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Three different meanings

For the Greeks and the Turks who I know best and personally, the “meaning” of Cavafy is threelfold: For most he is a renowned poet, and therefore reading his poems stands for evidence of our personal ability in appreciating good poetry. For many, being one of “our geography” he promotes “our” merits and positive image worldwide. And for the few, he is one of us, i.e., a human being who can express his anxiety in the most plausible way.