

You asked for material in the magazines and quarterlies dealing with the Old Testament and related subjects. The Biblical Archaeologist (quotes or underlining?) has some good articles ~~xxx~~ although it also has others with which I do not agree. The Bulletin of the Evangelical Theological Society has some good articles in it; so has the Journal of the American Scientific Affiliation. All three of these cover a wide range of material and there is much in them with which I would agree and much with which I would disagree

there~~s~~ is in them much with which I would agree and much with which I would disagree. Unless one takes a considerable amount of advanced training in archaeology and in related fields I am not sure that he is well qualified to deal in~~s~~ the areas of the Bible ~~that~~ affect this material. I would feel that for the person who has not done such study the best area of progress for Old Testament study is in exegesis and in study of syntax and of vocabulary. There is much ground to conquer cover in this area and it is one in which, with a comparatively few tools, any able person can make a great deal of progress.

I do now know how much of a department of Near--Eastern languages and literature Eastern Indiana University has. There are some excellent men in this field and there are also many men in it who are not particularly good. It is difficult for the outsider to make form a judgment. I have taken a great deal of work in these areas and have heard the top experts give their opinion of one another, and it is often very different from what the students of the other man think~~s~~ of him, or~~s~~ any judgment~~s~~ that outsiders are competent to make. For the Christian the most important question is , "Just what does the Bible teach?" I feel that we are making a great mistake to go to with a particular question and say, "Does it teach this?~~s~~ ~~xxx~~ as true?" "Or does it rule this out as untrue?" We should go with three possibilities in mind: "Does it teach that this is true?", "Does it rule it out as untrue?" or, "Is it a subject which, so far as we know, God has not revealed to us?" All such