

Chapel - 4/29/58 - Dr. MacRae

icism is so stressed, He has given us this archaeology as a means of strength

(3.5) and as a means of showing the untruth of these criticisms of the Bible.

But you know I think it is important if we use these evidences that we use them accurately. I think it's important that we give them specifically. I was visiting a Sunday School class not long ago where a very learned man was speaking, a man who was a Ph.D. ~~XXXX~~ in one of the physical sciences. And he gave a very helpful lesson but in the course of his lesson he gave some material about archaeology in relation to Egypt and he spoke of the Hittites as doing this and that and as he spoke of the Hittites I was puzzled. I couldn't quite figure what he was referring to. I couldn't think of any time that the Hittites had done the things that he was saying they did. And then I realized he was referring to the Hicksaws, not the Hittites. And the Hicksaws and the Hittites are completely different, absolutely unrelated. But of course someone not a specialist in the field can easily make that mistake. The average person who listens knows nothing about it but if there happens to be somebody there who's done a little study in the field, it can easily have the exact opposite effect of that which you are intending to have. In the book MODERN SCIENCE AND CHRISTIAN FAITH I have just a brief article of 30 pages but in that article I tacked(attached) a great many evidences and illustrations of archaeological confirmation of specific matters in the Word of God. Dr. Free of Wheaton College has a longer book on archaeology and Biblical history in which he has taken up a good many cases and discussed them more fully. If in a sermon or in a talk you are going to give an evidence from archaeology, take it from one of these books or from some other equally reliable source and get your statement accurate. Otherwise you might just as well make up the story. Say, "We know this is true" and then you can just make up a few things. If you give something in this field and you don't give it accurately to the person who knows nothing you might ~~XXXX~~ as well just talk and not bother to get any authoritative information. To the person who knows something about it you convince them that you are just talking hot air. What you're giving may be good but if you don't have details it may easily have the opposite effect of what you intend. Get the material accurately if you're going to deal with this field. There is a course of study of archaeology - it's a