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Sir Will you allow me to say to you that I expect it will be found that the first chap. of Genesis does not give the history of the Earth, but only a clue to it.

Let it be supposed that there were Six Creations and that the last was effected in Six days by six progressive efforts.

We may then infer that the 5<sup>th</sup> was completed in Five progressive efforts. But it does not follow that these ~~were~~ were daily efforts. A longer interval might take place. For as the periods of the several Creations are (in your opinion, I believe) longer in the earlier than the later periods - so the progressive efforts of each creation may be longer too.

Let us take the first Creation. There is one effort only and it may be expected that the remains show uniformity.

Now for the Second Creation. The effort of the first Creation has to

be repeated. It may have lasted a considerable time, before the effort which constitutes the perfection of the 2<sup>nd</sup> Creation is made.

at the third Creation - two efforts at considerable intervals (though less than the interval in the 2<sup>nd</sup> creation) have to precede the effort which constitutes the perfection of the 3<sup>rd</sup> Creation.

at the fourth creation - the intervals are less between the four efforts.

at the fifth, the intervals are still less between the five efforts

and at the sixth, the intervals are only one day between the six efforts.

The more favourable part of the Earth's history for testing this theory, is I think, ~~between~~

The third and fourth Creations.

The changes are several and the times not too short.

Thus — we have the old Red Sandstone and the Coal period.

This theory would point to that <sup>time</sup> as the perfection of a Creation. While the New Red Sandstone and the smaller Coal deposits would point to a preliminary effort in a subsequent creation.

To test this theory thoroughly, a knowledge of geological facts, very much more than I possess is required. I submit that it is worthy of your attention

I am  
your very obedient servant  
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