

between rather than just a small corner of one. Well, in these trenches which they dug, the method was so unsatisfactory that in the recent excavations which they made at Megiddo in their drawings all they can do with these trenches is to just leave a space on the ground because you cannot tell just what was there from the writings of the excavators except to a very limited extent. The material is actually gone. As long as there was no excavation, the material stayed in the earth and will stay indefinitely. Once you take it up it is gone and whatever has been learned by the excavators is learned and beyond that it is gone.

I remember walking across this ~~hill~~ hill of Megiddo the day before they were to begin excavation again ~~in the~~ for another season in the spring of 1929. The day before they began there was nothing happening on the mound. The man in charge of the excavation was Dr. Guy had sufficient time on his hands and in a very leisurely fashion showed us everything that was then visible ~~in this~~ ~~strange~~ and explained what was clear from it and what ~~their~~ their theories were as to the meaning of ~~its~~ different things. We came to ~~take~~ one of those trenches and we looked down into it. It had just rained recently and it had washed away the little ~~its~~ dust and dirt that had accumulated on the side of it, and as you looked down you could see the foundations of fifteen different cities, one above the other which had been built there at that Mount Megiddo. Some others ~~had~~ have been discovered since, but that number could be seen there on the side of that trench. Now the ~~trench~~ trench method would have a great value for getting an approximate idea of the number of ~~its~~ civilizations. You can see the foundations very clearly one right above the other. For that point the trench method is very good, but when it comes to learning about each of those, it is not a very useful method. The city was deserted some time ~~before~~ before the time of Christ. Malarial conditions seemed to have approached and to have made it not a very healthy place for people to live and it was deserted centuries before the time of Christ except for a small Roman encampment on the top of the mount and has been deserted since until very recent times ~~its~~ when the excavation had been made there. ~~Now~~ Now in these excavations which the Germans made