

Chapel - 4/29/58 - Dr. MacRae

his material he was giving, he gave a grand conclusion about what a great debt we owe to God and about these great liberal scholars who have taught us the true interpretation of the Bible and led us away from these old medieval ideas that the Bible is free from error. And so they said his conclusion was definitely liberal and modernist but everything he said exactly fit with the proof of the dependability of the Word of God. And that is the situation in which people are today who with careful study and fine scientific methods are ~~XXXX~~ endeavoring to explain this archaeological material but who have been trained in the higher criticism. I was in a conference about five years ago of young college students, earnest young Christian college students. I was with them for a period of two or three weeks and I had a chance to deal with the various problems and questions they might have. And so in my first session with them I asked them to hand me in a list of problems in their minds. And then I gave them two or three specific questions. One was, "Have you had any course involving the higher criticism?" Well, three or four, from so-called Christian colleges had been given a very thorough indoctrination, didn't know how to answer and were very anxious to have an understanding of how to answer. But the other students, practically every one, said, "I know nothing about the higher criticism, I never had (7.5), never heard of it, it doesn't affect any material I've ever had." And so I thought, "All my study and material with relation to the higher criticism will be of no special help in dealing with these students." But as I took up the other problems which they had, and dealt with them day after day, more and more and more how practically every one of them in classes in English and in History and in General Religion and other subjects, viewpoints, and attitudes, and assumed conclusions of the higher criticism, destructive to the Bible had been cast out to them as established truths. And everyone of them practically had problems in their minds which were the result of this great movement of the higher criticism. And they weren't aware of it. And so by the end of the period I had a couple of voluntary sessions in which I had discussed the higher criticism specifically with quite a large number of them. And by that time they realized how important it is as a basis and a background of anti-Christian material which had been given them at various universities, in various courses - many of them seemingly unrelated to the matter of (8.75). What mean these stones? Do they give