

Kennedy, Keweenaw N. Br.
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My dear Sir

I am very much obliged to you for the additional information about the sea-serpent. It is certainly valuable & I shall be glad if you will continue to keep your ears open on that subject & send me any more evidence you may obtain.

I am glad you have not buried your paper in Nova Scotia but keep it till you can make it as complete as you can. You will I expect clear up Bunsen's confusion about the gypsies, which being done I believe

as to the other point on which you consult me I have no hesitation in saying that I think your opportunity of instruction, except to books & lectures on theories (I probably lecture) will not be sufficient if you propose remaining at Pictou, to follow up such a line of investigation or will fit you to form an independent opinion of the early chapters in Genesis. Read the Review of Bunsen, Edinburgh Rev April 1846 (no. 168) p 405 & 429. What is there

said of the antiquity of the Egyptian & of the utter dark-
ness in which it learned & most orthodox are
at present in regard both to the Hebrew, Samaritan
& Septuagint Chronology will probably convince you
that you are attached too much importance to the
literal interpretation of the Hebrew Cosmogony - This
Review may express what all my literary friends
in London think of these matters & is the
opinion of those who know most of the Oriental
Language & literature you will see by Henry
Colebrooke's essay in the Trans. of the Asiatic
Society &c that the sacred hymns of the Vedas
were compiled in their present form 1300 years
B. C. that they must have been in current use
& were spread from Asia to Egypt 200 years
before that - & that the Institutes of Moses
written long after given but a confused idea

of the very remarkable & ancient Asiatic Cosmo-
gony in which the Creation of the world out of
nothing by the Supreme & eternal first Cause
is fully laid down - Also the succession of a
vast number of periods of 100th of thousands of
years at the end of each of which the earth was
again made to emerge from a universal Ocean, the
Brahme or the Spirit of God might again
create man & all living things - A letter will
not contain even a sketch of the ancient tradition
but it is impossible I think to read it (the famous
Sanskrit scholar Professor Wilson of Oxford has
expounded it to me in writing) & not to feel convinced
the geological observations of an early age led to
it - You know by 7th Acts "the Moses was
learned in all the wisdom of the Egyptians" but to
judge of his writings or compilations without first
studying Sanskrit & other Oriental languages &
literature, in some place like London, Berlin, or
Geneva or Paris where you have teachers &
large libraries would be impossible. It would be

