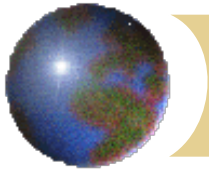


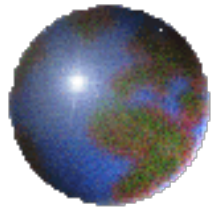
# *Seven Men Who Rule the World from the Grave*

A Study Based on the Book by David Breese



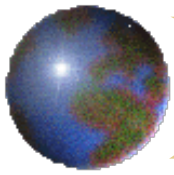
*“Beware lest any man spoil you through philosophy and vain deceit, after the tradition of men, after the rudiments of the world, and not after Christ.”*

*Col. 2:8*

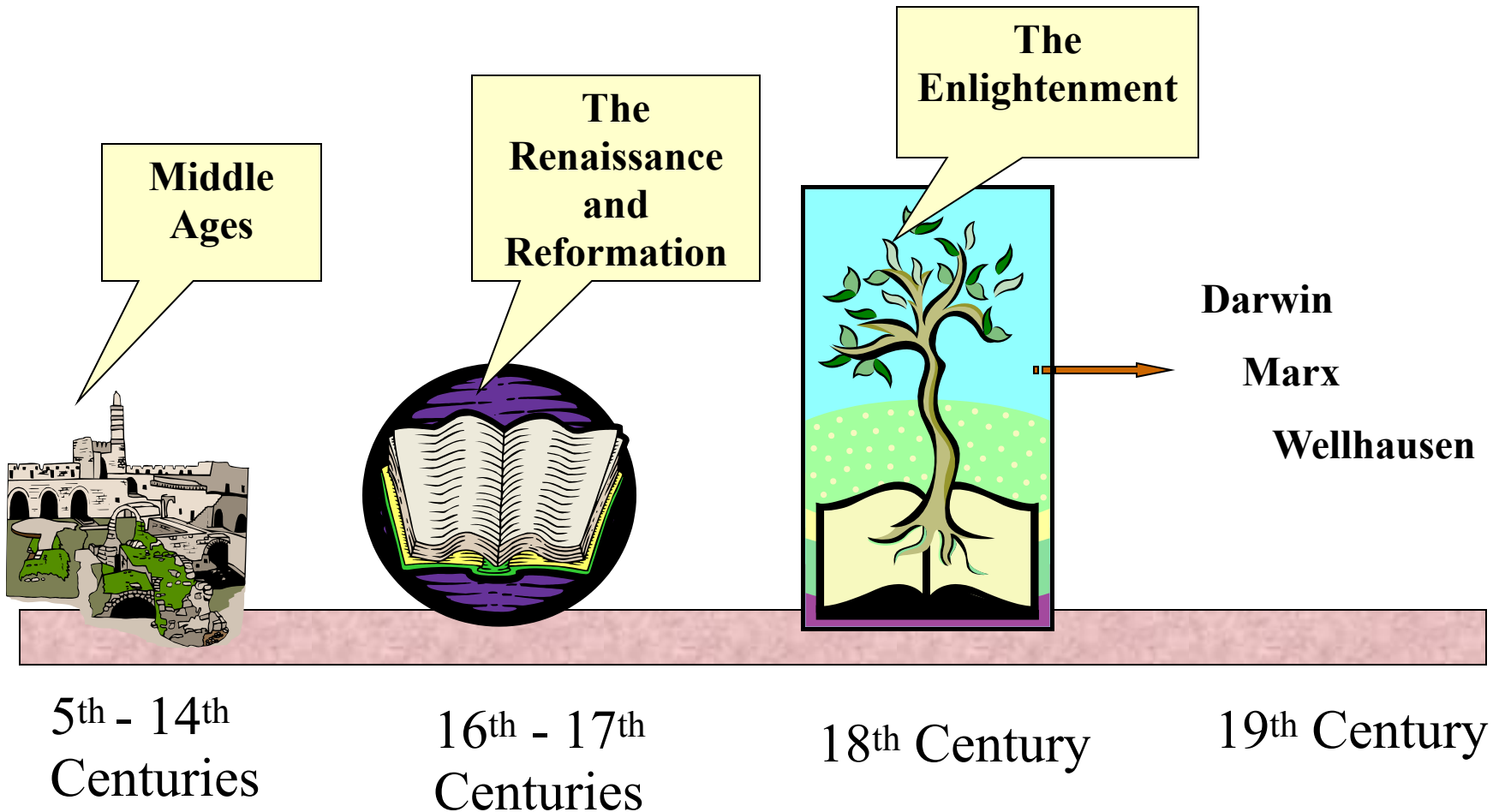


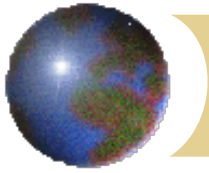
*Julius Wellhausen*  
*1844-1918*





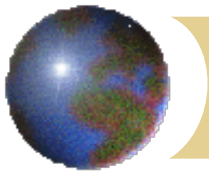
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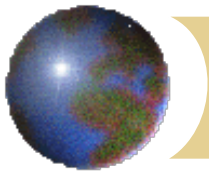
Coming out of the Enlightenment was the philosophical framework called **rationalism**.

By definition rationalism is “the principle or practice of accepting **reason** as the **only** authority in determining one’s opinions or course of action.”

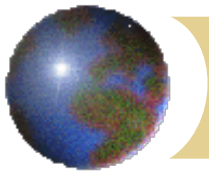


# *Biography*

- ✚ Born May 17, 1844 at Hameln on Weser, Westphalia, Germany
- ✚ Studied theology at the University of Göttingen under Ewald.
- ✚ Became a professor of theology at Greifswald in 1872.
- ✚ Resigned under pressure in 1882 for his rationalistic views.



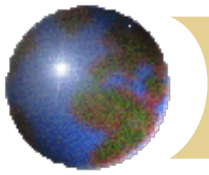
- ⊕ Became professor of oriental languages at Halle, Marburg in 1885, and in 1892 returned to Gottingen where he remained until his death.
- ⊕ Authored a number of works in German.
- ⊕ His influence upon European theology was absolutely profound.



## *Documentary Theory*

"Scholars who will not admit divine revelation seek to explain Old Testament belief in God in terms of evolution. They would have Old Testament monotheism be the resultant from lower stages, or from polytheism, or regard it as a peculiar instinct of the Semites, or as borrowed from neighboring nations." Paul Heinisch, *Theology of the Old Testament*

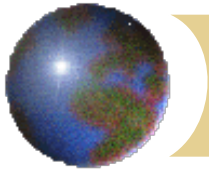




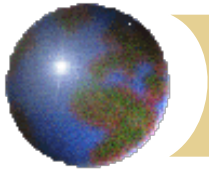
Wellhausen was a German rationalist. He wanted to demythologize the Bible.

He regarded the Bible as a sublime collection of human documents.

He taught that religion was a process of evolution from the worship of many gods to monotheism.

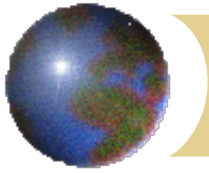


Since **science** was the answer to all things, Wellhausen applied a scientific approach to **analyzing** Scripture which resulted in his infamous **Documentary Theory**.



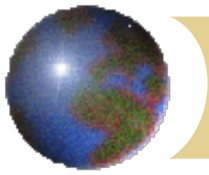
# *Documentary Theory*

- ⊕ J – Jehovah writer
- ⊕ E – Elohim writer
- ⊕ D – Deuteronomy writer
- ⊕ P – Priestly writer

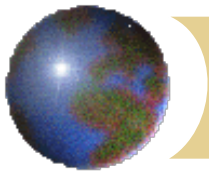


# *The Philosophy of Liberalism*

- ⊕ Evolution is a fact of life.
- ⊕ As the body of man evolved, so did his mind.
- ⊕ As the mind of man evolved his ideas, concepts, and understanding have matured.
- ⊕ As his ideas evolved, so did his idea of God. God is no longer the God of judgment but now He is the God of love.

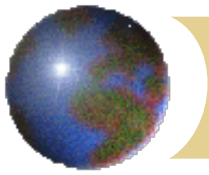


- ⊕ Since God is a God of love, we must do away with the archaic concept of original sin. Sin is a lack of maturity, lack of enlightenment, lack of proper evolution.
- ⊕ The solution to the problems of man is education. Man does not need redemption, he needs education. His innate spark of divinity simply needs to be fanned into a flame.
- ⊕ The pursuit of this program of enlightenment will save mankind. Man will save himself.



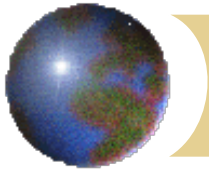
“Wellhausen and his liberalism destroyed that spiritual life in Europe and nearly succeeded in the spiritual destruction of the United States. To this very day, less than 1 percent of the population of Europe is evangelical Christian.”

Dave Breese



## *Higher Criticism*

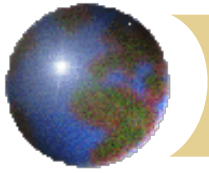
Wellhausen could be called the Father of **Higher Criticism**. Higher Criticism is the attempt by Liberals to **totally** revise our understanding of Scripture. From Higher Criticism has come all kinds of **assaults** upon the **integrity** of Scripture.



## *Higher Criticism*

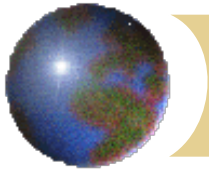
- ⊕ Questions the Bible's Historicity
- ⊕ Undermines the Bible's Uniqueness
- ⊕ Rejects Supernatural Prophecy
- ⊕ Rejects Traditional Authorship
- ⊕ Imputes Unworthy Motives
- ⊕ Destroys the Literary Unity of the Bible





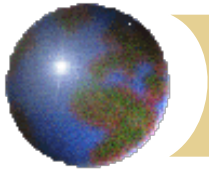
- ✚ Undermines the Bible's Textual Authority
- ✚ Changes the Nature of Biblical Books
- ✚ Undermines the Scientific Accuracy of the Bible
- ✚ Undermines the Moral Teaching of the Bible

- Wick Broomhall, Biblical Criticism



## *The Fundamentals*

**Fundamentalism** came into existence in the early 20<sup>th</sup> century to **contend** with liberalism. To this hour, fundamentalism is the only **effective** challenge to liberalism.



## *Original Tenets*

- ⊕ The inerrancy of Scripture.
- ⊕ The deity of Christ.
- ⊕ The finished work of the cross.
- ⊕ Salvation by grace alone.
- ⊕ The premillennial return of Christ.