

A DELUGE NOT IMPOSSIBLE.

3. Geology proves that the supposition of a deluge involves no natural impossibility. Infidels were wont to prove that the waters of the earth were not of sufficient quantity to reach the summit of the highest mountains, and that ocean must be heaped above ocean before this effect could be produced. Now it is known that any region, however elevated above the level of the sea, may be brought, by subsidence, under its

ing the domination of the Romans. The portico of the temple of Dendera bears a Greek inscription stating that it was consecrated to the prosperity of Tiberius. The temple of Esné, whose construction was placed as far back as about three thousand years before the Christian era, has a column whose inscription gives it the date of the tenth year of the Emperor Antoninus. There is still more decisive proof that these Zodiacs have no reference either to the precession of the equinoxes, or a change of the solstices. A mummy cloth brought from Egypt has a very legible Greek inscription respecting a young man who died in the nineteenth year of the reign of Trajan. The cloth has also a Zodiac painted on it, marked in a similar manner to that of Dendera, and therefore was, in all probability, a mere astrological composition respecting the individual whose body was wrapped up in it. The Zodiacs in the temple, are, probably, astrological formulæ respecting the dedication of the building, or the nativity of the emperor in whose reign it was constructed.

—See *Cuvier's Ossemens Fossiles*.

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