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The continued application of these methods to the Bible, despite their practical abandonment in other fields of literary study, is all the

stranger since ~~in~~ it is precisely in the Biblical field that ~~we are~~ more

factual material is ~~now~~ ~~now~~ available than ever before. This ~~x~~ is the result of the investigations of archaeology. During the past ~~hundred~~ ~~hundred~~ years a whole new world has risen ~~arisen~~ from the dust as a result of the work of talented ~~(hw)~~ ~~expert?~~ excavators in Egypt,

Mesop^o, Palestine and other ~~portions~~ ~~areas~~ ~~regions~~ ~~parts~~ of the Near East. At point after point where ~~Biblical~~ Biblical statements had

been considered by the critics to be purely imaginary, evidence has come to light ~~actual objects or long buried writings/have come to light~~

that fit exactly with the Biblical statements ~~as they stand, and do not fit the history as~~ Some supporters of the Well^o approach resolutely shut ~~their~~ their eyes to these matters and

~~can~~ maintain that most of the Biblical contents represent mythical developments or products of human imagination. Most, ~~however~~ however, try to fit the

archaeological discoveries into ~~their~~ ~~research~~ into their own theories and thus are faced with an impossible task. The documentary theory ~~(caps?)~~

~~ix~~ tends to be become bent and twisted to fit archaeological discoveries until the ~~now~~ point is reached where it is hard to see how it

can survive. Among ~~at the particular points where it clearly applies~~ archaeological evidence where it applies, and those who try to explain ~~x~~ it away,

severe tensions develop. Note, ~~for~~ for instance, the strong arguments that have ~~developed~~ ~~emerged~~ between the school of Albright, Bright, Wright, and that of ~~Avit~~ ~~Noth~~ ~~and~~

~~van~~ Rad. Archaeology has presented the evidence that could kill the documentary theories, if properly applied, but many refuse to apply it.