

# Contents

Notes on Contributors	ix
Note on the Translations and Acknowledgments	xii
List of Abbreviations	xiv
Table of Contents for the Academy Edition of Kant's Writings (AA)	xv
Introduction: Defining the Dynamics of Being: How the <i>Bestimmungsfrage</i> Became a Driving Force in German Enlightenment and Beyond <i>Anne Pollok</i>	1
Part One Translations	19
1 Johann Joachim Spalding: Contemplation on the Vocation of the Human Being (1748) <i>translated by Courtney Fugate</i>	21
2 Thomas Abbt and Moses Mendelssohn: Doubt and Oracle on the Human Vocation, plus Excerpts from Their Correspondence (1756–1766) <i>translated by Anne Pollok</i>	59
Part Two Essays	105
3 The Place of The Human Being in the World: Johann Joachim Spalding, Religion, and Philosophy as a Way of Life <i>Laura Anna Macor</i>	107
4 Between Spalding and Fichte: The Vocation of the Human Being in Mendelssohn and Kant <i>Günter Zöller</i>	125
5 Reinhard Brandt: Excerpt from the Human Vocation in Kant <i>translated by Courtney Fugate and Anne Pollok</i>	141
6 Kant on the Human Vocation <i>Allen Wood</i>	163
7 Understanding the Vocation of the Human Being Through the Kantian Sublime <i>Giulia Milli</i>	185

8	"It Will be Well": Isaak Iselin on the Self-realization of Humanity in History <i>Ansgar Lyssy</i>	203
9	Whose Vocation? Which Human?: A.W. Rehberg on the Human Vocation and Political Theory <i>Michael Gregory</i>	233
10	Religious Anthropology and Pluralism: Herder on the <i>Bildung</i> of Humanity <i>Niels Wildschut</i>	257
11	The Doctrine of Palingenesis in Fichte's <i>Vocation of the Human Being</i> <i>David W. Wood</i>	281
12	The Vocation of Philosophy: Hegel on "Speculative" Science and the Human Good <i>Brady Bowman</i>	295
	Bibliography	317
	Index	335