

Tues. eve. #2

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But, now, a century ago there were men who went to this book in a different way. And they said, "We don't believe there can be such a ~~thing~~ thing, as a God who speaks, a God who says things; a God who does things." Where then did this Book come from? How did this Book come to teach such things? So they said, "We'll have to make up a theory, to account for it." And so they began making different sorts of theories, and these theories were held by a few scholars, and a few of their students - not any great number of them. But there were a sizable number of these theories, taught by different scholars who rejected the idea of a God who does things. And then at about 1860 to ~~about~~ 1870 two or three of these scholars worked out a system of explaining how the Bible came into existence as a purely human book a purely human product, and this system they worked ~~up~~ out was written up in beautiful, clear, cogent German by a noted German scholar, Professor Julius Wellhausen. And since that time it has been known as the Graf-Wellhausen Hypothesis. And Wellhausen published this in 1878; and the **older** scholars clung to their other methods of interpretation, but the younger critical scholars accepted his theory. And then as the older scholars died off, the newer scholars were taught this theory, and there were a few scholars in Germany, and soon a few in France, and a few in England and Scotland, and then a few in America, who held this theory, but they'd gone on teaching it to others, and teaching it to others, and teaching it to others, and there have been more every decade ever since; until, within the last fifteen years there's been a perfect flood of books that has come out that presents this Wellhausen theory, as presented 80 years ago, ~~with hardly a change~~ with hardly a change. But today there are more people who accept ~~it~~ it than ever before in history. There's a book called, Understanding the Old Testament; I think it better ~~be~~ called, "Misunderstanding the Old Testament!" But this book is beautifully put up, a very beautiful production, and in the advertisements for it they claim that it has been accepted as a textbook in 1400 colleges. And this book, by Anderson, Understanding the Old Testament, presents the Graf-Wellhausen theory of the **Old Testament, - and, - that - is, - of - the** Pentateuch, and ~~presents~~ similar theories of the