

necessary entirely to answer all objections against revelation on the ground that its chronology does not agree with the records of geology. No matter how old geology makes the world; it is not older than the "beginning" of Scripture.

2. *They do fix the time when man appeared.* The Bible represents him as the last of the animals created, and from him a series of chronological dates is carried forward to the present time. His remains, too, are found only in alluvium, the most recent of the formations. This is a most interesting coincidence.

3. *They agree in representing creation as the work of God.* This is very marked in the Bible, and geology presents numerous exigencies in which no law of nature, no transmuting process will answer,—nothing but the special creating power of the Deity.

4. *They agree in representing instrumentalities as employed in the work of creation.* God commanded the earth to bring forth grass, and herb yielding seed, on the third day, and the waters every living thing that moveth, on the fifth. Divine energy was of course concerned, but these were the instruments. So from geology we learn that immense periods were consumed in preparing by natural operations for the introduction of animals and plants.

5. *They both represent creation to be a progressive work, completed by successive exhibitions of Divine power, with intervals of repose.* How long the intervals were, according to the scriptures, will depend on the meaning which we attach to the word day. But if they were only common days, the acts of creation would still be successive and the work progressive.

Geology, too, teaches us most distinctly that the various animals and plants were not introduced at once, but at intervals widely separated. This is an interesting coincidence between the two records; because we should beforehand presume that all the races would be introduced by one creative act.

6. *They agree in representing the continents as covered an indefinite period by the ocean, and subsequently elevated above it.* Geology testifies to several vertical movements of this kind; the scriptures mention but one, which perhaps was intended to stand as a representative of all.

7. *They agree in giving to the earth a very early revolution on its present axis.* The very first day in the Bible, while yet the ocean covered the continents, is represented as having its evening