MEMORIAL

ANTHONY A. HOEKEMA

Anthony A. Hoekema, known to us because of his books, teaching and lectures, passed away on October 17, 1988. His death came suddenly because of an aneurism while he was visiting his son in Frederick, Maryland.

Hoekema was born in the Netherlands, came to the United States in 1923, attended Calvin College in Grand Rapids, Michigan, and graduated in 1936. He received the A.M. in Psychology from the University of Michigan in 1937 and attended Calvin Theological Seminary from 1937 to 1939. For three years he taught at Calvin College in the areas of psychology, speech and English. He continued his studies at Calvin Seminary, graduating in 1942. He pursued a doctorate at Princeton Theological Seminary from 1942 to 1958. In the meantime he served three congregations in the Christian Reformed Church, having been ordained in 1944.

He was appointed professor of Bible at Calvin College in 1956 and professor of systematic theology at Calvin Seminary in 1958. He served in that capacity until his retirement in 1978. Hoekema became known as author of The Four Major Cults (1963), What About Tongue Speaking? (1966), Holy Spirit Baptism (1972), and The Christian Looks at Himself (1975). After he retired he wrote The Bible and the Future (1979), Created in God's Image (1986), and Saved by Grace (1988). Some of his books have been translated into Dutch, Japanese, Korean, Chinese, Portuguese, Spanish and Swedish. Though he passed away he, being dead, still speaks. His works follow him, and everyone who is acquainted with Hoekema's books continues to profit from his writings.

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