

In Memoriam

Klaus Koch

1926 – 2019

After a long illness, on 28 March the field of biblical studies lost one of its giants. Although he attended our meetings seldom, if at all, he hovered every time the word “apocalyptic” was uttered, whether all too often, to chastise us for misusing the term in indefinite and sloppy ways, or to receive our thanks for turning us in an utterly new direction. In *Ratlos vor der Apokalyptik* (1970) (“Baffled by Apocalyptic,” a more accurate translation of his title than the interpretive *The Rediscovery of Apocalyptic*[1972] ), he counseled us to read the apocalypses if we were going to use the adjective (and noun). The effects of his foundational work have been palpable in our Society and our research, and for this we are in his debt.

George Nickelsburg

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