

Another passage where it seems to me Bultmann may very well be expressing his twofold understanding of sin, and, correspondingly, of "the true scandal," occurs in "Urchristentum und Religionsgeschichte": 18, in a summary interpretation of Jesus' proclamation. Jesus "says nothing that has not already been said, and he shows that everyone who lets go of self-love and self-righteousness [*Selbstliebe und Selbstgerechtigkeit*] knows very well what God demands of him and that he can be confident of God as merciful Father."

At any rate, "self-love and self-righteousness" aptly describe the two distinguishable aspects of the sin for which "the true scandal" is precisely that.

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