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PREFACE

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The book will be found to contain some perhaps audacious traversings of opinions currently held or associated with distinguished names; as well as 'reconsiderations' of opinions I formerly held myself. Whatever may be thought of the views expressed, I may at any rate claim that modicum of indulgence which is due to sincerity. "Molesta veritas, sed obsequium multo molestius, quod peccatis indulgens praecipitem ferri sinit."

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