

interpretations, and give them out as if they were what the Bible teaches. Yet of course there still remain very definite problems. On these problems we have a considerable amt. of evidence, a tremendous amt. of evidence that has come to light in recent yrs. The sad thing is that these evidences, if discovered a centruy ago, would have been headlines in the newspapers and given tremendous publicity. These discoveries today are found down in the footnote in a scholarly book someplace. The peopple who are working in these fields are largely so indoctrinated that they do not feel like giving the stress to those discoveries, those facts that fit with the Word of God.

I do not believe that anything else has had as great an influence in destroying people's faith as the so-called Graf-Wellhausen theory, that is the devisive theory of the Pentateuch. This is what I've been working on for this last year, as Dr. McIntire pointed out. I've worked on it off and on for the past 35 yrs. But it's only one of various Biblical subjects I've been studying. Within this last yr. I've been going into all the recent material I can on it, and ~~xxx~~ also the earlier material. I do not feel anything else has been as powerful a force in destroying people's faith as this theory which Wellhausen originated (now he did not wholly originate it, but he gave it the form in which it came to be accepted.) And it was his brilliant advocacy that caused it to be so widely accepted and Wellhausen's theory as he presented it in 1878 is taught almost exactly as he gave it, taught in just about every theological seminary in the world that's over 50 yrs. old, and in a good many that are younger, and in practically any University where anything is taught about the Bible.

Last summer we saw a Syllabus that is used in the U. of Washington, in the course in the Bible as Literature, and the bulk of it instead of talking about the Bible as Literature talked about how the books originated by purely natural sources and purely natural methods, and several pages were given to show this G-W theory as the way in which these books came into existences. This strikes at the very foundation of faith in God's Word. I've been surprised to find how in these last few yrs., RC books, Jewish books, many Protestant books which have come out in these last few years present this as established, unquestioned fact. Yet the basis ~~xxx~~ upon which it was build have practically all disappeared. But the foundation for it has been nibbled away by new facts that have been discovered and parts of it's foundation, if you examine them closely, y u'll find they were imagination in the first place.

But it is such a complicated thing that it is difficult to make these points clear. That's one reason I would not like to rush into print about it. I'd like to do it very very carefully, to try to do it in such a way that no unbeliever can say, This is unfair the way you have handled it. They will have to recognize it is a true picture of exactly how it is and what the weaknesses are in it. It's so easy for the student in the schoolroom to simply say, All scholars believe it, it must be true. It's pretty complicated but it must be true. While many of us say, It's just a lot of nonsense, I don;t know anything about it. So there is no much clash of thinking about it. And I hope to be