

We see that wherever nature addresses us, she always uses the same language—every where informs us that the present state of things has not commenced at a very remote period; and, what is not a little singular, we hear every where echoes of the voice of nature, whether we consult the authentic traditions of nations, or examine their moral and political condition, and the intellectual development which they had reached at the moment whence their authentic remains take date.

THE HISTORY OF NATIONS CONFIRMS THE NEWNESS  
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Although, at the first glance, the traditions of some ancient nations, who extend their origin for so many thousands of years, may seem to contradict very powerfully the newness of the present world, yet, when we examine these traditions more carefully, we are not long in concluding that they are not founded in history; on the contrary, we are soon convinced that the real history, and all that it has

mosses of Westphalia; and in his Letters to Lametherie, inserted in the Journal de Physique of 1791, &c. as well as those addressed by him to M. Blumenbach, 1798. We may add the interesting details given in his Geologic Voyage, vol. i., on the isles of the west coast of the duchy of Sleswic, and the manner of their union, either with themselves or with the continent, by alluvial deposits and turf bogs; as well as respecting the irruptions which have from time to time destroyed or separated some of their parts.

As to the slips, Mr. Jameson, in a note to his English translation of this Discourse, cites a remarkable instance taken from the steep rocks near Edinburgh, called Salisbury Crags. Although of a trifling height, the abrupt and vertical face is not yet concealed by the mass of debris accumulated at their feet, and which yet annually increases.