

But those features of the design are possible only with the present arrangement of the three Solomonic books. And the seeming restoration of order here in the English Bible is only doing violence to careful elaborate design. "The Scripture cannot be broken" even in the matter of the mere order of its books.

26. Coming now to the question, Who is it that put this design thus into the Bible, let just the single case of the name of Moses be considered:

The Old Testament was written by at least 21 different writers; the New, by at least five. So that the Bible, according to its own testimony, was written by at least 26 different writers. The whole of the Old Testament was translated from the Hebrew into Greek as early as some 280 years before Christ. As the New Testament could not have been written before the Crucifixion in A. D. 30, some 300 years thus lie between the writing of the two Testaments.

It could indeed be shown that between the writing of his books by Moses and the writing of Revelation by John not indeed three but some *sixteen* centuries must have passed; but for the present purpose the particular number of centuries does not matter. Enough if it be established that between the writing of the two Testaments there lie centuries.

Let the reader now turn to See. 17, and look once more at the phenomena there presented by the name of Moses alone, to say nothing at present of the other names.