

(?) and so ~~there~~ there I think we can say this - that it was applied in the last century to practically all literature that was studied, in the last century. But there is a little group of people who were interested in deciphering ancient texts that were just ~~discovered~~ discovered in newly-deciphered languages. And this little ~~f~~ group was interested in figuring out what these texts mean, and was not working in the larger field of literature. And if this little group had been doing that a century ago they probably ~~ø~~ would have been so influenced by that trend that they would immediately have ~~said~~ set to work to do that. But they came along after that trend had reached its peak and was in the ~~decl~~ decline. And consequently it just didn't occur to them to do it. Just as it does not occur to many people today, even to specialized OT° scholars; it occurs to very few of them today to devote themselves to trying to decide which/~~part~~ ^{parts} of a certain chapter are P, and which are J, which are E, or trying to prove that they should be divided a little differently than others have. And if you take a book like Dr. ~~§~~ Speiser's book on Gen°; and he adopts the Well° theory right straight through it. And occasionally he points out how wrong it is on some particular point (2nd) - something they said was E he says/^{is} definitely J; something they said was P he says can't be P. But he assumes the whole theory in so doing. He criticizes it only in specific points, and they are ~~f~~ very few compared to his book as a whole. His book has no four-document theory. It is the standard three-document Well° theory - ~~it~~ ^{he} just follows it. I think it's very unfortunate he did. But I don't think he did any first-hand work in it. He simply ~~took~~ took what the different ones said, and then, occasionally, where they had differences/^{in view}, followed one or the other, and once in a while - (?) went his own ~~fixated~~ way. But on all the main things he just followed - (?) . And that 's all.