It so happened that the Prologue he had written almost at one sitting and kept sub-stantially unchanged. There is no evidence whatever from any other source of the separate existence of such documents as p, j, or e, The fa documents which were alleged to have existed separately in the Pentateuch, and from which the Pentateuch was formed. The very idea that such documents existed rests solely upon an inference from the study of the Pentateuch as we have it today. It is an instance of building a great theory upon very slender bases.

It is safe to say that this whole method would have been given up long ago was related to the study of the Pentateuch, were it not for another development which combined with it, which crystallized it and made it last for a long time. This other movement I will refer to as the developmental approach, it is that which came to a head in the work of Wellhausen, about 1870. This second approach is what you might call the developmental approach. It rests back partly upon theories of historical development, upon Hegalian theories, partly upon philosophical theories. Its fundamental assumption however is that the religious ideas of the O.T. are in no sense true, they are ideas which developed gradually. Here is a book which teaches monotheism. It teaches that there was one God and that He did certain things in re-lation to a people whom he called out to be his own people. Now if this is not true, if there never was a God such as described in the Bible and who never did such things as described there, how did such ideas come into existence? And so, the attempt was made to show how such theories could have been developed. Naturally, if a theory, if you can explain how a thing came into existence, you go a long way toward proving that it is not a fact, that it did not exist earlier in that form.   According to this theory which was developed by Goff, Koenen and Wellhausen, there were certain very primitive books which had a very early, a very rough and early idea of God, and then certain opposing views were developed and books were written from opposite