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Davidson, Herbert A. Maimonides the Rationalist. Oxford: The Littman Library of Jewish Civilization, 2011. \$64.50 (9781904113584).

This collection of nine technical essays argues that Maimonides was sincerely committed to both Rabbinic Judaism and Greek philosophy, though not as well read in the latter as many think. He thus advocated a rationalistic interpretation of Judaism, one that he thought recovered ancient elements of the religion that had been lost over the centuries. Davidson also thinks that the moral teachings of Maimonides became more ascetic over time. The essays range from those dealing with broad subjects, such as Maimonides' views on metaphysical knowledge, to those that are narrowly focused, such as one on a sentence in Guide for the Perplexed. The author's close analysis is impressive. For large academic collections of Jewish philosophy.

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