

narratives without being real evidence for two documents. It is most likely, if I started that way, that I would not repeat myself as completely in the second sentence as I did just now, although I might. I might say, "Last summer I made a trip through South America. After a month in Brazil I continued my journey around the continent, arriving back in this country in September." In those two sentences, one succeeds the other and you get nearly as much information as you did the first time I gave it, and yet the second does not completely repeat the first. The second starts with me down in Brazil, "After a month in Brazil." It does not say it was last summer, when it was, nor does it tell how I got to Brazil or anything about it. So the two are parallel but not nearly so parallel as the previous two and you would not get two complete documents out of it. In any narrative, you may find parallels but not necessarily such parallels as will show different documents. This is important to keep in mind.

When one works into this matter of division of documents, it is very easy for him to get into the frame of mind that says that wherever you have two sentences that are parallel you have two documents. That is not the case. In any sort of discussion there is repetition. There may very well be three or four parallels without having more than one document. It depends on the nature of the parallel. If the parallel merely consists of saying the same thing over again, we may do it for emphasis. Or we may say that somebody told someone to do something and describe in detail what he is to do, and then describe in detail what he did. When you do that there is a valid reason for having two that are parallel. It does not necessarily prove two documents, although it might fit with the idea of two complete narratives.

If you should have a story of something happening and then, a little later, have the same story told over again as if it was a different event, (with maybe a few details changed and yet it is really the same story), you can be sure that one man would never write that way.

I would not tell you the story of my going to South America last summer and say I went down to Brazil and Argentina and then back up the west coast and tell you another story of my trip to South America last summer in which I went down the west coast and came