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all the prevailing leading thought of the entire work, that by the knowledge of historical development, ~~so far~~ which these documents bear witness, ~~an~~ essential understanding of the Biblical world of thought can be attained. While the author with each of his main themes traces a line of development from the beginnings to the last event of the New Testament, he would like to ~~delimitate~~^{delimitate} the difficulties of ~~the~~ chronological separation (distance) such as the changing spiritual and ~~ethical~~^{height} altitude (?) of the Biblical reports, which they try to create for each of their readers, and to elucidate the ~~actual~~ purpose of the Biblical witnesses.

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No doubt that he stands in the spiritual tradition of modern Biblical scholarship with this, and seeks to make use of one of their favorite thoughts with spirited devotion and convincing consequences. That it ^{is} ~~is~~ one who does not take part himself in the scientific research, but however is an intimate (well- acquainted) author with their methods and their results, who here draws together in a complete overview of both areas of the Old and New Testaments the conclusions of the since-reached scientific work, gives to his results directly a typical character. But how would it be, if he drew with this only the facet of a concluding period of scientific investigation, while already a new epoch of Biblical science approaches. Indeed, we can not help getting the impression that here to some extent a scientific view and its method of operation is being brought to an end, with which its greatness as well as its frontiers in equal measure become evident. The following ^{it} ~~explanation~~^{discussion} should seek to establish this impression and to place ~~it~~ ^{it} in (question).

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There is certainly no argument that in ~~the~~ history, of which the Biblical records give witness, a development is evident.