

No one can say then that alphabetic writing is not one of the great forces in civilization. With all the many systems of alphabetic writing that we have there is very strong evidence to point to the fact that all of these systems receive their origin from Palestine. The earliest alphabetic writings which we have was found in the Sinaitic Peninsula just south of Palestine. It can be read only at a very limited extent, but it is similar to writing found in

Palestine at probably a shortly later date which can be read. From it ~~xxxxx~~ developed the system of writing found in ancient Palestine and the modern Hebrew system which developed about the time of the exile from the ancient system and from this writing developed the Arabic system and certain systems in India. From it developed the Greek writing from which developed our writing, and there are certain alphabetic systems which are not directly related in type from to these but in every one of them they are clearly made by someone who was ~~xxx~~ familiar with one of these others and took the idea from them and simply built a new system using the idea of the type of alphabetic writing which had its source and starting point which had originated ~~xxxx~~ here in southern Palestine, spread up through Palestine, and from there spread east, west, and north. There is one of the great forces in civilization--alphabetic writing, starting every alphabetic writing that is known either coming by direct descent from the system which began and spread out from Palestine or was ~~originally~~ ~~originally~~ originated artificially by someone who knew one of those systems and figured the idea from it. So certainly here are two tremendously important things that began in Palestine, that happened in Palestine, and Wells statement is then on ~~unofficial~~ ~~unofficial~~ unofficial, rather absurd. B

But Wells went on in his article and he said, "There was never a time of great glory in Palestine or outstanding power except for a very brief interval in the time of Solomon. That has been tremendously exaggerated." He said, "As a matter of fact, the glory of Solomon did not amount to anything. He was a petty