

might not have bothered to mention. Their viewpoints would have been very different and to corroborate each statement of ~~xxx~~ either one would be utterly impossible. The result if you found that the two of them agreed in the general big structure of attitude and statements and that in many individual instances you had a remarkable fitting together even though there were many things told in one and not told in the other and many points at which there was a very different attitude taken, it would be considered a far better corroboration than as if they word for word followed each other. That, of course, is to think about the corroboration we have in the Old Testament. It ~~xxxx~~ comes gradually from a different viewpoint and outlook. People who were hostile to that which was desired by the writers of the Bible. Therefore, the viewpoint being so different you cannot expect to find that in ~~xxx~~ every little point one corroborates the other but its testimony is all the better for that, that there is no desire to corroborate but in fact to make an entirely different viewpoint, but you do find the two ~~xxxxxxx~~ fitting together at those points where they can be tested. So this is a great difficulty with special corroboration but ~~wnw~~ which eventually adds to rather than detracts from the value of the evidence of that type which we have. Then, ~~fx~~ of course, there is the fact that the material that is written in Egypt or in Mesopotamia is in a different language from the Biblical material. We have the problem of knowing exactly what the Hebrew of the Old Testament means and also the problem of knowing exactly what those languages mean. When you come to fit them together and to understand exactly what they mean and to see how they fit together there are tremendous problems ~~xxxx~~ involved. These eventually only contribute all the more to the importance and ~~xxxx~~ value of the evidence. So special corroboration is not just a simple thing--here is a statement and here is the corroboration of it. It is an involved study which has a great ~~comp~~ complexity and yet one from which many results are secured with a tremendous value for our Biblical apologetics.