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And, in the first place, it should be clearly understood, that the biblical scholars, some of the results of whose long and patient study of the Word I have sought to put before you, one and all believe that (to quote the words of one of them) 'in the religion of Israel, as recorded in the Old Testament, there is an authentic revelation of the One True God.'¹ There is, we all know, a wild-cat criticism which rends and tears, and to which nothing is sacred; a criticism which does but bring out in its conclusions the negative results which were tacitly implied in its premisses; a criticism which takes for granted, without discussion, that the religion of Israel is but one religion among many, 'nothing less, but also nothing more.'² But this is not the criticism with which here we have anything to do. We are concerned, first and last, wholly and solely, with *Christian* scholars, and with the results

¹ G. A. Smith's *Modern Criticism and the Preaching of the Old Testament*, p. 126.

² The phrase is Kuenen's.