

individual sounds (~~not~~ unclear word here) It is among the earliest alphabetic writing that has ever been found. But it is not the earliest alphabetic writing. We know that, because it is an artificial system, made by those who were familiar with the earliest alphabetic system that ever was made, that originated by accident a little before that, in the Sinaitic peninsula, the system from which every alphabetic system of writing in the world has developed. This was an artificial system based on ~~that~~ that. But this Ugaritic literature completely disappeared.

Now, at about the same time, on the island of Crete, there was writing made, and this writing was on pieces of bits of pottery, and various things that have lasted, but up until the last 15 years nobody could read it. Excavations in Crete were made within this century, and there were found a good deal of writing and this writing in Crete was of two different ~~of~~ types, which were called Linear A and Linear B, simply because there was more A, it seemed to be earlier. The B seemed to be quite different. This writing on Crete, - and then on the mainland of Greece there was found, in southern Greece, at a place called ~~Mycenae~~ Mycenae, there was found at Mycenae, in excavations made early in this century, there was found some writing which was similar to the writing at Crete. And it ~~is~~ comes from about 1200 B.C., as the writing in Crete does. And it's only within the last 15 years that this writing has been deciphered, and found to be the same ~~writing~~ language as Greek, an early form of Greek. And this Linear B writing at ~~Crete~~ Crete, and at Mycenae, is not what you would call a literature. We have found no literature from either of these places; that is, none that we can read, at least, as yet. But it is listing of official - listing of accounts; it is the literature in connection with the direction ~~of~~ of a very involved bureaucratic system, and from it we have evidence that at about 1200 B.C., in Crete, and in Mycenae, and in a few other places on the Greek mainland, there were establishments which had a highly organized system with great numbers of people working according to a very ~~definite~~ definitely dictated system, each having his particular work to