

not had publicity before that time. They said that everywhere you went in Germany a few months after that the barbers were discussing it, the taxi drivers were discussing it. There was a postcard for sale showing a dog looking at the moon and saying, Is Delitzsch right? It aroused tremendous interest and it was translated into English, Babylon and the Bible.

It is a viewpoint that is sometimes called the comparative religion or the history of religion approach. The viewpoint that makes everything in the Bible be derived from some previous heathen religion! It is true the Bible uses words that were used by other people. In Biblical times they used -- their clothing, the type of their houses, the style of their writing was similar to what had been used by others.

So there is a tremendous lot in the Bible that is derived from other sources. But when you compare the central teachings of the Bible you do not find in it any of these other nations. Prof. Wright of Harvard U. wrote a book recently called the Old Testament against Its Environment -- bringing out how the OT sharply opposes the spiritual attitudes, moral teachings, and ethical viewpoint of the heathen of the time rather than being simply derived from them. Many scholars are coming to recognize that more and more today.

Nevertheless this line of attack on Scripture remains a very real force to this day in relation to both the OT and the NT. We found the latest expression of it in connection with the Dead Sea Scrolls. There was discovered about 20 yrs. ago in Mesopotamia -- in Palestine rather, some very ancient scrolls which gave us copies of ~~scribes of the OT~~ parts of the OT hundreds of years earlier than any that we had had before.

Of course we were tremendously excited to study these far earlier copies and see how almost exactly they agreed with copies 800 years later that had been preserved. It was a great thrill to us to find these DSS.

But then a French scholar began to say, Look at the other scrolls with the DSS. They tell about the views of these Jewish ascetics there in the wilderness and you find NT ideas in them --- this is the source from which the NT ideas came! Prof. Allegro in England, about 5 years ago, TIME reported that Prof. Allegro reported over the radio that the DSS show that the head of this sect was believed to have died and to have been raised from the dead and to be coming again, and that's the origin of Christian ideas. TIME said that leading scholars in England of the DSS immediately went to Prof. Allegro and asked him to show them these thrilling old Dead Sea documents that he had found, and he hadn't found any new ones! He ~~was~~ was just going by the same records they all had seen, but he was interpreting them this way.

Most scholars regardless of viewpoint recognize that no such thing is taught in these scrolls. It is by twisting some of the words. Edmond Wilson had an article in the NEW YORKER which was later printed as a book on the DSS and has been translated into