

Christianity must be traced through Judaism; and, apart from the latter, the former can be neither explained nor understood.

Doctrinally, too, the Old Testament was and is an introduction to the New. Every vital truth in the one is germinally existent in the other. The divine element in the Law and the Prophets was the spiritual germ from which the Gospel evolved, the rudimental teaching out of which the doctrine of Christ was developed. In their inner spiritual contents, the Jewish Scriptures are an organic part of the Christian Scriptures. Because of this genetic relation, the Old Testament will always have a value similar to that of the New, and second only to that of the New.

The more the Old Testament books are studied as a body of Hebrew literature, the more clearly their true nature and their relative importance will be perceived; the more this literature is regarded as a record of divine revelation, the more highly both its history and its religion will be appreciated; the more the principles of the Law are compared with the principles of the