

of Geneva because he looked around when he heard some Americans talking. You could call them either seminary students or Americans. The terms would not be identical, but they would refer to the same individuals. Similarly it is quite definite that one of the terms, Midianites or Ishmaelites, could be the larger term (group) and that the other is included in it, but the exact relationship is not clear. There are other cases in the Scripture which look in that direction, but there is no case which definitely and clearly proves it. If there was, there would not be a problem.

I think he must have a mistake. He marks the first part of verse 28 as Elohist and he marks verse 36 as from the J document. I want to check that with some other critical book. He could easily have made a mistake at that particular point. Moffatt's Bible has J in italics and P in regular print.

The critics agree substantially on what is P, but their distinctions between J and P often differ. Student: Moffatt says that he tries to arrange the material in chronological order. AAM: Yes. Moffatt does a lot of that sort of thing, but I do not think he does it systematically. He introduces this critical theory at this very point, but after all, he says he is trying to give us a translation of the Bible.

D. The Argument from Style

1) *The importance of the argument from style.* If the claim that the Pentateuch contains such distinct writing styles as could only be produced by different authors could be established, it would be a very strong one for the critical theories. The fact that two books might differ on one point would not necessarily prove that they had different authors. A book might be reprinted with a change of one particular feature. If provable this would be a far more important argument than the first – the one from divine names. Though that was where the critical idea got started, no one today would build a detailed reconstruction from it by itself. It would be maintained that the use of different divine names is only one of many stylistic points. Thus we see the importance of this fourth argument.