

several hundred. So you see your problem is tremendously multiplied, when you figure all those extra signs. Then added to/fact that the <sup>that is the</sup> ~~first~~ <sup>first</sup> people in the land who took it over from the Sumerians are a people who today we call Accadian because their leading city was called Akkad. Some used to spell it Accad. But Akkad was one of cities of the Semitic people who overcame the Sumerians.

(Question: You would not call the Sumerians a Semetic people?)

They are about as different from Semetic people as anything could be. The Semetic people in the early days had long beards == I guess they did all through their history, certainly in Biblical times, but the Sumerians were always clean shaven and they shaved their heads too. They were completely bald. They are about as different as people, they are about as different in their outlook, in their temperment in their language, in every way you can think of, but they invented the system of writing. The Semetic people took it over. We have quite a bit of material written by the Sumerians. But it ~~fo~~ would not be 6% perhaps of all the material we have in cuneiform.

(Question: These Sumerians, ~~what~~ were they any relation to Ayrrians?)

The Sumerians we know only by their writings and by what's told about them here and the things they built. We have our Indo-European languages which were connected with the Ayrrians. We have the Ayrrians coming into Mesopotamia a quite a late period. I would not say it is impossible they have some connection, but they have ~~none~~ linguistically. I would say it is very unlikely they have any connection with the Ayrrians. They are people we know nothing about except for the writings they have left, and for the evidence of their practical abilities. They have no direct ~~relationship~~ <sup>to</sup> to the Bible except a few references in Genesis that might refer/~~to~~ them. I am not 100% sure. But they are of tremendous importance for this reason -- that they invented the system of writing. Of course the Chinese is based on it. Egyptian is based on it, but developed greatly