

*and the Bible*, has written an article in which he says that archaeology has proven the once separate existence of the great documents JE, D, and P. I wrote him a letter in which I said, “Dr. Barton, I was much interested in your statement. I wonder if you would mind telling me what the proof is?” He answered, “The proof is that we have not found archaeological evidence for the existence of the great institutions of the P document.” Well, what does he mean by that? What are they? What are the great institutions which we do not find? We have not found the high priest’s robe. We have not found the breastplate of the high priest. We have not found the altar of incense. We have not found the things that were in the temple. These were carried off to Babylon. Later they were brought back and then they were carried off by the Romans. That is proof?

He made a statement showing a strong prejudice. The evidence he gave was not any evidence at all, but merely a dogmatic statement. Thus, to conclude, the critics say that Deuteronomy was written for the purpose of enforcing worship at one place.

3) *A Pious fraud*. Here there is a great difficulty – a difficulty which Orr handles very nicely in his book. The early critics held this view, and it is very clearly given in *Hastings Dictionary of the Bible*. It says there that the majority of the critics believe that this book of the law was the result of a pious fraud perpetuated by the priest with the intention of deceiving Josiah into the belief that the reforms they desired were expressly commanded by God.

That is the theory as the criticism presented it a hundred years ago. Then the majority of the critics believed this book of the law to have been the result of *a pious fraud* to make the king believe that the reforms they desired were the express command of God as revealed to Moses. That is what Wellhausen believed. It is the situation in the founding of the Wellhausen theory, that Deuteronomy was written by the priests in Jerusalem who were anxious to get all the sacrifice centered there so they would get all the income, and that therefore they wrote this book pretending that Moses had commanded sacrifice to be only in one place and then hid the book in the temple and pretended to find it and brought it out. When Josiah saw it he tore his