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## PREFACE

THE second series of these lectures attempting to set out a modern *Religio Medici* was delivered in May 1952; and the friendship already shown to me in Edinburgh was continued and deepened. Obviously in attempting to cover so large a field my inadequacies were even more evident; and lack of space sharpened controversial issues and left small opportunity for adequate discussion of them.

One point requires explanation. Certain pages of these lectures contain illustrations and phrases employed in the broadcast talks delivered by me in the Home Service in June and July 1951 and published by the Student Christian Movement as *Science and the Christian Man* in 1952. When invited to give these talks I warned the authorities that as I was to touch upon ground similar to that of my Gifford lectures I should wish to use material which I must be free to print hereafter. It did not seem necessary in view of the very different scope of the work to avoid a small amount of overlap and repetition.

My gratitude to my Scottish hosts and audience must be gladly acknowledged once more. To my oldest friends in America, Mr and Mrs John F. Moors of Brookline, in whose home much of this volume was written and all of it revised, I owe the increase of a debt which goes back to 1926.

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