

including Biblical literature. Today these methods are practically ~~abandoned~~ abandoned except as regards Biblical literature, but in this field today it is almost a heresy to doubt the J document was written about 850; some might say as early as 1050, but none earlier than 1050 or later than 850; ~~The~~ ^{that the} E document was written a century later, and that the two were woven together to make JE; ~~and~~ and then that the D document was written at about 600; then it was combined with the others, and then that the P document was written a ~~a~~ century or two after the D document; and that then eventually this was interwoven into the others. And of course, ^{as} ~~if~~ you know, the same applies to the Gospels, with the Q, and the various analyses, and it has been applied to most of the books of the Old Testament. Now while the rest of the world has almost abandoned this, the Biblical field, most of the institutions regard it as established fact, and it is practically a heresy to question it. I have ^{various} two/aspects of this which I want to call your attention to particularly today. Time ;is short to get over the two of them so it will be very sketchy. Some areas of this I have ~~studied~~ studied into very thoroughly, and have an abundance of material of which I will give you a few glimpses. There are the later parts that I will speak ~~f~~ of. I am less familiar/ with. I have gone into them enough, surveyed enough literature ~~on~~ on the subject to feel sure of my conclusions, but I don't have all ~~of~~ of the requisite data quite as fully as regarding the first part.

Now the first part I want to speak of ;is to describe three parts of these tendencies, or three tendencies, you might say, which united during these two centuries, and then to touch on a fourth which ~~applied~~ applied in the Biblical era

Now the first of these is the matter ~~of~~ of skepticism ~~is~~ regarding ancient history or ancient documents. This began to become prominent about 1750, after the age of faith was succeeded by the age of incredulity. In 1795 it received its great push by Wolf's (right name?) writing his Prolegomena to Homer, and Wolf's theory that no one could have written - that writing was