

VI The division of P and J-E, on which there is great unanimity among critical scholars, is really a division of two types of subject matter.

There is very little disagreement among scholars as to what is P, but there is very little agreement as to what is J and what is E. Since there seems to be strong agreement as to what makes up P this would seem to be a strong argument for the critical theory at least for the existence of P as a separate document. Consequently, it is vital that we notice this fact, that the difference between P and JE is a matter of subject matter. Difference of style inevitably follows from a difference in subject matter. Law is one of the principal types of material from a literary viewpoint found in the Pentateuch. A characteristic of law is the enumerative and statistical style. It is repetitive, it is monotonous.

Illustration of Luther's various writings. His great address to the German nobility in which he pointed out how much money was going to Rome, how much this flow of money out of Germany to Rome was doing to oppress the economy of Germany and his essay on the Babylonian Captivity/written the same year in which he shows how the influence of the Roman curate is destroying the ability of the German church by building a wall of seven sacraments around people to keep them away from the knowledge of salvation, these two firely polemic articles would seem immediately to be very similar in style and no one would question ~~that~~ that Martin Luther wrote both of them. But the very same year he wrote an essay on Christian Liberty in which he shows in a beautiful, winsome attractive manner the privilege the Christian has in his liberty from/^{guilt and} the fear of punishment ~~and~~ which is due him because of the grace of Christ. The style of this beautiful presentation is utterly different from the firely polemic fighting style of the other two essays he wrote that very same year. He is dealing with different subjects.

Illustration of Ray Stannard Baker. He was a quite well-known writer on political matters some thirty years ago. He issued the letters and state papers of Woodrow Wilson and his books on political and economic matters were widely read. At the same time there were several books written by David Grayson one of which was called "The Friendly Road" and another "Adventures in Contentment" and these