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So far, he had not been able to determine his way in life. He was not by nature conservative, and did not tend to follow the crowd. Favored with the keenest analytical mind, he was given from his earliest youth, to subjecting everything to critical review. He now began to rethink the approved and accepted premises of Judaism. His disciples were reputed to have related that he devoted himself for two-and-a-half consecutive years to the reexamination of Judaism by the light of the Talmudic sources, Babylonian and Palestinian. He passed every approach and system in review before him, refusing to rely on the opinions of others, even of those greater than he. He studied everything in the light of his own understanding and experience.

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