Dear Mr. King:

Thank you for the letter of August 5. It was delayed in reaching me because it had to be forwarded. I am teaching summer session here.

I know of only two writings that compare Tillich's thought with my own. W. M. Horton in the volume on Tillich edited by Kegley and published by Macmillan, is one case. Also a few years ago a student at Union Theological Seminary in New York wrote a thesis on my theology, but as I come to think of it he compared me with Brightman more than with Tillich. I have heard rumors of other such comparisons but cannot refer you to them.

I have a good deal of material not yet published but cannot send more than two pieces, partly because my mss. are at home and not here. But I am sending under separate cover two lectures that have been mimeographed and so are expendable. You need not return them.

[signed] Henry N. Wieman

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1. See, for example, King to Reinhold Niebuhr, 1 December 1953, pp. 222–223 in this volume.
Qualifying Examination Answers, Theology of the Bible

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Before beginning work on their dissertations, doctoral candidates in systematic theology at Boston were required to take three-hour qualifying examinations in four of the following fields: “Systematic Theology, Philosophy of Religion, Theology of the Bible, History of Doctrine, History of Philosophy, [or] the thought of one great theologian or philosopher of religion.” When examined on the theology of the Bible, King answered three of the four questions, per instructions. In his answer on Christian hope, King declares faith in immortality: “Man will live again because he is of value to God.” DeWolf, as King’s academic advisor, graded this examination, probably in consultation with other faculty members. King received an A.

1. What is the proper form of the Christian’s hope? Relate your answer to the principal relevant New Testament teachings, taking into account interpretations by Paul S. Minear and Rudolf Bultmann.

1. Boston University, Special Regulations for the Ph.D. in Theological Studies with Concentration in Systematic Theology, September 1951–November 1953, CSKC.

2. For King’s other examinations, see King, Qualifying examination answers, History of Doctrine, pp. 212–218 in this volume; Qualifying examination answers, Systematic Theology, pp. 228–233 in this volume; and Qualifying examination answers, History of Philosophy, pp. 242–247 in this volume.

3. Paul Minear’s book The Eyes of Faith (1946) appeared on the list of “minimum requirements in reading” in the special regulations for doctoral students in systematic theology cited above. Rudolf Bultmann’s Theology of the Bible (vol. 1, 1951) was not listed, but the regulations stated that “the examination covers the entire field and is not restricted to the books specified.” In his answer King mentions Millar Burrows, whose book An Outline of Biblical Theology (1946) was also on the reading list.