

viewpoints and eventually the material was assimilated together and, as a result of a historic process, there developed in the 8th century the idea of monotheism was developed by the great 8th century prophet, and we find the prophets in operation in the course of the development of the Pentateuch. The view, according to the view, the O.T. consists of certain documents written quite early, say 1000 B.C. or so, giving comparatively crude and primitive ideas, no real monotheism contained in them, a God presented who is quite anthropomorphic in many ways. You have a slightly higher idea of God in the e document that comes a little later, in the d document still later, which is the book of Deuteronomy and a few other sections, you have a somewhat higher idea and than in the p document you get a very thinned out ethereal idea of one God who merely speaks, does not talk with people, does not use his arm or his hand, or exert force, but merely speaks and it is done, as shown in Genesis 1.

The view seemed to take quite a number of the various theories and ideas of the old source criticisms and combine them together into one beautiful correlated theory. It was indeed a masterly work, it was a beautiful theory. It fit many facts together, many different pieces of information were all fitted together into a great and beautifully imposing structure. It was so well done that when Wellhausen took the ideas of Goff and Kunen and with slight changes, put them out in his beautiful style, it swept the scholarly world. And established a consensus of criticism which continued for about 40 years. It was one of the great arguments in favor of the theory, that all scholars agreed that it was true. What had previously been thought to be the earliest document was actually the latest. What had previously been thought to be a part of this latest document was actually the second earliest. But the progress of ideas could be shown in such a way as to go from the earliest to the latest.

Now the one great difficulty was this; that there was actually no evidence of the progress of ideas. We have noticed that the type of material in the j and e documents