

of the book. If they could not be by Moses, these individual statements, of which there are not many, could be insertions at a later date, though I see no reason to think that they are. One of the two he puts most stress upon is the statement, "Now the man Moses was very great in the eyes of Pharaoh and in the eyes of his house." He says, "Nobody but a terrifically egotistical man could have written a statement like this. Therefore Moses could not have written this. It must be later." The other statement is, "Now Moses was meek above all the people on the face of the earth." He says that Moses would have been terribly conceited to write this, so this must be by someone at a later time. He says that Moses could not have written those two statements, but I do not agree with him at all. I believe that "Moses was very great in the eyes of the Pharaoh and his servants" is a statement which explains why Moses could come right into the palace and see Pharaoh. If I were to go down to Washington and say, "I would like to tell the President what he should do about something or other," perhaps after fifty tries I could get past the third guard, but I probably would never get past the fourth, and it would be even more so in the case of Pharaoh's palace. It would be far more difficult to get to him. If you wrote a letter in advance and told what you wanted to see him about, and explained it at full extent, you might possibly get one interview with the President, but you certainly could not go in and see him day after day about a matter. Certainly not unless you were considered sufficiently important that it was unavoidable to take you through the White House. A friend of mine has a cousin who was a prominent man in New York, who was asked by President Roosevelt to see him, and Roosevelt said, "Now anytime there is anything that you think it is vital to get in touch with me about, just give me a phone call, night or day, anytime at all." He said, "I will give the switchboard people word to put you right through to me any time, night or day. I know that you would not do it unless it really was extremely urgent." As far as I know the man never called Roosevelt.

According to Exodus, Moses goes into Pharaoh's palace and talks with him over and over. This could not happen unless Pharaoh and his officers had a very great feeling of Moses' importance. The sentence is necessary, otherwise the story would not make sense. It does not say that Moses is great; it says Moses was great in the eyes of Pharaoh. If