

One of the most recent of the ~~xxxx~~ strong-defenders-of-the Outstanding Dable

3) protagonists of the W° theory, Professor Martin ~~Noth~~ Noth of the Univ. of Bonn, declares on p. 11 of his History of Israel: says about Moses: "It is absurd to speak of Moses as the ~~xxx~~ founder of a

religion or as the leader of a nation." Noth considers that Moses had ~~any~~ little connection with any of the important events described in the Pent.° He suggests, in fact, that the <sup>only</sup> way that the name of M° came into the Heb° tradition at all was because

~~through~~ a small group of Hebrews <sup>came</sup> ~~stumbled~~ upon his grave as they were on their way to the promised land. ~~Strangely~~ ~~he~~ derives this from the statement in Deut. 34:6 that he was buried in

Beth-peor." Noth ~~finds~~ <sup>thus builds his theory</sup> on the first half of the verse, despite the fact that its latter half reads: "but no day." as

~~Noth says that this means that it later became forgotten where the grave was, but the mention of a place here shows that it must have been known at that time. He makes this practically all that can be known with certainty about M°. As one Amer.° scholar has said, "According to Noth, just about all we know about M° is that he died."~~