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The nature and reliability of the ancient sources are among the most important issues in the scholarship on the Dead Sea Scrolls. It is noteworthy, therefore, that scholars have grown increasingly skeptical about the value of these materials for reconstructing the life of the Teacher of Righteousness. Travis Williams' study is designed to address this new perspective and its implications for historical inquiry. He offers an important corrective to popular conceptions of history and memory by introducing memory theory as a means of informing historical investigation. Charting a new methodological course in Dead Sea Scrolls research, Williams reveals that properly representing the past requires an explanation of how the mnemonic evidence found in the relevant sources could have developed from a historical progression that began with the Teacher. His book represents the first attempt in Dead Sea Scrolls scholarship to integrate history and memory in a comprehensive way.

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## Abbreviations

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AJJS	<i>Australian Journal of Jewish Studies</i>
BIAC	<i>Bulletin of the Institute for Antiquity and Christianity</i>
BPC	<i>Biblical Performance Criticism</i>
CCWJC	Cambridge Commentaries on Writings of the Jewish and Christian World, 200 BC to AD 200
CJA	Christianity and Judaism in Antiquity
CQS	Companion to the Qumran Scrolls
CST	Contemporary Studies in Theology
CTSRR	College Theology Society Resources in Religion
EC	<i>Early Christianity</i>
ECRW	Early Christianity in the Roman World
GSPT	Gorgias Studies in Philosophy and Theology
HALOT	Koehler, Ludwig and Walter Baumgartner. <i>The Hebrew and Aramaic Lexicon of the Old Testament</i> . 2 vols. Study Edition. Translated and edited by M. E. J. Richardson. Leiden: Brill, 2001.
HBM	<i>Hebrew Bible Monographs</i>
IMJ	<i>Israel Museum Journal</i>
JAJSup	Journal of Ancient Judaism Supplement Series

JCTC	Jewish and Christian Texts in Contexts and Related Studies
MJS	Münsteraner judaistische Studien
MNTS	McMaster New Testament Studies
OBL	Orientalia et biblica lovaniensia
QM	Qumranica Mogilanensia
RStRel	Routledge Studies in Religion
SCJ	Studies in Judaism and Christianity
SDSS	Studies in the Dead Sea Scrolls and Related Literature
SIJD	Schriften des Institutum Judaicum Delitzschianum
SJC	Scripta Judaica Cracoviensia
STR	Studies in Theology and Religion
VWGT	Veröffentlichungen der Wissenschaftlichen Gesellschaft für Theologie
WANEM	Worlds of the Ancient Near East and Mediterranean