

Whether it had all the Pentateuch or not it at least had the book of Deuteronomy. The reforms that were to be carried on are ordered specifically in the book of Deuteronomy. So the critics say that it was just the book of Deuteronomy which he found and they say that the book of Deuteronomy was written by some priests in Jerusalem who wanted to get rid of these other priests on the high places in order that all the tithes would come to them and therefore they wrote the book of Deuteronomy and hid it in the temple in order that it might be found and passed off as an ancient book to the king. These matters would promote the ~~aggrandizement~~ aggrandizement of these priests. That is the original point of the higher critical theory. That theory, however, is apt to be advanced by other people who held the view that if the book of Deuteronomy is written <sup>partly</sup> to increase the income of the priests of the Jerusalem temple. After being advanced that way other people of a different type accepted the theory. They try to believe that the book wasn't written for selfish purposes. They somebody really wanted to advance high morality and advance belief in God and they imagined all these things and wrote them down and hid it. Now they are getting away from that to quite an extent because it is so absurd to think that it is a wonderful book inculcating righteousness and the highest ideals and there is no book of higher moral standards in the world than the book of Deuteronomy. Such a book would be written as a fraud and so today ~~xxx~~ those who take the critical theory would very largely say no, the book of Deuteronomy was written in the northern kingdom and ~~xxxx~~ somehow got down there in the temple and was found that there was no fraud in it at all. They accept the theory that it was written at that time which rests upon the idea that it is a fraud. They accept the theory and then try to get the fraud idea out of it but you can't do it. There is no way of accepting the higher critical theory and getting altogether rid of the idea that the book of Deuteronomy is a fraud. You really have two questions, Is it a fraud written at this time or is it a genuine production of Moses? ~~xxxx~~ It is just as easy from a scientific viewpoint to believe a genuine writing of Moses as it is