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A graduate of Faith SEminary recently took the pastorate of a large independent church ~~in~~ in a small town. Soon he learned that the pastor of a neighboring church belonging to one of our great denominations was insisting that the Higher Criticism is true, and that our belief in the plenary inspiration of the Word of God is therefore absurd. He challenged the man to a debate and the man accepted. The debate was held in the high school. Hardly had they started, however, ~~the~~ before it quickly became apparent that the ~~man~~ minister who was defending the Higher Criticism ~~he~~ knew ~~it~~ practically nothing about the actual views of Wellhausen. ~~All he knew was that Wellhausen had proven the Bible wrong and that the Pentateuch was made up of interwoven contradictory documents. It was necessary for the debater against the Wellhausen view to explain clearly ~~the~~ what the view is, in order to show its errors.~~

It is not enough for us today to say ^{that} the HC° is wrong. We should know why it is wrong. We should know the evidences. We should know the situation. With ^{the} ~~advances~~ in arahaology, and with the changed attitude in literary study, it is easier today than ever before on an objective scientific basis ^{to show that}

^{is} to show the HC° wrong. But the HC° is ^{being more widely taught than} a more vital, living force ~~then ever~~ before, ^{the} finding expression in new creeds ^{that have been adopted by large numbers} of great denominations, ^{there} destroying the faith of ministerial students all over the world, ~~changing churches of God into synagogues of Satan.~~ There is, in my opinion, no greater need for the Chn° world today than that ~~those who truly believe in Christ know the facts ~~about~~ about this and be able to bring them to the attention of those who are being misled in our colleges, and in the Sunday Schools of most of our large denominations, and even in our high schools where ~~it is being~~ the teaching ~~of~~ of the HC° as established fact is ^{being more and more} widely introduced.~~

For more than forty years I have been delving into various aspects of the documentary theories. ~~During~~ During the past two years I have ~~intax~~ devoted myself intensively to the study of the subject. In a talk of 27 minutes about all that ~~one~~ ^{can} do is to stress its importance. I wish, however, to summarize some of the results of my investigation. I have arranged these under specific heads and would like to read them to you, as follows: