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THE PLAINTIVE JOURNEY OF BERNARD RAMM: AFTER FUNDAMENTALISM

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An outline of remarks

I. Some general notes:

- not a philosopher, a preacher,*
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- A. Our point of interest
 - B. Bernard Ramm: what we know and what we don't know!
 - 1. A concise summary of his work
 - 2. Observation on a pattern of ideas
 - 3. Literary production
 - 4. Influence
 - 5. An appreciative note
 - C. Just thinking and the suspicions of life:
 - 1. I am reminded of a boy who was raised on a farm.....
 - 2. Backgrounds, movements, and fellowship....
 - 3. But since you can't get the country out of the boy....
 - D. The problem that created this book and its shadow:
 - 1. A quandary
 - 2. A philosophical adjustment

II. Thinking about the Book

- A. The premise: theology must be rethought in the light of rational progress (particularly that of the enlightenment)...liberalism is wrong for it capitulated; fundamentalism is wrong for it refuses to think. The best answers are postulated by Barth and these may not be final but they suggest a system (scheme: paradigm) whereby the rational questions may be answered in an evangelical way preserving the integrity of all parties.