

the Jews for at least four hundred years. Personally, I see no reason why Moses may not have written every word of it as it is in our Hebrew today. However, there is the possibility that our Hebrew may have been somewhat changed in transmission. I see no reason why Moses may not have written all of it as it was in the original Hebrew writing which has been passed on. Doubtless some few copies have had mistakes come in, but I see no reason to feel any certainty that there are later insertions or changes. If the Lord led some other inspired man — perhaps one who wrote another book of the Bible — to make some slight additions to the Pentateuch so as to make it clearer to people of his own day, or to insert a statement about something that was similar which was not available to Moses but which was true, or even to insert a list of kings or to say, “it remains to this day” or something like that, and this being inspired of God just as much as the original author. I see no way in which that interferes with the idea that Moses is the author and that it is wholly inspired and entirely true. That does not mean that I feel that any such things have happened. I simply feel that if it be necessary to admit certain things which would prove that such a thing did happen, then it would not affect the major thing we are contending with and it would be foolish to waste our efforts and energies in contending against such a thing as that.

Student: But is there any inference in any outside literature of the Jewish background of such a thing ever occurring?

AAM: Yes, some say that they do not believe that Moses wrote the account of his death in the last few verses of Deuteronomy. Many think that these verses were added by someone else after his death, perhaps by Joshua. That is a view which many rabbis have held. Personally, I would say it is entirely possible that Joshua or someone else wrote the statement about Moses’ death, but I see no reason to feel that it must be so, because it does not contain anything that Moses did not know. God told Moses to go up the mountain and that God would take him to Himself, that he would die there and would not go into the Land. He gave him this declaration as to what was going to happen, and of course the Israelites would mourn for him afterwards. That was all prescribed. Moses knew that perfectly well. How can we be sure that God did not have him write it down in advance? When