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About the Author

Johann Andreas Eisenmenger was the foremost Christian expert on Judaism in the western world and the inaugural scientific scholar of the rabbinic texts. His monumental masterwork, *Entdecktes Judenthum* upon which this English translation is based, informed and inspired statesmen, philosophers and scholars, from Prussian King Frederick to Fichte, Kant and Feuerbach, and helped to launch the Enlightenment.

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