was used in Palestine, and from that- Palestine, it spread off to the east, and from it developed the Syriac and Arabic meh methods of writing. It spread off to **tox** west, over land to Greece, and the Greek writing was developed from it. And the system used in Russia today was developed from the Greek writing and then it spread overland **xx** from Greece to Atroria (?) and the Latin system of writing which we use in most of our western lands came from it. And so, every system of alphabetic writing of which there is any evidence anywehre anywhere is either directly derived from this or was an artidicial invention like the Morse code for instance, based upon previous knowledge of an **an** alphabetic system of writing which directly came from that system in Palestine. But tonight we are not so interested in general attacks upon the Bible as in his specific statement about Solomon. When I read that **k** statement just a few years ago, I immediately asked the question, Wellthe Bible speaks of Solomon's great glory. The Old Testament tells much of the great things he did. And the new-tes- T New Testament has these two passages I quotted to you tonight in which Jesus Christ speaks of the glory of Solomon as a tremenduous thing with which to compare the works of God, and He speaks of the wisdom of Solomon as so great **a** that He uses it for comparison of the Son of God. Is Solomon only a mythic, only a legend, only a petty king? If Jesus Christ is really God as He claimed to be, would He use a petty king, a myth, a legend as a comparison for His statement? And so I ask myself, What evidence do we have about Solomon aside from what's in the Bible. Well, there are certain Jewish stories invented in the Middle Ages, and certain Arabic stories which sprung up among the Mohammedans about Solomon who could be a great magical worker , who could take a carpet and sit on it with his hands and wavesxxx his hands and it would go flying

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