

E. What is the Basis for Canonicity

1. A number of views may be quickly expressed, views with which we do not agree.
2. In our estimation the correct view is that of Divine authorship..that is, that God was the authority behind the books. Keep this in mind and compare with our notes on inspiration. We do not mean that God individually wrote every book or that He uttered every word but that He was the authority behind what was said and done and that consequently the Scripture have with them the very authority of God, Himself.
3. Note the Rabbinic expression of "defiling the hands".

F. Is there Evidence for Two Canons? One in Palestine and a second in Egypt?

1. Compare the Masoretic text and the Septuagint.
2. Note the attitudes regarding the "Apocrypha."

G. Why do Protestant, Roman Catholic, and Orthodox Canons differ.

1. The nature of the difference
2. The books of the Apocrypha
3. Various aspects of Evidence.

H. What is the Higher Critical Concept of the Canon?

1. Securing our terms
2. The main idea
3. Application of theory to the Scriptures:
 - a. The Pentateuch
 - b. The Prophets
 - c. The Writings

I. Do we Have the Right Books?