Department. But he is unable to explain to them what his real purpose was; it is still "top secret." Actually he could not completely put together his own motives for why he had remained in Berlin or for some of his actions now. So he is tried in Jerusalem along with Eichmann, and is sentenced to death. He accepts this fate because deep within he has a sense of guilt, a homesickness, that cannot be talked away. But then the head of the Secret Intelligence in Washington flies to Jerusalem to vouch for him. It is no mere "happy ending" but profound truth: If we are to be healed, then we need Another to vouch for us. And there comes One who never avoided controversy, took risks beyond our understanding, and in His necessity we find our peace and health. So the modern novelist seeks to contemporize the sacrificial and questioning nature of Life claiming our obedience.

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I am aware that this article is couched in Christo-centric language. This is my existential situation and I can do no other. But if you are a Jew or a Unitarian, I think the main thrust I have been trying to make will still hold. Get beneath the surface; tease the text; converse with Scripture; be honest—and above all, try to be existential in your proclamation of the Word. Ask, 'Is this fresh and new and alive—first for me; and then for my people? Is it Good Advice or Good News?"