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Archeology and the Bible

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It is not always realized to how great an extent denials of the Word of God in modern Protestantism are due to the rise of the Higher Criticism, which has consisted mainly of an attempt to rearrange the sections of the Bible in accordance with philosophic theories as to the time of their writing. These theories are, to a very large extent, based upon the idea that everything is a result of purely material developments, and involve consequently, a refusal to recognize the positive action of God in revealing Himself to His people through the ages.

Christianity has always been a book religion. It rests upon the belief that God has spoken. Through the ages God has declared His will to His people. He led holy men of old to write down those messages which He desired preserved for future ages, and by the inspiration of His Holy Spirit He kept these writers from error. This belief has always been at the foundation of the teaching of the Christian Church.

During the ages the teachings of Christianity have been assailed from the outside in many ways, but never destroyed. Within the past two centuries there has been a new method of attack, more effective than any which preceded it. This method has consisted in the actions of men within the church, claiming simply to reinterpret the Bible, but actually interpreting it in such a way as to do away with its central teachings. These views, which originated in France