man. When an animal was to appear whose forward extremity should rise above the simple function of locomotion and seizing of prey—an animal that should swing an implement of civilization, ply an oar, wield a pen, manipulate a needle, make a watch, play a violin, emphasize thought by a gesture, execute the behests of intelligence rather than of appetite and passion—then assuredly, a different and nobler plan of structure must be devised. No, it is the same old plan. All these resources existed potentially in the clumsy fin of the fish. Thus is man related to the plans of the present; thus, to a plan which has persisted for millions of years; and thus, was man all the time anticipated and approached, during the progress of the transformations wrought by the ages.

I will simply recall here what has been said about the anticipation of man in the provision of beds of coal laid by from the poison which once infected the atmosphere, and barred the march of progress. No other corporeal being has been capable of comprehending the uses of the coal; no incorporeal being had need of coal. It is something which stands in relation *only to man*; for man it was designed. We may say the same of iron, silver, and the other useful products of the mineral kingdom. It is only to man that they are useful. Man is the fulfillment of the prophecies of the ages.

We understand now, that man's birthplace was foreshadowed. It was expressed in the formal gradation of the continents. They are graded, in the present epoch. The mammalian fauna of Australia is almost exclusively Marsupial; that of South America is characterized by abundance of Edentates; that of North America is predominantly Herbivorous, while Carnivores take the lead on the eastern continent. A similar gradation existed in the age before man. The mammalian fossils of the Tertiary are, in Australia, predominantly marsupial; in South America, edentate; in North America, herbivorous; in the Orient, carnivorous. The apex of organization in the age before man, was located in the Orient. It might have been anticipated, therefore, that when