

unknown in the time of Homer, no one could have composed by from memory such long poems as ~~those~~ Homer those ascribed to Homer. There never was a Trojan War; there never was a place like Troy. This is to be/brushed aside as imaginary to be brushed aside as purely /imaginary, and there were various poems, ~~myths, plays~~ lays, myths, sagas, that got woven together. This theory gave the public start to a method that has been applied to dozens of writings in many different languages. Wolf's attitude of extreme skepticism was followed by others, and indebtedness ~~to~~ to him was acknowledged by Wellhausen and Kuenen (~~sp?l~~ (sp?) *Kuenen?*) who established what is today the regnant theory regarding the Pentateuch. Wellhausen held explicitly that all we can tell from the J document is ~~that~~ what people thought at about ~~850~~ 850. It tells us nothing about the times of the patriots. The E document tells us the ideas of people at about 750. The P ~~document~~ document, which is of course so ~~utterly~~ utterly unhistorical, tells us only about what people thought at about 500 or 450. I was most interested a few years ago to pick up Garstang's book on Joshua and Judges, The Foundation of Bible History. Garstang ~~or~~ ~~the~~ ~~director~~ ~~of~~ ~~excavations~~ ~~or~~ ~~director~~ ~~of~~ ~~antiquities~~ was the director of excavations, /director of antiquities, in Palestine for a number of years. And in this book he goes through Joshua and Judges and gives the archaeological evidence of the various statements, but in the introduction to it Garstant tells you that he will only deal (deal only) with the J and E portions of Joshua and Judges. He says, 'Most remarkably, most strangely, I have found ~~something~~ some instances where archaeological evidence seems to fit in with incidents or events described in the P document, but ~~that=solely~~ that's so late I won't bother with it in this ~~in~~ volume. He just sticks to the J and ~~the~~ E documents. Now this attitude of extreme skepticism was very widespread, but as a result, largely of archaeology, it has disappeared in most ~~of~~ of our fields. We know of course, that there is much that has been handed down that is erroneous, but the tendency/today ~~is~~ ^{is} to accept ancient documents as true, unless we have evidence of falsity. The tendency is to accept that which we ~~discover~~ discover