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Dear Dr. Lamm:

Sifting through your articles, papers and addresses was a pleasure and a challenge. The challenge was of course to differentiate between my personal pleasure in reading the work of one who manages to "salt" some fresh thoughts into seemingly pedestrian topics and thereby adds some pungency to worn out themes and the best way to construct a book that will be salable and of interest to the widest readership possible. I did not include certain addresses or articles that fit their immediate context so well that they might date themselves too quickly or be found irrelevant or even off-putting to potential readers.

I enclose the result of this winnowing process. My principle of selection was to try to make the material cohere around its natural center of gravity, without fitting into some Procrustean bed of my own devising. I think I have succeeded. Because of this constraint, however, some worthy pieces had to be omitted, but od hazon lamo'ed.

I regret keenly the loss of the Rambam paper, but since I know you have a good many pilpulim and divrei Torah in Hebrew, I know that this can easily be included in a future Hebrew collection. That is why I rejected the translation option. I also regret, for other reasons, omitting "Notes of an Unrepentant Preacher," if only because I enjoyed it and thought it might lighten the book. But, alas, it just did not fit in.

The title was of course chosen in order to associate this collection with Faith and Doubt. But I think it is not inappropriate a summation of the underlying themes of many of the articles included. While your focus is on problems, generally speaking, you never leave the reader without some glimmer of a solution and hope for the future. The subtitle refers to the date after Mattan Torah (2448 A.M.), but the conceit may be too esoteric. Of course, all this is subject to change and any suggestions are welcome.

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As far as arrangement goes, some articles could have gone into nearly any section. My selection is frankly based on salability. It is easier to "sell" the judicial constraint study as "Halakhah" rather than "Jewish Thought" and so I put it in the first. And the very existence of the Holocaust section is predicated on the lamentable fact that for some people all of Jewish history and thought comes out of the grinder as "Holocaust."

Sorry I missed you last week, but I had a fine conversation with Dr. Landman.

Sincerely,


Yaakov Elman

P.S. While thinking of possible subtitles, it occurred to me that next year will be the 33rd centenary of Mattan Torah. Perhaps you might ask a faculty member to organize the writing of a series of articles on the theme of Mattan Torah in commemoration?



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Judaism's Thirty-fourth Century
by

Rabbi Dr. Norman Lamm

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