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Prof. Ignatz Goldziher,
Dear Sir:

If the request does not seem to you in any way miss, kindly return to me the questions on the accompanying sheet with your answers to the same. The questions, however, are simply suggestions; you need not confine or limit your remarks to them. Kindly regard yourself at full liberty to speak on any phase of the subject suggested that you may prefer or in any way that you may wish. These questions were suggested in large part, by a letter from Rabbi K. Kohler, of New York, a printed copy of his letter you will find enclosed.

It has long seemed to me that not a little of the estrangement between Jews and Christians arises from misunderstandings, which a fuller exchange of views would help to remove. I have received answers to a previous similar request, from a number of Jewish scholars such as Rabbi Guxtav Gottheil, Baron David Gunzburg, Dr. M. Friedlander, of Vienna, Dr. M. Kayserling, Prof. Cesare Lombroso, Joseph Reinach, of France, Jacob H. Schiff, Dr. N. Porges, of Leipsic, Prof. David Castelli, Chief-rabbi Ezekiel Caro, of Lemberg, and many others.

It is my purpose to publish these answers in ways that will help make the views of the Jews touching Jesus of Nazareth better understood, and in this way help somewhat to bring nearer together two great bodies of believers in the God of Abraham.

If you regard this request in any way a burden or distasteful to you, kindly pay no attention to it; otherwise may I not expect an answer by early mail?

You will find it more convenient to write your answer after each question on the same sheet, and in this way save yourself the trouble of copying the questions. But if you prefer, ignore wholly the questions, writing your views on a separate sheet.

Yours respectfully and fraternally