

do so because of confidence in the men by whom it is advanced, rather than on the basis of any thorough investigation. The interests of Truth demand that the facts be examined objectively and without prejudice. When this is done it becomes apparent that the theory lacks both factual evidence and sound logical basis.

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### **HIGHER CRITICISM – THE J.E.D.P. THEORY**

You quote Anderson as calling the JEDP theory a "hypothesis based on 200 years of intensive study." Such a statement is a gross oversimplification, and is actually quite remote from the true situation. Until nearly the end of the last century most critical scholars held views utterly at variance with the present view. One view after another was presented and discarded during a period of 75 years. Then a modification of one of these theories was so combined with the theory of evolution as to result in the formation of the present hypothesis, which was soon adopted by most of the younger liberal scholars, and has continued to be held by most critical scholars since that time.

It is interesting that you quote Anderson as admitting that "skillful editing was done." Actually here is one of the great contradictions in the critical theory. As a rule they insist that there are such contradictions between the alleged documents as to make one wonder how an editor with any sense could possibly have put them together. Yet when their theory runs into difficulties they assert that in certain passages the alleged sources have been so carefully woven together that it is really impossible to disentangle them. If the theory were valid, it should take one consistent position and carry it through.