

So I think it is important we know something about the factual material bearing on the question, Is the Mosaic or is it a Mosaic? As you look at Anderson's book and most other books (of this type) you will find that today their argument is based upon authority: all scholars believe this. This is accepted by all who know anything about it."

If you will turn to the Encyclopedia Britannica (at least the edition) and look up the word "ether" you will find that==the statement that practically all scientists in the 19th century believed that ether was a substance -- an invisible substance that fills all space -- and through which micro waves, radio waves, etc. pass. But hardly any scientist in the 20th century believes in the existence of any such "ether"; and if a scientific friend of mine said that if there is a scientist today who believes such a thing as this kind of "ether" he is keeping mighty quiet about it. All scholars believed in ether in the last century. No scholars believe it today. That is not the way to prove a fact by counting noses. The way to prove it is to see what is the evidence.

a statement was made by one of the professors, he said, The researches of the last 60 years have established the fact of the J,E,D,P document. There is not a single bit of evidence that has been unearthed in the last 60 years that adds to the evidence in favor of these documents, but there are many ~~xxxxx~~ things that have been discussed in the last 60 yrs. that point definitely in the opposite direction. Anderson doesn't say that way, he said == says it is the result of the researches of the last 200 years! But the fact is that while there were scholars in Germany and other countries at c. 1800 who decided that the Pentateuch was a Mosaic, the theory that these scholars held changed and changed and changed in one way and ~~xxx~~ and another up until 1878, and then in 1878 Prof. Julius Wellhausen, the possessor of an ~~xxxxx~~ unusually effective German style, took one particular theory that fit in with a particular philosophic viewpoint of the day, and fit in with the theory of evolution and wrote it up in a very cogent German style, and that theory which rested on the idea of four or five scholars of the previous 20 yrs. and was utterly at variance with all that was held before that time, so much so that some people called it a "Capernican revolution" in the doctrine of Wellhausen's theory. That theory as taught in 1878 is contained almost exactly in Anderson's book and ~~ixfixxxx~~ in 15 or 20 other books published in the last 20 yrs. in the English speaking world. I mean of scholarly works. There is a great amount of S.S. literature, and Know Your Bible Series, and other things of that type, which also contain it.

It is almost identical in its main features with the theory of Wellhausen presented in 1878. It is not something new; it is something that is rather ~~odd~~. Now there is an important fact about this theory that I think is very useful for us to know something about. That is the fact that though these scholars say that the difference between the style of J and P, for instance, is so great, that even a superficial reader can see the difference in the style, I have ~~x~~ taken c. 15 books in English like this book of Anderson's, published in the last 20 yrs., though some of them are reprints of books published earlier, and have taken the verses they say are in the J document and the verses they say are in the P document, etc, and