

how he wrote once, he used to write and buy books. One time his mother said to him, You must be careful about books that are harmful -- there are very harmful books people send. He had just gotten a book in a plain wrapping with no name on it. She was very suspicious of what it was. It was ^a Hebrew grammar that he had gotten. He was greatly interested in ancient manuscripts and ancient languages. I imagine that as a young man he took over the general evangelical ideas of his parents without a great deal of consideration. Then he went to Johns Hopkins U. At that time Prof. Haupt, in John's Hopkins was a great student of Babylonian and Semetics in general, and he used to boast that he was the most radical professor in any U. in America. By radical he meant religiously, of course. He began issuing the polyglot Bible which would have J, E, D, and P in different colors. Polychrone Bible he began issuing.

I believe Dr. Albright came out of Hopkins having taken over all of Haupt's radical views. He was tremendously interested in the archaeology of Palestine and in ancient Babylonian and Egyptian studies. Haupt claim that he had leared the cuneiform signs(300 principal signs) in one night! He said, I didn;t try to do that. I spent c. 3 days at it and got them. Most people take a lot more than 3 days. But he was not recognized a great deal at first. He went over to Jerusalem simply as a Fellow of the American School. The American School was not very well financed I think at that time, and I don't know whether they even had a Director for a time, but he contine d as a Fellow and then was made Director. He stayed thre c. 9 years. At the end of that time I think he was recognized by many as knowing more about Palestinian archaeology and geograp~~hy~~hy than at least any other American. He did not accept people's statements -- I think he accepted everything Haupt gave him in college, but as he went on he