

While we know that there doubtless were various literary sources from which the ideas came, we do not feel that we are competent to make any such division. No one thinks of attempting this approach for various ancient works any more, it is ~~only~~ only in relation to the O.T. that it is very widely maintained. The reason that this is done is because of its union with another fundamental approach which came later on. However, before we look at that aspect we will note a little further the developments of this divisive approach during the period between 1800 and 1870. Eichhorn believed that he could divide the Pentateuch into four ~~distinct~~ distinct documents, into three, into two main documents, which had originally existed as separate documents and then had been combined into one. As proof that these had originally existed as separate documents, he advanced four main types of arguments, the first of these is the argument from divine names. The second the argument that when you separate these two, each of them makes a continuous and complete narrative, and there is no need of the material in the other one. The third argument is the claim that there are parallel passages in each of ~~them~~ ~~them~~ them, that often you find the same story told twice, and that there are differences between them which show that actually there are different traditions of the same thing which the ignorant man who combined them into one book didn't realize to be separate and put together, being anxious to maintain all of his early material.

After Eichhorn came a period known as the period of the fragmentary hypothesis, when many scholars divided the Pentateuch up into a great many small fragments which they saw had in some come together to produce the one great masterpiece ~~we~~ we have today. This view soon came to be widely attacked and eventually fell of its own weight. It was impossible, we did not know of any great series of writers who wrote such fragments, and that such fragments should have come together to produce the great unified structure that we have today is about as unlikely as that a lot of separate bricks and stones would have, dropped out of an airplane, would have assembled themselves