

pretty well given ~~x~~ up, not entirely, by any means, but pretty well given up, except in the Biblical field.

Now the fourth aspect, just briefly to mention, does not apply to the other fields, but only to the Biblical, and that is the extreme dogmatism with which the Graf-Wellhausen has been held. Professor Cyrus Gordon, in an ~~xt~~ article in Christianity Today, mentioned that ~~the~~ he knew professors in Protestant ~~Semin~~ seminaries, in Roman Catholic seminaries, in Jewish seminaries, who regarded it as ~~the~~ rife(?) heresy to question that the J, E, or P documents existed as separate entities, and that this was one point on which these men simply felt any compromise was impossible. Wellhausen and his successors worked out a system of arrangement which verses were J, E, D, and P, and that has been repeated over and over, with hardly a change until, as I say, there are at least a score of books published in America within the last twenty years, I mean ^{as} scholarly books, to say nothing of perhaps another thirty or forty popular books, books for Sunday School and so forth, that presented as established fact; they tell you exactly which verses, or even which half of a verse, or which three words, belong to each of these documents. I have within the last few months taken most of these recent books, and listed what verses they give right ~~the~~ through the Pentateuch to each of these, and I have found no two of them that agree exactly. No two exactly. And yet one will say, "This verse has the unmistakable style ~~f~~ of P." and one of the others gives the same verse to J. It is the extreme dogmatism which still persists in the Biblical field ~~x~~ is something which did not apply in the other fields, for instance, L divided Homer up into twenty lays, but others who followed him divided them into ten or fifteen and their division was quite different from L ~~x~~'s division, and there is a whole series of changing views about the Pentateuch, even as there was ~~about~~ about Homer up until 1878 when Wellhausen's publication crystallized it into the form which is still held, with only minor variations, up to the present day.