

and repeating what someone else has said. So it is absolutely essential that you have in mind exactly what the criticism is, or there is no point in discussing it. From here on we are going to look at the arguments. Some of these arguments we take up are more important and some of them are less important, but they are different arguments looking at different aspects. I am anxious that you know the most important ones very thoroughly. I will hope to give much more material from now on than I have given up to this time, because up to this time I have tried to stress a few things in order to be sure you get them in mind and understand them. From now on we will take up arguments on this and arguments on that, and I am very anxious that you get the main ones well. But only the best students will get all of it. Do not worry if you do not get everything from now on, but do get everything up to this point!

This is the view which was held by all the liberal scholars until 1920 or 1930, and even now it is substantially held by most of them. There are many variations which do not affect the main points. We are interested in the Wellhausen Theory as Wellhausen presented it in 1878 because it is held in substantially the same form today.