

- d. Humanistic development
  - e. Hegel and Darwin
  - f. Skepticism in the life of the church...
  - g. And now, back to our own study...or almost..
3. The Curious Nature of the Bible
- a. Its claims
  - b. The desire of men ...freedom!
  - c. The Question of authority

C. Higher Criticism and the Pentateuch

The discussions in Archer are rather full on this subject and we will not go into such detail in class. In reading the text, strive for a broad comprehension and do not try to master every name and/or movement. But work to understand how the teachings develop, what they are, and what their impact on Bible study is. See if you can catch a feeling for what makes them attractive and notice that while there are criticisms within the groups there is not much that suggests a return to Biblical Christianity.

1. The Documentary Hypothesis

Basically this is the idea that the Pentateuch is a composite of many documents rather than the work of a single, issuing source, and that it is compiled over many years by various influence groups seeking to establish themselves in authoritarian ways among the people of Israel.

- ( Gen 18.25 )
- a. Astruc 's Clue 173 >
  - b. Eichhorn's analysis 80-87
    - (1) names of God
    - (2) parallel passages
    - (3) continuous narratives
    - (4) authorial style