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"Here was the internal evidence to support the conclusion drawn by Evans from the archaeological record, that the culture of Minoan Crete was totally different from that of Mycenaean Greece, whether or not the latter was Greek in the sense of speaking the Greek language. The influence of Evans and his followers was immense. Only a very few archaeologists dared to question the orthodox doctrine, and the most courageous, the late A. J. B. Wace, who was to become Professor of Classical Archaeology in the University of Cambridge, paid dearly for his heretical views; he was excluded from digging in Greece for a considerable period. The voices raised in dissent were crying in the wilderness, and although mainland influence was beginning to be admitted in Late Minoan Crete, Ventris' proof that the masters of Knossos spoke Greek came as an electrifying shock to almost all who had studied the question."