its Philosophical presuppositions and Theological Consequences), at the Faculty of Theology, University of Lund, where he also were appointed docent after the disputation.

Several important articles and books in his authorship followed dealing with 'a scientific approach' to dogmatical and ethical issues. Nygren received in 1924 a professorship at Lund University. In 1930, the fruits of a profound study in the area of Greek philosophy and early Christianity resulted in part I of his magnum opus "Agape and Eros". Part II was published 1936. In this opus, Nygren clearly outlined the method of motif-research. Together with his colleague(s) professor(s) Gustaf Aulen (and Ragnar Bring), Nygren formed the foundation of the Lundensian system of thought which started to capture more and more interest both within and without Sweden with a beginning in the 1920s. Their religio-philosophical and theological methods and theories declared that man cannot escape the dimension of the ultimate.

Nygren participated in ecumenical efforts starting as early as 1927 in the Faith and Order conference in Lausanne. During the Second World War he also participated in the international debate concerning nazism and Christianity and was named 'doctor captivitatibus'. In 1947 he became the first president of the Lutheran World



Federation. Two years later, on May 22, 1949, Nygren was ordained bishop in the diocese of Lund. He had after this the opportunity to practise what he earlier just had dealt with on a theoretical level. After his retirement 1958, he continued his work with the 'scientific task and method' in the area of philosophy of religion and theology. Nygren also lectured one semester at the University of Minnesota and was for a year resident scholar at the Ecumenical Institute at Evanston. During this period he had a visiting professorship at the Divinity school at the University of Chicago. In 1972, his last major work was published under the title "Meaning and Method. Prolegomena to a Scientific Philosophy of Religion and a scientific Theology". Even though illness heavily reduced his physical capabilities during his last years, he still, with a great interest and distinctiveness, participated in theological and philosophical debate. On Oct. 20, 1978, Nygren died and was buried in Lund.

A red handwritten signature, possibly "Kun", is written in the lower right quadrant of the page. A single red diagonal line is drawn above the signature, extending from the right towards the center of the page.

1724 Santa Barbara St.  
SANTA BARBARA, CA 93101  
SUNDAY MORNING!

March 13, 1994

FAX # 805-569-3002

Dear Kjell:

Thanks for your message.

It is poor but understandable news that you will be away from Uppsala during the time of my invitation, but I want to make plans to come. I cherish the association with Professor Brakenhielm. I will have the mss. dedicated to G. Widengren finished, and would like to present this to him. And perhaps there will be resolution by then of the Nygren mss. Most of all, having an opportunity to be in and around the Cathedral will be like returning again to the source of the spiritual energy on which I have become dependent. The campaign will be in full swing by then, and my backers will wonder about my being away. So like always it will be a quick trip...but at this point I'm laying plans. My goal now is to have opportunity to come to Sweden once each year for the rest of my days. The UC officials wish to establish a working relationship with Uppsala -- perhaps I can achieve this too. We'll see. In hope and trust.

Your friend,



March 15, 1994

FAX # 805-569-3002

Dear Kjell:

Perhaps I am only dreaming, but I had a thought.

You informed me that you would be in the south of Sweden from May 2nd to 17th. I am committed to Sigtuna/Uppsala May 4-5, and will probably arrive on May 3rd. Were I to travel south after the 5th, could I see you and/or could we present the mss. to the Nygren daughters in Lund together?

As I say, I'm not confident that any of this will actually work out given the rigors of the political campaign, but I'm looking to this to help carry me through as I do the dog work these days.

The sun is shining brightly here on spectacular days. We have a young man from Helsinki staying at our house -- he is training for the World Cup in mountain biking, so he has been all over the Santa Ynez mountains. It's good to have him here.

Next time we talk I'll relate the story of the three-legged chicken. It's a bad story, but I know you'll like it -- and probably re-tell it.

Wester

March 31 1994

Dear Walter,

Thank you for keeping in touch. It's Easter week. We have 28 Easter services in the cathedral, so this is actually the time to be here. A Lutheran minister, now teaching at a small methodist college in South Dakota, is here for a sabbatical leave this semester, and I see him all the time. His name is by the way George Nielsen (of Danish descent).

We will have another guest in April, namely the Archbishop of Canterbury, as you know the head of all the Anglican (and then also the Episcopalian) church. He will participate and preach in the Sunday service on the 17th that month.

I will go to the mountains next week. I'll work as a minister for the tourists and will be able to ski during the days (lectures etc. will be held at night). Annika will come along. Lars and his Annika might come along too. He is, by the way, pretty fat these days, but I see that as a good sign - at least you know that he hasn't got AIDS.

O, well, now to the problems. I won't be able to leave the military camp my second or third day there. That's a shame. Anyhow, you are more than welcome to stay in my apartment when you are here. Annika will be glad to see you again. And it feels good to wake up seeing the angel on the top of the cathedral watching over you.

Hope to here from you soon.



Kjell O. Lejon

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1724 Santa Barbara Street  
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April 16, 1994

Dear Kjell:

Though my advisors wish that I wouldn't be away, and though I would very much prefer that you be there when I am there, I am still making preparations to come for the conference on May 4-5.

We have no definite word yet on the fate of the Nygren manuscript, so this will be an item for another time. But I will be bringing formal papers to establish an institutional relationship between UCSB and Uppsala University. This will facilitate faculty exchanges in the future, and will encourage graduate students to study in both locations. Also, I wish to present the completed RELIGIOUS STUDIES mss. to Geo Widengren, perhaps on Friday, May 6th, in his home in Stockholm.

Please note that we are changing the FAX Number to: 805-687-8738.

Thinking of you across the mighty ocean....

*Walter*

Sept. 10 1994

Dear Walter B. Capps,

First of all - I want you to know that I, very, very much, appreciate the messages I get from you, via the fax machine, from time to time. I often think of you, your election campaign and your family. I wish you all all the best.

How was the Hillary Clinton-luncheon? I wish I could have been there at the Miramar Hotel (too expensive, though). By the way, when is the big day - the election day - coming up?

The last week of the election campaign for the Swedish Parliament starts this very day. As always, after economic hard times, the ruling parties, also according to the last Gallup, seem to loose the power. The socialists, the Social Democrats together with a couple of small leftist parties, will most likely take over.

As you know, I represent the Christian Democrats in the election, and there is still a chance that I will become a deputy member of the Parliament. We'll see next Sunday. It doesn't look so good today, though. And to be true, I really don't have the time to be too involved in politics these days. But I'm sure that you have a great task in Washington D.C. to fulfill. Yes, I'm positive.

Talking about deputies, the Pope's deputy, cardinal Ruffini, visited the cathedral this Thursday. And a few weeks back an American asked me if I knew Bruce Wollenberg. I told him that Bruce and his wife stayed a couple of nights in my apartment this summer. (I was in Småland then, so I didn't meet him at all). He also knew Carl Segerhammar. A small world, isn't it?

The Push book will be sent to you next week.

Any news from Fortress Press?

Dear Friend, I am very glad to know you and your family. I am, again, very happy about keeping in touch.

All the best

*Karin*

(Psalms 32:8, Jer. 29:11-13)



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Lejon, Kjell

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