

A very striking illustration of this came to ~~may~~ my attention, <sup>just</sup> ~~quite recent~~ recently. It consists of a series of books widely used, particularly in the Methodist church. These ~~booklets~~ ~~booklets~~ are called, Know your Bible Series, and are written by Roy L. Smith. I have before me the fifth in the series, which is called the ~~first~~ Jewish Bible. It deals with the first five books of the ~~whole~~ old Testament. Those books which are often called the five books of Moses; however, this booklet says that only ~~small~~ small portions of the ~~five~~ five books actually have come from Moses. ~~It~~ It says that ~~little~~ little, if anything, was written <sup>down</sup> by Moses, but that the different parts of the Pentateuch were written hundreds of years ~~apart~~ apart, with the earliest of them not even as early as a thousand B.C. and that a series of separate documents circulated individually for a ~~time~~ time and then were combined one by one ~~until~~ until eventually more than a thousand years after the time of Moses these various separate books were combined into the Pentateuch as we ~~have~~ have it. This view has been taught to ministers in theological seminaries for many years but has been little mentioned among lay people until within the last two years. Now, as if by pre-concerted agreement almost ~~all~~ all of our large denominations have come out <sup>with</sup> ~~in their~~ Sunday School literature and recommended booklets ~~presenting~~ presenting this series and altogether denying the Mosaic authorship of the ~~first~~ first five books of the Bible.

There are those who say so long as we believe in Christ, what difference does it make ~~whether~~ whether we believe in Moses or not. This is a question which sounds ~~very~~ very pious but on examination proves not to have much validity to it. It is quite true that no one is saved through believing in Moses. We are saved through knowing that Jesus Christ died on the cross, that whosoever believes on Him might not perish but have eternal life. Turning from our sin, putting our faith in Him, knowing that He bore our sins there, and that through Him we can enter into newness of life. Jesus Christ is the ~~center~~ center of our salvation, not Moses. How do we learn anything about Jesus ~~Christ~~ Christ? Is He a figment of an imagination? Or did He actually live? Christians believe that