

bacillus tuberculosis, but Dr. Gibbes, a very high authority, denies that bacteria is a causative factor in disease. He not only says that the idea of dodging a bacillus here for one thing, and another somewhere else for another, is absurd and simply a fad, but he absolutely denies the fact that these micro-organisms are always present in disease. He says: "I have conducted hundreds of autopsies on consumptives without finding a trace of the bacillus." In Germany, Dr. Koch's theories are regarded as theories only, but in this country they are held too frequently to be the facts, and so it is with regard to many of the German notions of the origin of the Scriptures.

The two theories, baldly put, are these:

1. That Genesis was compiled by Moses is the traditional view. No theologian ever imagined that he received the patriarchal and antediluvian history ready-made from heaven. He did not need to receive historical truths by revelation. He had to search for them, gather them up from earlier traditions and documents, and arrange them in concrete form; but traditionalists hold that he was inspired and divinely aided in his work. Moses' genius, transcendent as it was, could not have done this alone, but his genius, divinely inspired and aided, could and did accomplish it.

2. That the four remaining books of the Pentateuch are substantially the work of Moses and his helpers. He was an eye-witness of most of the transactions, and, therefore, knew the truth of the things he recorded, and in Deuteronomy he amplified