

that appeared in the "Current History" magazine in 1938. It was an article taken which was ~~reprinted~~ by that magazine from ~~its~~ ^{its} first appearance in an English magazine written by the English journalist, H. G. Wells. In this article H. G. Wells gave a talk which he had given before a British educational meeting. In this talk he had ~~deplored~~ deplored the fact that in British education so much time is spent discussing the history and culture of ancient Palestine. Wells said that he considered that the British children would be far better off if they spent their time learning English history instead of the history of ancient Palestine. Then he became very excited over his theme and spoke in very strong language. He said, "As a matter of fact nothing of any importance ever happened in that little country of Palestine." That, of course, is a tremendously strong statement. And H. G. Wells simply as a student of civilization, author of an outline of history, should have known far better than to make a sweeping statement like that. Because if one has no belief in Christianity whatever or no interest in it, if one is a student of civilization, one would recognize certainly that monotheistic religion has been a great force in the history of the world. Therefore, ~~xxxx~~ something very important did happen where it started whether you believe in it or not. Certainly the Jewish religion has been a great force in the history of the world. Most of the events connected with ~~the~~ ^{its} early days were in Palestine and from there it spread out. Certainly ~~a~~ ^{the} Christian ~~xxxx~~ religion has been a great force in the history of the world whether you agree with it or not, and it began in Palestine and spread out from there. Certainly the Mohammadan religion has been a great force in the history of the world and is tremendously important today in many countries, and effects every phase of life in those countries, and it is based upon the Jewish and Christian religions on account of what happened in Palestine and is an off shoot from events which began in that country. So these ~~great~~ three great monotheistic religions have been a force which whether one thinks there is any