

Redactor

"The conjecture that inconsistencies in the text arose when several traditions were worked into one is not really satisfying, for the 'inconsistency' would also have been noticed by the redactor." G. Von Rad, Genesis, p. 153

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Much editing

Snaith, Numbers (Peake's, 258(220d)

" . . . probably the 'God' of the original E- Tradition has been harmonized with the J-tradition. The whole section shows much editing . . . "

No editing

F. V. Winnett, "Re-examining the Foundations" JBL, March, 1965, p. 6

Samuel Sandmel . . . pointed out the disinclination of the redactors to alter or expunge the received text; they resorted instead to the "process of neutralizing by addition." So in this case E left the J stories unaltered but neutralized them by composing similar episodes in a new setting, and in these Abraham's behaviour is above reproach.

See 5.2-33<sup>6</sup> Bewer, LOT, 87  
But for all this he treated the stories both of J and of E with much reverence and left them pretty much as they had been handed down. . . If he had radically revised the stories in the interest of his own higher religious conceptions, many valuable and interesting survivals of earlier stages of religious development would have been altogether lost to us.