

abyss are applied to the receptacle of waters exposed to the atmosphere, as well as to those which are concealed in the womb of our globe,* it is evident that they form one great body of waters in connexion with each other.

NOTE 10, p. 74.—*He who willed the deluge, and the destruction of the primeval earth and heavens by it, &c.* When it is considered that all the knowledge which we have, and can have, of the contents of the globe that we inhabit, is very *superficial*; that it is only, as it were, *skin deep*, and consequently very imperfect, it seems as if we stood in great need of some other guide, besides our own reasonings and guesses upon the little that we can explore of the earth's crust, to enable us to form a correct judgment, and to arrive at the truth as to what changes may have taken place in it, and by what means. When we further consider that we are informed by the *highest* authority, that the original earth and its heavens, with all their animal inhabitants—those only excepted, which, by his command, took refuge in a vessel built according to his direction—were destroyed by a universal deluge, which overtopped the highest mountains, and continued in force for nearly a year: when this great catastrophe is duly considered, surely, from the account given of it in Scripture, much may be gleaned that will throw a light upon the subject, that can never be struck out by the unassisted investigations of the Geologist who can penetrate so little below the earth's surface.

My own knowledge of Geology and its principles, as now laid down, is too slight to qualify me to compare them with what has been delivered in Scripture on the subjects here alluded to; but as it appears to me that the scriptural account of the great Cataclysm has not been duly weighed,

* Job xli. 31. Ps. cvi. 9. Isa. li. 10, &c.