

10 November 1981, Professor Yehuda Radday of Haifa University noted: "We found the J and E narratives to be linguistically indistinguishable."

Our faith is built in what the Word says, not in linguistic analysis. But it is noteworthy that these most recent findings are powerful evidence for the single authorship of the Pentateuch, and strong indictments against the critical position.

## **Problems in Composition: Mistakes? Contradictions? Unscientific Statements?**

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But . . . since we claim the Bible is composed by God and is infallible, what do we say about its "mistakes"? "contradictions"? "unscientific statements"? "seemingly incorrect opinions"?

This has been the questioning ground of agnostics. Ingersoll, Paine, and Voltaire are some of the famous men who have challenged the Bible. They were secularists and unbelieving in approach: agnostics, certainly; atheists, perhaps; enemies of God's Word without doubt. These and others have had a pronounced effect within the church, but in the last two centuries the infallible character of the Bible has been under greater attack by churchmen than by secularists. In a discussion of the composition of the Bible, their charges must be considered.

Those who deny the authority of Scripture have sought to enforce their claim by finding errors in the Word.