

maybe twenty books published within the last twenty years in America which present this theory dogmatically as fact, that nearly all of them make some slighting remark about Wellhausen's theory of development, and say, "Even if this theory of development does not hold water at all, nevertheless we still believe in these sources definitely. A professor from Harvard university in my hearing not long ago said, "The Graf-Wellhausen theory is as dead as a dodo." is dead dodo Yet he insisted in the once independent existence of the J, E, D, and P/ documents. So if the theory is dead, what he means is the development idea back of it is dead, but he holds actually to it as far as we are concerned, the division into these various alleged documents.

Not this historicism is a very interesting aspect, but I want to go ~~on~~ on to say a few words about the third, the idea of source division. We have already referred to that a little here of course. ~~Homer~~ It began to receive wide publicity with Wolf's lectures about Homer. ~~Wolke~~ Goethe was so impressed with it that he went to Wolf's daughter and asked her to hide him behind a curtain so that Wolf would not be embarrassed by having the famous poet in his classroom, and yet he would be able to hear Wolf's lectures. He was ~~is~~ tremendously impressed with them, and declared his adherence to them, and then reread the Iliad and the Odyssey ~~and~~ and declared that it was utterly impossible that a work of such genius as this could ever have come into existence simply by the coming together of various ~~a~~ lays. As Professor Chambers says, "You cannot take a number of motorcycles and make a truck out of them." (Didn't he actually say a "Rolls-Royce"?) That's Chambers' simile rather than Goethe's, but Goethe expresses pretty much the same idea. However, Wolf's theory was gained attention very widely and very rapidly in Germany. In England there was for a time strong opposition against it. One Englishman, speaking about Wolf's teaching and the teaching of his associate Hay (sp?) said he thought the theory was wolfish heinous. And for quite a time there was much opposition to it, ~~al~~ although Coleridge and