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I told Dr. McIntire that if he's going to have a service tomorrow at 5:30 he'd better go home and get some sleep. I figured that with many wanting to go to the services tomorrow we would not have very many here and also those who did come would be really deeply interested, and therefore would like to go a little deeper tonight than usual. Perhaps get a little more technical . . . We won't have to try to inspire you tonight because Dr. McIntire will do that so much tomorrow. So tonight we will simply try to give information.

A century and a half ago, Sir Walter Scott was known as the wizard of the north. His novels were read all over Great Britain and had a tremendous influence on the literature of nearly every country on the continent of Europe.

When Sir Walter Scott was on his death-bed and his son-in-law, J.P. Lockhart was there with him, and Scott said, Read to me from the book. Lockhart wondered which of his famous novels he was referring to! He said, Which book? Scott said, There is only One Book, the Bible. That has been the confession of the professing Christian world until fairly recently. There is One Book the Bible.

Infidels attacked it, denied it, but the Christian world declared, This Book is true; this is God's Word, dependable and free from error. Then during this last century and a half there has spread like a across our Protestant world teaching of the higher criticism.

Today the Bible is questioned on every hand and people deny that it is dependable at all. I have here a little book by Roy L. Smith -- the Know Your Bible Series, The First Jewish Bible. These books are known in about every religious book store in the country. They've been widely distributed.

Here's what he says about the early part of Genesis. "Did J Create His Material?" (p.30). All the S.S. literature in the big denominations today talks about J, E, D, and P. But there is no evidence of any such writer at any such time of any such book. It is purely a modern reconstruction -- the idea that there were such writers.

Here is what he says about J. When the Hebrews came out of Egypt they were fresh from slavery and when they entered Canaan, they were only one Generation removed. In Palestine they found themselves surrounded by a culture reaching far back into the century, part of which was a well-developed theology. It was perfectly natural then that the Hebrews knowing practically nothing about the idea of God should absorb much of the Canaanite thought. Their religion became mixed with the pagan ideas, and pagan tales were told around their camp-fires. This will explain the presence of Canaanite material in J. Like any other author he drew upon his background when he wrote and may have found it difficult to identify original material and borrowed material.