

We assume that you should give a man credit if you use his words. When someone writes a book, it is entirely possible that he will use a page or half a page or two pages almost verbatim from someone else. That is not considered good procedure, but many people do it. If one of you should give me a paper on a certain subject and I should find that two paragraphs in the middle of it were word-for-word like something in William Henry Green, it would not be hard to prove that you got it from William Henry Green and that you copied it almost verbatim. But I would have to have William Henry Green in front of me to do that. If all the books by William Henry Green had disappeared, it might be hard to say just where you started following his words and where you went off on your own. A long writing might here and there copy the wordings of a number of different books, but it would be hard to prove it unless you had those books with which to compare it. On the other hand, if a long writing were made up by taking two books and copying a paragraph from this one and a paragraph from the other and a paragraph from this one and a paragraph from the other, it might not be so difficult to compare these paragraphs and see that one of them had a certain type of style and the other had a different type of style, and that two strikingly different types of thought were placed together; but we would have to have quite a lot of material to do that, unless we had the actual original from which it was copied.

We have no originals for any source for the Old Testament. The Bible itself is all we have. It is most likely that there were sources for many things in it. Nobody lived long enough to see all the events related in Kings or Chronicles. The writer had to have sources. We do not know how much he copied word-for-word and how much he put into his own words. We can not tell without the original sources.

We do not know whether Moses had sources when he wrote the Pentateuch. But to say that we know that Moses had sources and that we know that these are the sources he used and that it is divided a certain way is much more difficult, especially when it is claimed that we are dealing with small fragments instead of large sections.

If the same type of evidence used to show there are two main docu-