

structure of those beings affords, carry with them a more forcible conviction of an intelligent Creator, and the hypothesis of an eternal succession of causes, is thus at once removed. We argue thus: it is demonstrable from Geology that there was a period when no organic beings had existence; these organic beings must therefore have had a beginning subsequently to this period; and where is that beginning to be found but in the will and *fiat* of an intelligent and all-wise Creator?"

The same conclusion is stated by Cuvier, to be the result of his observations on geological phenomena: "Mais ce qui étonne davantage encore, et ce qui n'est pas moins certain, c'est que la vie n'a pas toujours existé sur la globe, et qu'il est facile à l'observateur de reconnoître le point où elle a commencé à déposer ses produits."—Cuvier, *Ossemens Fossiles*, Disc. Prelim. 1821, vol. i. p. ix.