

whatsoever kind, finds its proper resting place, to think that the principles of physical and moral truth can ever be in lasting collision. And as all the branches of physical science are but different modifications of a few simple laws, and are bound together by the intervention of common objects and common principles; so also, there are links, less visible, indeed, but not less real, by which they are also bound to the most elevated moral speculations.

“Geology lends a great and unexpected aid to the doctrine of final causes; for it has not merely added to the cumulative argument, by the supply of new and striking instances of mechanical structure adjusted to a purpose, and that purpose accomplished; but it has also proved, that the same pervading principle, manifesting its powers in our times, has also manifested its power in times long anterior to the records of our existence.”