

*ten.* By oral is meant *traditional*, or such as is transmitted by word of mouth from one age to another.

Such were the revelations made to the patriarchs; and the longevity peculiar to the age served to preserve them from being corrupted.

These original truths were thus handed down to Moses, who, by the direction of God on Sinai, finally wrote them in five books, called the *Pentateuch*.

The leading facts of the *Pentateuch* are, the creation of the world; of man; primeval happiness; his fall; promise of a Saviour; the deluge, preservation of a few; Babel; &c., &c.

These are all supported by the combined testimony of universal tradition, history, and modern science.

A large portion of what Moses records fell under his personal observation.

Of those facts which preceded his time, he had ample means of information, in the longevity of the ancients. Moses was cotemporary with the cotemporaries of Abraham; Abraham with Noah; and Noah with the cotemporaries of Adam.

In this way, under the divine guidance, the

What is meant by oral revelation? Where is an instance? Who finally wrote these revelations? What are the leading facts of the *Pentateuch*? How are these supported? Was Moses a personal witness of what he relates? How could he know concerning the facts that preceded him? With whom was Moses cotemporary? Abraham? Noah?