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archaeological evidence, which presents the only available information contemporary with Mycenaean civilization. This does not mean that the account will necessarily be right. Even when we use only Mycenaean evidence, we must interpret it, and there are myriad opportunities to go wrong. Each interpretation will find new mistakes to make. Even what may be right in our terms may prove irrelevant in the future; as each generation approaches history it asks different questions and finds different problems.

As I finish this book, I am conscious of a great debt to Professor Emily Vermeule, not so much for helping me as for ~~helping~~ helping all of us. Her recently published Greece in the Bronze Age establishes a basis for all future study of early Greece. Her comprehensive chapters on various aspects of Mycenaean archaeology and her full bibliography have saved me, and will save others, much work. I should hope that any whose interests have been piqued by this history would turn next to her book.