

with the Hebrew religion, not accpeting it, but taking things over from it, and ideas from it, and including it, to say that the idea of Satan was taken from Zoroastrianism, or the idea of a future life, or the idea of a divine revelation, is purely imaginarey. You can't say it couldn't have been, ~~because~~ but there's absolutely no evidence it was because we know nothing practically of what Zoroastrianism was like at that time. All our evidence comes from after 1250 a.d., and according to their own statement, the old evidence was destroyed at 300 b.c., a few fragments gathered to it at 250 a.d., and then the mohamedans conquered Perisa, and the people who hold Zoroastrianism today are over in Indaa, and what we've gotten comes from them in Indaa, in this old, archaic language. What he says in here that the Zoroastrian religion is the very first that has the idea of revealed religion. He says you don't find anyhting like this in Mesopotamia. The Egyptians had no Bible or any other word of God, neither did the Mesopotamian nations. Well, was it the idea of revealed religion that began with the Zoroastrians. It simply not true, because the greatest monument of ancient Babylonia is the Code of Hammurabê, discovered in 1901 in ....2½....and that code of Hammurabi, is on a big monument which has a pãcture of king Hammurabi receiving his laws from the sun god. Divine/ revelation, the sun god, giving him the law. The idea is right there in Mesopotamia. It is right in Egypt. They didn't have a Bible, but they had the idea of divine revelation, and we have that idea in Moses in the O. T., that idea carried right through, and what we have of Zoroastrianism is only known to us from this very late time, and could much more easily have been taken over from the Hebrews, than the Hebrew had been taken over from it. So you see, how, it is unfortunate, that a book like this, with so much good material on the history of civilization, with so many facts, there should be so much of imaginary material constructing an evolution of Hebrew religion out of statements from the Bible taken in a sense which they don't mean in context at all, and otherwise, absolutely no evidence, and imaginãng stuff taken over from Zoroaster of which we have absolutely no evdience at all that such a thing was doen. It just is unfortunate. Now, I had a friend who used to teach in the University of Pennsylvania in the Medical School. He taught in the medical college, and also in the graduate school, and he told me one day, he said, you know it is most interesting the difference. You