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Professor Pelli, now at the Ben-Gurion University of the Negev and formerly of the University of Texas, Austin, has produced a cohesive and cogent re-evaluation of Moses Mendelssohn's deism. He has also uncovered new and significant contact-points between European religio-cultural trends of the 18th century and the rejuvenated Jewish tradition, of which he was a prime — if not the prime — factor.

In the vortex of theological casuistics of the period, Pelli succeeded in clarifying inadequately defined ideas and thus contributed to further enlightening the Enlightenment. It is a meticulous work and enduringly important.

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