

IMPORTANT AGREEMENTS BETWEEN SCRIPTURE AND  
GEOLOGY.

But there are marked features of accordance between the volumes of nature and of revelation which I am unwilling to overlook. Both teach us the being of a God; both ascribe to him the same perfections of knowledge, wisdom, power, and goodness; both tell us that he created the world, and prepared it for becoming the abode of man. Both date the creation of man about 6000 years back; and if a change so great as his introduction to the earth then took place, it is most reasonable to believe that great accompanying changes, such as are described in the first chapter of Genesis, were made on his account.

‘I need not dwell on the proofs of the low antiquity of our species,’ observes Sir C. Lyell, ‘for it is not controverted by any experienced geologist; indeed, the real difficulty consists in tracing back the signs of man’s existence on the earth to that comparatively modern period when species now his contemporaries began to predominate. If there be a difference of opinion respecting the