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Inevitably Saurat's work suffers now from comparison with such later works as Fletcher's *Intellectual Development of John Milton* (1956-60). Yet its systematic arrangement of parallels between Milton's thought and patristic and Hebraic traditions still has value, even though the author's interpretations are often invalid. A more serious critical defect is the now dated psychological-biographical approach. It is unlikely, however, that serious students today, even undergraduates, will lack the sophistication to discount such pseudo-biography. The present edition reprints the revised edition of 1944, which expanded the final section on the Zohar, Robert Fludd, and the Mortalists. It has wisely omitted bibliographical material, now out-of-date. Because of its historical importance in Milton criticism and its still useful quotations from varied sources, it should be in every college library.