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216² This relationship of God however is based and is always decisive (certain) by the special acts of God, which with regulating might infringe upon the life of the Volk and demand obedience. The Old Testament documents serve for the announcement of these deeds; from them they receive authority, with which they accomplish their message to the listeners. Because they know that with this something new and unconditionally binding has entered into earthly history, that on all sides makes its way and will create new relationships.

216³ Just as one observes this basic certainty of ^{the} Old Testament (assertions) world of faith, all its expressions achieve the correct reference point; they are then, to be sure, not any more ^{applicable as} witnesses of different apprehensions of God, which come and go with the changing factors of the environment^{nt} and of history, but establish forms of expressions of a truth, whose light in ^a different way breaks into the medium of the human spirit and presents in each time ^(age) renewed problems of comprehension and use. It enters into the initial age of the world of the primitive and of the national cultural religions, and the traces of primitive representations and usages of that time are valued as the indication of a living statement of the new with the old, since in ~~contraction~~ and repulsion, in victory and defeat of the dominion of the manifested God on Sinai and with that, justice, ~~the~~ ethical decorum, the ^{it} faithfulness of followers and the submission to higher purposes, has its way paved. And so the message of the prophets is also primarily of the certainty of a new entrance of the reality of God ~~decisive~~, which proceeds through judgement to salvation and the completion of the covenant. All attempts to understand them as ingenious thinkers,