

highly probable that he wrote the first book also. That is as far as we need to go on that at this point. The internal evidence is very strong that Deuteronomy claims to be written by him. It is definite that parts of Exodus and Numbers claim to be written by him. It is also clear that Exodus, Leviticus, Numbers and Deuteronomy all claim to contain great sections which it says the Lord spoke to Moses, and that everything in these four books, at least after the very first parts of Exodus, which would be before he was born--everything else is something with which Moses was specifically and directly connected, and it is not at all unnatural, though not required by any specific statement in the Pentateuch, to believe that Moses also wrote Genesis and prefaced this to the rest.

We shall turn aside there, for a moment to ask what we mean by Mosaic authorship. Does that mean Moses wrote every single word of these books? Personally, I think he did. But I would not argue about this.

No, I shouldn't have said that I think he wrote every word in Genesis, for there are one or two cases where a town is given a name which came into use later on. In such cases my guess is that Moses used the name the town had in his time and that later on somebody put in the name the place had at the later time. Thus, if you would read that somebody came to New Amsterdam in 1650, and wrote a new account, you might say he came to New York, even though it was not called New York then, but the place we call New York is the place to which he came. There are probably--I don't mean to be dogmatic on it, I say there are probably places where certain names may have been changed later so they would be intelligible to people using the later names.

Now personally I have no difficulty in believing that God may have led