

walked across the hill of ~~nx~~ Megiddo in 1929 and the day before it had rained and washed away~~k~~ the dust from ~~su~~ some of these ~~tx~~ trenches and we looked down and saw the foundation of eighteen cities in one of them, one right above the other. Well, these German excavators decided, and decided correctly, that the fourth from the top was the city from the ~~to~~ of King Solomon, and in these remains they found some other ~~tere~~ interesting things. Now that method of excavation that trench method, which they used, is not used today, because it is a very ~~pp~~ poor method of excavation. And excavation and archaeology, like every other science, were ~~x~~ constantly improving our methods. And the ~~me~~ methods today are ~~waw~~ way superior to the ~~meht~~ methods used in 1906. But one great step forward is the abolition of the method of digging a trench across a ~~his~~ hill, ~~since this buried was~~

Suppose this place was buried and you dug a trench across and you got a little bit of the blackboard and you got a little bit of the ~~tabel~~ table and a little bit of the side of the ~~was~~ wall, it ~~woudl~~ would be pretty hard to ~~reach~~ reconstruct the situation from that. You need a larger area to excavate to really tell much about what is there. But in this trench these German excavators found a column, a very peculiar column; it was a square column, which stood about 7 feet high and this square ~~x~~ column ~~an~~ about a foot and a half on the side and about 7 feet high they thought was a ~~symble~~ ~~fox~~ symbol of some type of ancient religion. These were not men who ~~ma~~ believed in the accuracy of the Bible. They thought that the people of the time of Solomon were polytheists and that this was a symbol of some sort of ancient religion. You get any book on archaeology back ~~k~~ in 1930, you'll find many pictures of the various columns standing ~~in the~~ for the various polytheistic religions which were supposed to have been common in Palestine in early days. After about 1930 you don't find