

1. The contents of the books in style and character are such as would be produced by a man, who at one time has multitudinous affairs on his hands, and who, therefore, writes in hasty jottings, who repeats himself, and has no time to revise; while at another he has abundant leisure, and can amplify a narrative, and give attention to the niceties of composition, yet, all the while being under Divine guidance. Such a man in an eminent degree was Moses.

2. It is stated more than once that certain records are to be written by Moses *in a book*; as for example, the Defeat of the Amalekites when they attacked the host in the wilderness. But more especially is this form of words noticeable at the very close of the life of the great leader; when, after giving a solemn charge to Joshua, it is stated that *Moses had made an end of writing the words of this law in a book*; which book was commanded to be deposited in the Ark of the Covenant for a witness.

And of the noble song which is found in Chapter xxxii., it is said that Moses *wrote this song*, and taught it to the people. (The use of the third person is well known to be common in authorship.) All this indicates that Moses was a man accustomed to literary composition, and is conformable to what is stated of his early life and education in a community where literature had long flourished. He was *learned in all the wisdom of the Egyptians*, said the martyr Stephen, speaking by the Holy Ghost on the day of his death.

Moses, therefore, beyond doubt, wrote and placed in literary form, the records of what is termed the Law, using that word in its comprehensive sense. And every reasonable probability points to these records being the same as are now contained in the books of Exodus, Leviticus, Numbers and Deuteronomy.

But the Book of Exodus is plainly a continuation of a former history; and no condition of probability is violated, but every condition of probability fulfilled, by accepting the judgment of the Church in all ages that not only the books containing the law were written by Moses, but that the introductory book of the whole series, the Book of Genesis, was written by him also; all under Divine guidance and inspiration.