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INTRODUCTORY REMARKS

IS THERE any need or justification to restate and analyze the differences between Judaism and Christianity in our day? Is not such an endeavor contrary to the "good will" efforts in which Jews and Christians alike see the hope for better understanding and cooperation between the two religions in the world of tomorrow? Is it not detrimental to harmonious Christian-Jewish relations and, especially, to the cause and destiny of Judaism in the Christian world, when the basic differences between the two faiths are emphasized by Jews?

I anticipate such questions and objections to the very theme of this volume. And, I shall confess, it is qualms and scruples of this type that made me hesitate for a long time to approach the task of restating objectively, and with no other regard but for the truth as I see it, the eternal and fundamental differences between Judaism and Christianity. If I finally decided to write this book it was because I arrived at the conclusion that it was high time to stress in *Jewish* circles that "good will" between Jews and Christians should not and must not be synonymous with raising all bars and obliterating or denying the differences that separate the two faiths.

In point of fact, liberal Christians and leaders in "good will" are far from propounding the idea that there are no dissimilarities between Judaism and Christianity. On