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Dear Sir William Dawson

It is a gratification to
learn that you have under-
taken to write on "the origin &
antiquity of man" for the new
Bible dictionary. The two points
you outline are precisely those
on which it occurred to me
that no one could write with
more authority than yourself.
These will not be taken up by
any other writer so far as I
know. The article "man" will in-
clude some notes on the Bible
words for "man" written by Prof.
Adams. My part will con-
-sist

entirely of a general discussion
of the Bible Psychology & will
probably be given under that
word. I am, in brief articles,
giving notes on Body, Heck,
Heart &c. But the historical
treatments i.e. the Bible accounts
of man's introduction, & of his
early history will be left en-
tirely in your hands.

- Truly in your hands.
- In the first edition of my "Bible
Doctrine of Man" I did say some-
thing on both points: but found
that the topics were not for a theo-
-logical writer; but really for a
-special researcher. I am there-
-fore to keep entirely clear of them
in what I write for the dictionary.
I am pretty familiar with most
that you have already written in
that department, & hence am theo-
-logically convinced that these topics
will receive from you their due treat-
-ment. Believe me very truly,
J. Laidlaw