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us evidence as to whether the higher critical approach with its human interpretation of the Bible, its theoretical understanding of it according to an evolutionary principle of development is true or whether the Bible is true as it stands? One time I was in the mountains of California and I ran onto a man there, a very interesting fellow, and I was rather tired after a long day's walk and sat down and had quite a chat with him. As we chatted over various things - some people would have thought him rather gregarious - but I hadn't seen anybody for several days and it was rather nice to listen to anybody and he really was nice. But in the course of his discussion he mentioned this. He said, "I was brought up believing the Bible was true and I've always ~~XXXX~~ attended church where we believed (9.75) But sometimes it seems sort of like a fairy story. These things that happened back there. These events are so different from anything today. The whole background is so different. Sometimes you just kind of can't help wondering if it's just a fairy story or myth rather than actual fact. " "What mean these stones?" If you can touch something that has an actual contact with a myth reported in the Bible, maybe it gives you a sort of a feeling of reality and helps you to get away from this feeling ^{you} ~~XXXX~~ so easily could get - that something way across the seas with a different type of civilization - it's sort of a stone to give it moral value instead of an actual fact of something that really happened. That happened to me about 25 years ago before Faith Seminary was started, which gave me a vivid realization - this feeling of touching something and saying, "This is real." I was then teaching in a seminary which was down near the heart of Philadelphia and I was taking some graduate work at the University of Pennsylvania. And one day as I was on my way back from having been at the University just to use the library, not to attend a class. I'd done two or three things that day quite unusual for me that didn't fit into my normal schedule and system - things that just came up once every year or two - but I was on my way to go out to a place in Germantown to a Thanksgiving Dinner three ahead of (11.25). They were having this dinner that evening and I was invited out there for it and I wanted to be sure to catch the train at 30th Street. And I came from the University Library to that corner there where there are five streets come in. And I was in a hurry to get down to 30th Street and I came to the corner and