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PREFACE

In 1980 the Principal and Faculty of Moore Theological College at Sydney, New South Wales, Australia, invited me to give the Annual Moore College Lectures. Having been a resident of Australia from 1956–1971, as professor of systematic theology in the Reformed Theological College at Geelong, Victoria, I gladly accepted this invitation. What a splendid opportunity to visit this wonderful country again and to renew our contacts with so many good friends. Above all, however, I felt greatly honoured by the invitation itself. Moore Theological College is one of the leading Evangelical colleges in the Southern hemisphere.

It was a rich experience to meet the faculty members and students of the College. My wife and I deeply appreciated the warm hospitality shown to us by the whole College community, in particular by the Rev. and Mrs. Bruce Winter, who offered us the hospitality of their home. The interest and patience shown by the audience at Sydney were a great encouragement.

Finally I would like to express my indebtedness to my eldest son, David T. Runia, M.A., for his willingness to read the entire manuscript and to suggest many linguistic improvements. Naturally, the lectures as published here are my sole responsibility.