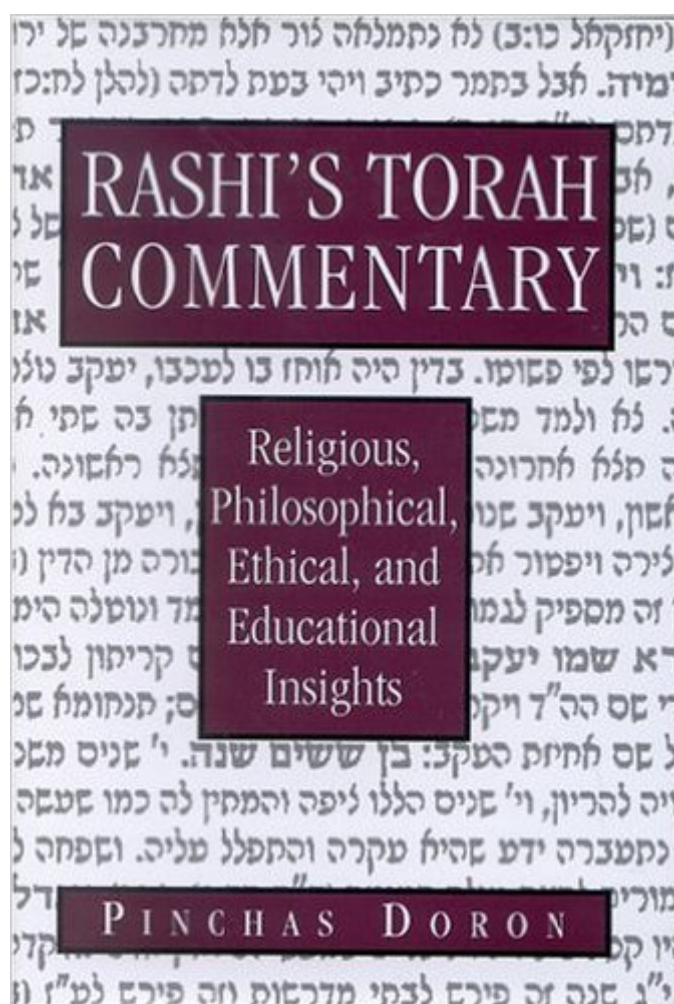


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Mr. Wilkes personal attack on Rabbi Pinchas Doron in his damaging review is characteristic of others in his light-weight 2-or-3 sentence reviews (see his "all my reviews" link.) He has harmed the author, whom I have not met and do not know, and surely the author's sales have been damaged for this extraordinary work, which should receive our applause. Rashi is a difficult read, and getting his innermost thought requires the work of a rabbi most intimate with his language and theological tradition. Rabbi Pinchas Doron renders magnificent service to Rashi's cause. Where Wilkes declaims Doron's diacritics, he fails to 'get it', that is, Doron's explication of idiomatic Hebreo-Yiddishisms of Rashi's time. The rabbi's exclamation points, far more rare than Wilkes

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