

This book proposes to briefly analyze the
~~The following set of essays offers a brief critique of the~~
JEDP documentary hypothesis. ~~It does not deal exhaustively with~~
the subject, ~~since that would require detailed discussion, and the~~
~~extensive bibliographic references, and the other requisite~~
~~paraphernalia of scholarly research.~~ However, it does seem
feasible to pick up several crucial threads of the hypothesis
and place them in a different light from what is customary.

R This has the disadvantage of opening the ~~contributors~~^{author} to various
criticisms. The reader may feel some chagrin at what appears
to be a purely negative project, suggesting that the so-called
"crucial threads" have been chosen to do the greatest damage, ~~and~~^{a/}
if the ~~contributors~~^{author} had perhaps studied more strenuously into
the matter, ~~they~~^{he} would ~~realize~~^{recognize} a greater depth ~~to~~ⁱⁿ the positive
points for the hypothesis. The ~~contributors~~^{author} sympathize with
these concerns, and ~~are~~^{is} only too painfully aware of the inadequacy
of their ~~training and consequent narrowness of view.~~^{his presentation} However,
~~they feel~~^{he feels} compelled at this time to register ~~their~~^{his} dissatisfaction
with the regnant literary hypothesis on what ~~they~~^{he} believe to
be good and sufficient argumentation. ¶ The burden of ~~their~~^{his} ~~presenta-~~
~~tion~~^{the} has been to produce pertinent facts and then compare and
contrast these data with particular central claims of the documentary
hypothesis. Certainly, such a "negative" task ~~is necessary; if~~^{advisable}
~~not absolutely annihilate a position, at least to suggest possible~~
~~areas of improvement.~~ ~~Since~~^{since} there are many possible solutions to
the Old Testament problem of the structure and formation of the
historical books (particularly the Pentateuch), it cannot be
assumed that the final answer has already been arrived at (albeit
much effort has already been put to the task). ~~However, in this~~^{The conclusion}