

theory of any sceptic it was impossible to answer the question, *Where did he get that law?* By the statements of the Scriptures themselves, the answer is easy and most reasonable. By no other is it possible. But it would be absurd and contradictory to suppose one honored and owned by the God of truth, deliberately writing, for a moral and religious guide, a book full of lies. "Now we know that God heareth not sinners, but if any man be a worshiper of God and doeth his will, him he heareth."—Jno. ix. : 31. There is no room for compromise here. Either the Scriptures, the whole Scriptures, are, as they profess to be, the *Truth of God*, or they are the most gigantic imposition ever introduced into this world. You cannot reject a part and own the rest. They are *one whole*, and either all true or all false. The New Testament gives a full history of our Lord Jesus Christ, who is that God who *must know* and *cannot lie*. In the days of his flesh the books of the Old Testament were all collected in one synagogue roll. What is our Lord's verdict concerning it? When a question was raised concerning the resurrection of the dead, he settles it by the writings of Moses in the Pentateuch. "That the dead are raised even Moses showed at the bush."—Luke xx. : 37. When the Jews persisted in obstinate unbelief, he brings forward the same Pentateuch as indisputable testimony. "Had ye believed Moses ye would have believed me; for he wrote of me. But if ye believe not his writings, how shall ye believe my words?"—Jno. v. : 46-7. And again: "They have Moses and the prophets, if they hear not Moses and the prophets, neither will they be persuaded though one rose from the dead."—Luke xvi. : 29-31.

When he would make them understand the revelations of God, he began at *Moses* and the prophets, and expounded the things concerning himself, Luke xxvii. : 27, and his apostles followed his example. If the Pentateuch be unhistorical, so is the whole Bible, Old Testament and New Testament, for the one part is joined with the other. They must stand or fall together.

To suppose (as Colenso says) that our Lord sanctioned the Pentateuch because the Jews revered it, is to suppose that the God of Truth would confirm a lie. Such a thought is blasphemous.

If we look at the doctrines contained in the Pentateuch there is additional evidence of fidelity. All the doctrines of the Christian religion are there. The character of God—the creation of man—the fall—regeneration by the Spirit—the resurrection, and eternal life. In a word, "what we are to believe concerning God,