

10 yrs., like A PATHWAY THROUGH GENESIS, HOW TO UNDERSTAND THE PENTATEUCH, THE BIBLE FOR THE INTERESTED AMERICAN READER (or something like that). books introducing people to the Bible -- some of them written by Protestants, some by RC's, some by Jews.. Everyone ~~of~~ that I looked I found presented the beliefs of the HC as established fact which it is necessary to know something about -- according to these books, in order to truly understand Genesis, or in order to truly understand the Bible. And so the HC today is something that very few people know anything about, but that most people are greatly affected by directly or indirectly. And just about every college that is nominally Christian, that was founded as much as 30 yrs. ago. just about every one has courses, many of them required, in which the HC teachings are given as established fact. And in the last 15 to 20 yrs. most of the secular colleges have been introducing courses in humanities or courses in religion. I went to Lehigh University to speak to a student group not long ago and found that there the students are all required to take courses in humanity-- just a little of it. It's an engineering college primarily, but they thought their students should also know something about the humanities and the course which the particular man I talked with was taking was devoted almost entirely to show the "true" way to understand the Bible, which was the application of the HC to it.

And so the HC is a very important factor today in American life. I believe it has done more than almost else to tear down faith in the Bible and to leave(lead) people to lose interest in it. So it is very important that we know something of the main facts about it. That's No. 1 -- The Importance of the HC.

2. Nu. 13 - 14 at first sight is an excellent of the HC. Here in Num. 13 - 14 we have this story of the sending out of the spies; of their coming back and giving their report, and of the attitude of the people then, and the Lord's rebuke of the people and the results that came from it. Now the HC unanimously believe that Num. is made up almost entirely of 3 main ~~strands~~ strands going together. The largest of these is the P document -- the Priestly story. The P document, the latest written of the documents. And in the P story you have the most of the laws, and most lists, genealogies and so forth, and you have a complete story of the sending of the spies and their coming back and the divine