

Feb. 10, 1968.'

Dear Carl:

I have prepared a brief statement about the Pentateuch, with very great care, so as to state the precise facts very exactly. Such negative statements as it includes rest upon a very great amount of research and are so stated that I believe they can stand against any attack. The more involved aspects of the matter have not been included here, for I have tried at this time to prepare a declaration that could be understood by most Christians, and that could not be reasonably overturned.

Allan.

The Facts about J, E, and P

During the past two thousand years many a theory that was not founded on fact has gained wide acceptance, but has then been shown to be without foundation, and has completely disappeared. One instance of a theory that is being widely publicized today, even though it lacks any factual support, is the claim that the first four books of the Bible, instead of being originally written as units in substantially the form in which we have them today, came into existence through a process of interweaving and combining sources that had previously circulated separately.

According to this theory, three different documents, giving more or less parallel accounts, but written several centuries apart, were interlaced and intertwined, taking sometimes a section of one document, then a section of another document, then a little more of the first document, then a verse or two from the second, then perhaps a few verses from a third document, then more of the first or second, and thus producing a patchwork product, the first