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Preface

The title of this little book may suggest a systematic treatise. But the introductory chapter gives the reasons why I have cast my reflections on the subjects with which it deals in the essentially informal shape of replies to an imaginary friend. I hope that this will not be thought frivolous. I do, indeed, regard the questions dealt with as being of quite fundamental importance in the sphere to which they belong. But my object here is to state and explain various personal attitudes rather than to provide a comprehensive exposition. Therefore, I have tried to make my presentation as little like an official document as I possibly can.

I will not mention the names of those whom I have consulted in this connection since I know that some of the opinions I have expressed may give offence in some quarters; and I should be reluctant to involve, even indirectly, any person other than myself. But this does not prevent me from expressing gratitude to all who have helped me either by suggestion or criticism.

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