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p. 180 (cont'd) criticism did not always yield the desired results, the last decades have witnessed a noticeable lessening of interest in this area. The Pentateuch is a case in point. The great battles of the past over its sources have all but stopped. Even the attempt made by Volz and Rudolph⁸ to disprove the separate and independent existence of the E document has not been able to bring about a general abandonment of the now almost traditional theories attached to Wehrhhausen's name. Perhaps this is caused in some measure by a kind of spiritual lethargy, which resists the reopening of these old issues; but in part it is also due to a generally felt confidence in the main results of the literary work done in the past.

Footnote 8 P. Volz and W. Rudolph, "Der Elohist als Erzähler: Ein Irrweg der Pentateuchkritik?" Zeitschrift für die alttestamentliche Wissenschaft, Beih. 63 (Giessen, 1933); W. Rudolph, "Der 'Elohist' von Exodus bis Josua," Zeitschrift für die alttestamentliche Wissenschaft, Beih. 68 (Berlin, 1938)