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p. 7 Preface. The present work is designed for the intelligent general reader, including the college undergraduate, not for professional scholars in the field of biblical studies, though I hope that some of these may ~~not~~ find it occasionally convenient for reference in certain areas of their work.

. . . I am a philosopher to trade and certainly not at all a professional biblical scholar. So I may claim a sort of amateur status and therefore a sympathy with an understanding of my audience - . . .

p. 272 Julius Wellhausen(1844-1918), who had studied under Ewald at Gottingen and whose highly influential Geschichte Israels was first published in 1878, established the view, which with modifications is still accepted, that in the Old Testament may be traced the story of the development from the very primitive religion of a nomadic people to the highly ethical religion of the prophets, culminating finally in the religion of the Law. While Wellhausen came too late on the scene for his influence to be adequately reflected in the Revised Version, the general movement of Old Testament studies in the direction to which he eventually pointed was certainly among the factors the revisers had to take into account in their work.