

set the seal upon it. That is simply ~~unconceivable~~--it describes the moral integrity of Christianity and thus it is impossible and repugnant to the Christian to think of this great book as simply something that was cleverly concocted by ones who would put down things they did not believe at all and to simply deceive people and to make people accept certain things and they put down things they did not believe at all in order to deceive and there are many who consider themselves as evangelical and they consider the view and they go on with this view ~~but-they-cannot~~ that Deut. was written and then first accepted by the Jews at the time of Josiah. They have found this something they cannot explain and they go on to claim this was written 100 yrs., etc, before Josiah and written in the time of Messana in some earlier period and there is the question of gaining and they are working a great moral reform and you are then in the situation and there are great differences in accepting either one and I tried to point out the moral difficulty in accepting the view and then you look at different books and see the attitude. You find for instance in the Hastings Dict. the Bible a ~~mass-series-of~~ in that series of 5 vol. you'll find one article takes one view and then another article takes another view and in v. 2 it says, "the majority of critics believe this book of the law to have been the result of a pious ~~fraud~~" and with the intention of deceiving Josiah into belief of the reforms desired were the express command of God revealed to Moses and it is a good thing to make the king think they were old laws given by Moses. Actually they must have made them up themselves and they had them for the purpose of getting across the things they wanted. If these men were just plain men and interested in their own personal advances they would find the book unsatisfactory from that view point because the book cuts down on the privileges of the priests in many ways and it is full of many strong injunctions.

If it is for the purpose of getting the high morals across, then they wonder why they are so pious about it. The law was brought there beside them by Moses and this was the law stressed all through and the wrath has come upon ~~ed~~ them and they say they are Christians and people of moral integrity