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scholarly studies which bear on these topics, and update and carry them forward with the assistance of other authors and through my own later research and publications.
