

and Africa to go back for 5,000 years, there will remain a space of from 500 to 1,000 years for the destruction of the Palæo-cosmic men and the re-peopling of the old continent by such survivors as founded the Neocosmic peoples. These later peoples, though distinct racially from their predecessors, may represent a race contemporary with them in some regions in which it was possible to survive the great cataclysm, so that we do not need to ask for time to develop such new race.¹

We cannot but feel some regret that the grand old Palæo-cosmic race was destined to be swept away by the flood, but it was no doubt better for the world that it should be replaced by a more refined if feebler race. When we see how this has, in some of its forms, reverted to the old type, and emulated, if not surpassed it in filling the earth with violence, we may, perhaps, congratulate ourselves on the extinction of the giant races of the olden time.

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¹ For details of the physical characters of the older races of men I may refer to the works mentioned below, or to the writings of Dawkins and Quatrefages.