

ago it was comparatively rare to believe that Moses even existed.

I heard a professor at the University of Pennsylvania recently speaking very highly of Moses as a great founder of the nation. He believed thoroughly in the greatness of the man, but he says the only thing he did was to found a nation. He says that is enough greatness for any man. He says that Moses didn't make laws, that he organized a committee that gathered together some laws from some other nations and thus produced a rather poor combination of laws. But he believes much more about Moses than most of the higher critics did fifty years ago.

Who wrote the Pentateuch? Perhaps it wouldn't matter if God did not tell us. But if it is true, then all of its statements are true, and in Exodus 17 we find a definite statement. In Exodus 17:14 we read: "And the Lord said: write this for a memorial in the book", (our English version says, "in a book", but the Hebrew says, "in the book." "Write this for a memorial in the book and rehearse it in the ears of Joshua." There Moses is commanded to write the account of the event that has been described in the previous verses. Here is a claim that Moses wrote at least what is recorded in Ex. 17:14.

Now in Ex. 24 we read in v.4: "And Moses wrote all the words of the Law, and rose up early in the morning and built an altar." Then in verse 7 we read: "and he took the book of the covenant and read in the audience of the people, and they said: "all that the Lord hath said will we do, and be obedient."

The book of the covenant is Ex. 20-23. Now it says here that Moses wrote all the words of the Law, and it says in verse 7 that he took the book of the covenant and read in the audience of the people, and they said: "all