

soaked by them, we see immediately that their deposition and sepulture, as well as the putting together again of the dislocated remains of the primeval earth, must have been an important part of the office of the subsiding waters, upon which I shall now offer a few observations.

It has been a matter of surprise that amidst so many fossil animals which are daily brought to light, and those of some of the largest quadrupeds in great numbers,* no remains of the *human race* have yet been discovered, except in one or two solitary instances. As the deluge was caused by the wickedness of these old *giants*, as they have been called, but really *apostates*,† these *men of renown*, it was evidently a miraculous interference of the Deity for their punishment; it seems, therefore, by no means improbable, that the place of their burial was not left to chance, or the uninfluenced action of physical causes, but, like the burial place of Moses, was decreed by God, and fixed so as to be placed beyond discovery.

It seems to have been the opinion of most modern geologists, that fossil animals in general were *natives* of those districts or countries in which their remains have been discovered. But whoever takes into consideration the account, above detailed, which the sacred writings give us of the universal deluge, and of the prevalence of the waters above the summits of the highest mountains, will see at once, with the exception of those that were overtaken and drowned by the waters in dens or caverns, they must have floated when the waters had reached and flooded all the elevations upon which they had taken their last refuge, and they would have drifted off north or south, or in any other direction the fluctuating element was taking, and if there was an alternate flux and reflux, they would have been carried by it backwards and forwards till they

* See Reliquiæ Diluv. 138—182.

† Heb. נפלים.