

Letter 294: 8 July 1526, Strasbourg, Capito to Adelberg Meyger and the city council of Basel

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[*Summary*]: On 6 July, Capito received a letter from the Twelve Cantons [above, Ep. 291] in which he was blamed for having written against the Confederacy. He denies that he had any evil intentions or spoke ill of the Confederacy. He recalls with great fondness the city of Basel, where he once lived and where now the gospel is being preached. He encloses a copy of a letter he wrote to the Swiss Confederates [above, Ep. 292] in which he justifies his conduct. The pamphlet that was issued about the Disputation of Baden [i.e. *Warhafftige handlung*] contains nothing that is directed against the Confederacy. Its main concern is to denounce the machinations of the papists. Capito is not responsible for the reference to Ludwig Baer [see below, Ep. 295]. The *Warhafftige handlung* was composed by an imperial servant, who was present at the disputation. The proofreader was told to leave out anything that might be offensive to the Confederacy. Capito himself was too busy with church matters to concern himself with that business. Should any disadvantage arise from his remarks for anyone, he will have them retracted at his own cost.