

reason for this lies not only in the notorious incompleteness of our knowledge of the factors of historical development, by which we will always be misled to ~~present~~ in place of the unknown a construction according to an analogous model or by us thought to be analogous to self-controlled circumstances (?), and these, then, unnoticed to confuse with proven facts. This lack could indeed also be used as an incitement to untiring further endeavors to ~~the~~ high purpose and in any case should not lead to discouragement full of resignation and to its borders of known scientific work.^(?)

215⁵ Our question is based much more upon the observation that we, by the study of the variations, which take place in a historical phenomenon, ^{are} still not equipped for an actual understanding of this phenomenon, and that is what matters for the author of our book.

Behind the external and internal variations hides everywhere an impressed totality of specific substance and decided laws of life, that may not be exchanged with its existing phenomena in perpetual flux; rather one will only understand these phenomena, if one comprehends the entirety of being, whose expressions of life are informative (?). Wherefore for the understanding of a spiritual power it is important that one recognizes its inner structural (developmental) laws and strengths of being, from which it always receives and makes its way renewed in every change of time.^(epoch)

215⁹ However, that is to say for the world of faith of the Bible that one may not bypass, in its clarification, the central witness of a special relationship of God to his Volk, which has procured for it the acceptable expression in the words covenant and election.