

clearly contradict each other. You have different ideas which God has presented, which contradict each other. You have no idea whether there was one altar or two, or whether everybody could sacrifice or only the Levites--you have these ideas presented in such a hodge-podge that it doesn't make sense as it stands. That is the critic's viewpoint.

97 -- They say that you have a perfect evolution and development from one doctrine to another as you see the idea or various religious institutions developing from one state to another. We are now asking the question--is the evidence which they present of contradictory ideas, actually there in the Scripture? Do Deut. and Num. contradict one another as they say they do. At first sight, perhaps yes, though I doubt if they would. Let us say that a man has heard their view, then at first sight it would--whether a man who had never heard their view, I don't think at first sight he would say that it was contradictory--many have given a great amount of study, but as the critical theory developed in this way. This idea was developed and united with the documentary theory of Graf-Wellhausen and now the claim is that Numbers and Deut. and Lev. sharply contradict each other and actually it is inconceivable that one person should write all these books. Here there is something strictly forbidden in the book of Num. would be freely granted in the book of Deut., or that that the rites that had freely given granted according to Deut., at the 3rd stage of the journey just a little later should be strictly forbidden. But we have examined some of these claims which they made, and to see whether they are reading into the passage somewhat to get their contradiction and you will find apparent contradictions in all of them either as the Bible stands or in the way the critics rearrange it, but the question is there clear evidence as it stands, something that comes more understandable as the critics say, or are there less contradictions as the Bible stands. There are men like Driver, very devout and then opposite men like Wellhausen who took the view of simply an ancient document and of little value for