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This booklet, one must explain, sprang out of a request from a Church Committee for a summary of the vital elements of the Christian religion, to be translated into certain languages spoken by peoples within our reach. It has grown beyond the original scale contemplated; and some of my responsible advisers think that it may serve a useful purpose in general circulation.

It is, of course, not intended as a regular Church Catechism, although the original form of question and answer is retained. It is a short statement of "The First Things of Christianity" in plain and familiar language, with little use of technical terms and no attempt to give full and exact definitions. In a few places some use has been made of material in other documents. Its aim is to extend the knowledge of God and the Christian message, and perhaps in some cases to serve as a basis of instruction.

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