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Ancient Egyptians, Greeks, and Romans; Christians and Muslims of every period; even the secularists of modernity have used Judaism in constructing their visions of the world. What relationship do these uses have to each other? Do past forms of life and thought affect later ones? If so, can we write a history of these forms? And what, if any, hold might this history of past thought have upon ways in which we ourselves can think in the present?

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