

They said it was a pious volume according to the reforms discussed and given forth to Moses and to the people and it was a good thing to make the king think they were old laws and when actually they just made them up themselves in order to get across the things they wanted--if the men worked just for their own personal advantage then the book is found unsatisfactory from that view point and it is cut down and still it is a very strong moral injunction and it goes against all sin and wickedness.

They continue to maintain it is by a group of rascals for a rascally purpose and they try to get these wonderful moral principles across and they then wonder what kind of a twisted mind they have. God commanded Moses to write this law and to place it beside the ark and then said to Joshua, "This book of the law, shall not depart out of thy mouth." They stressed that this was the law then accepted all through and Josiah says great wrath has come from God and just because they did not obey the law. Many refuse to believe that Christianity came into existence because of that kind of a fraud. Reil in V. 1 of the Hastings' Dict. of the Bible says, "the signing of the law in this book is ascribed as a future occurrence and there is no foundation for the acceptance of the signing of the book and for the story of the fabrication.

#100--In the same set in the volume before it you find it is generally agreed and that is not the case at all when the book was written some time earlier and the majority can't possibly be on both sides. I think it is a very good thing when someone says a certain thing must be this or that. Then I like to say who is the they. I am more interested in what Reil says or one of them than in what they say in general. Who says it and what is the evidence? Here we have two views and one of them sees it as a simple straightforward matter and when one made up this fraud and the other said he could not stand it and they said it is perfectly simple and we don't have to accept any such view as that. That may not have the moral difficulty of the other but it certainly has far greater difficulties from a historical view and can you imagine now--here is the priest in the temple, here is the temple being repaired and then he discovers a booklet. How does the