



Adventure I -- A Study in Scarlet

Part I

The original reader of this tale can have had no preconceptions about the conventions of a detective story or the behaviour of a detective, because no such thing was known.

Is there evidence in the details of the story, and in Holmes's proceedings, that he was in fact originally conceived of as a medical student or a doctor?

Part II

The characters in "The Country of the Saints" frequently refer to "the Lord" and sometimes venture to speak in God's name.

What do these chapters suggest that the author of the Sherlock Holmes stories thought — early in his adult life, at least — about organized religion and the value of religious belief?



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