

Walter Kaufmann

Sir,—A reader I do not know has sent me your review of Russell Aldwinckle's *Death in the Secular City* (October 5), saying that he finds the description of me as "a committed theist" who holds that "God is working through history", etc, etc, at variance with all of my published works. He wonders whether I have substantially changed my philosophical position and, doubting that I could have embraced the views ascribed to me, suggests that "the author of the article should be referred [to my] book *The Faith of a Heretic and Critique of Religion and Philosophy*". To these I might add my recent *Without Guilt and Justice* (Peter H. Wyden, New York, 1973).

A quick check of Aldwinckle's book suggests that he is not to blame. He devotes a good deal of space to the *Systematic Theology of Gordon Kaufman* (with one n) and repeatedly includes either "Gordon" or "G." in his references. I cannot help feeling that a reviewer who devotes almost a fifth of his space to saddling "Walter Kaufmann" with views I find as uncongenial and confused as those he attributes to me neither read the book he reviewed with sufficient care nor knows enough about the field.

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** Apologies are owed not only to Professor Kaufmann but also to our reviewer who merely wrote "Kaufman" and was unable to return the proof correcting the sub-editorial error before we went to press.