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General Weather

Dear Sir,

I thank you very much for your courteous permission to write you. I have not been able to condense my remarks as much as I could have wished but think you will pardon the length upon perusal, so without more ado pass an opinion upon some passages of your "Chain of Life," On Page 113 you say "But the Carboniferous forests did not live in vain, if their only use was to store up the light and heat of those old summers in the form of coal," here I must differ from you somewhat because I do not think that the sun existed as light and heat during geological times but if it did would it have been of any use

owing to the dense mists at and up till this period and if not how could there have been any summers, according to my way of thinking it was not the sun but the outward moisture and the interior heat of the earth itself which produced the vegetation of the coal measures, the earth at this time being one vast forcing house, as to its formation into coal, two French savants in 1881. proved it to have been formed by great heat and great pressure that is to say there were vast subsidances of vegetation which the earth closed upon thereby producing the pressure required and the internal heat carbonised it, and the greater the pressure was the harder I suppose the coal became. On Page 114 are the words "higher intelligences unknown to us," may it not have been that these higher intelligences were the actual

creators or constructors of the world past and present, in Gen I. 1 it says "In the beginning God created &c" and Gen II. 3 confirm it but in Gen I. 3. 6. 9. 11. 14. the words are "Let there be &c" in verses 20. 24. "Let these" and in verse 26 "Let us &c". Jesus himself in Jno. I. 30. distinctly says "I and my Father are one", and in Jno I. 3. it states that "All things was made by him (Christ) and without him was not anything made that was made, this is also mentioned in three of Paul's epistles, Ephe. III. 9. Col. I. 16 and Heb. I. 2 & 10. further the Scriptures affirm that the angels are the highest order of intelligent beings and God's servants so that it is possible that they were under the command of God the great Father and Architect of the Universe and Jesus his Son the actual constructors of the world man alone

being the creation of God personally and this supposition does not detract from God's dignity, majesty, and greatness in the least but rather adds to them for we here obtain a glimpse though may be only a very faint one of the immensity of his power. On Page 164 is shown a peculiar looking reptile with somewhat of a bulldog looking head, prominent eyes, thick lips, forked tongue, long stout neck, rather plump but not large body and an immense undulating tail, is it possible that such a reptile could have existed down to the present time and if so is it likely that it is the modern sea-serpent. On Page 249. A Mammoth is depicted carved on a portion of the tusk of the same, but it does not follow that the man who made this

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picture lived when the creature did, in Siberia
in 1799 a chief discovered on the banks of the
Lena a Mammoth embedded in the ice in a
standing position which in the course of five
years thawed out in a perfect state of preser-
-vation or so much so at least that he and
others were enabled to feed their dogs upon
its flesh nothing however was said of this
find untill rumours of it reached a naturalist
who was only in time to obtain the skeleton,
the skin, and some of the hair which were
removed to the St Petersburg museum where
they now are. the inference I would draw is
might not the one engraved upon the portion
of tusk found, have been discovered in the same
way long after the creatures death and have
been so depicted as a memento by the man
who found it.

I shall now if you please proceed to Geology and
Genesis and shall take for my starting point
Laplace's Nebulae hypothesis of the Solar system
which of course you are fully acquainted with
and then base my further remarks on the
Rev Prof. Haughton's paper entitled "Notes on
Physical Geology," read before the Royal Society
1878. and published in the English Mechanic
of July 19th of the same year from which
as it may be unknown to you I take the
enclosed cutting of it. Will the deductions I
would make from Laplace's hypothesis and
the enclosed are these first that God probably
used the simple means described by Laplace
to bring the world into being and that when
it had cooled down sufficiently to permit of
water upon its surface the first dawn of life
appeared in it followed as you know by

and higher orders progressively as further cooling
took place not by evolution but by God's creative
power untill according to my way of thinking
based upon Prof. Haughton's theory the receding
of the internal heat of the earth caused a
Universal Glacial Period which put an end
to the past and was doubtless identical with
the description in Gen I. 2. and from which
according to the original Hebrew of 14. 2. the
present world was made because it signifies
to reconstruct from a state of disorder and
not to make something out of nothing. I
further believe judging from the Prof. theory
that the internal heat of the earth alone without
the sun was sufficient during the past
for all purposes, the Prof. does not indeed
say that the sun did not exist during such
times, but he to me very conclusively shows

by his facts and figures that it was the internal heat of the earth and not that of the sun that met all requirements so that for this reason and because of Gen. I. 16. I leave out the sun during Geological times, I could though I think take my stand upon the Nebulae hypothesis as well and be correct because the sun as you know is only a baby ~~gobb~~ compared to the earth which is of more mature age, I may here say that the sun is only the instrument of light to reflect the light to us as shown by the original Hebrew of Gen. I. 16. and is not the light itself Gen. I. 3. and certainly seems only to belong to the present age.

As to light as light I am under the impression that it has always been in existence independant of the sun, so that probably the light of the Geological times was in accordance

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with those times and not as perfect as now, so that I consider that we have ample proof altogether that the present world is really a recreation or rather a reconstruction from the past which it follows in point of time constructed to in six literal days as recorded see Exodus XX: 11. and XXXI: 17. and the reason why to my mind geological times are not mentioned in the Scripture is simply because the Scripture commences only with man's advent of which as you know there is no reliable record until after the Glacial Period and not likely to be in face of the scripture narrative. By the way in a paper here of Jan^y 22nd called the "Christian Million" it was stated that an astronomer of some note was about to give a series of lectures and amongst other things

he would give proof that there was no moon until the fourth day of creation - ours of course - and by the transit of Venus also prove that there have been weeks of seven days ever since creation. So that taking all things into consideration, though not in the original Hebrew Gen. I. 2. might read, And (after the ages foregone) the earth was without form and void &c that is to say the geological ages.

Briefly summed up the matter stands thus geology is right in regard to the various epochs of time, the appearance of higher orders of creatures progressively and in mans appearance after a Glacial Period but that scientists are wrong in the way they arrive at these conclusions inasmuch as it was the cooling of the earth and not the shifting of the Pole

and heat of the sun which caused the
changes of climate &c in the past thereby proving
that the present world followed a preceding
one because the sun the present source of
light and heat was not formed until the
fourth day of this creation, further the earths
age according to the Scriptures is only about
6000 years, and death which was rampant
in Geological times was never intended to
hold sway at this our creation because
the Scriptures distinctly affirm that it was
reintroduced by Adams fall, this curse have-
-ing been put upon all living creatures for
his sake as shown by the literal not typical
meaning of Gen III. 14. and by the herbivorous
nature of all such creatures before his
transgression Gen I. 29 & 30.

I may say that I have used these ideas to a certain extent lately to combat the unbelief of a correspondent in the "English Mechanic" in regard to the creation Gen I, they raised a cloud of correspondance some in my favour & much more against me but those who were against me were certainly not christians as they characterised the scriptures as old ballads, mythical legends, and Gen I as of infantile character, together with any amount of quibbling otherwise, and yet some of them called themselves Astronomers, Geologists &c, but an interesting reply in answer to my quotation from the "Christian Witness" was sent by a Mr J. B. Dimbleby who was afterwards kind enough to send me a copy of his

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"All Past Time" of which I send you a similar one in which I have marked the reply sent to the E. M. (for which see last page) together with other portions that seem to me to support my views &c, hoping that I may hear from you again and that you may be able and willing to make considerable use of the contents of my letter, the enclosed cutting from the E. M. and the book "All Past Time"

I am,

Yours respectfully,

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P. S. The six literal days of the Creation represent the 6000 years of the duration of this world and the 7th (the Sabbath) the 1000 years of the Millennium which will I think now be soon upon us as there is only 116 years from now to the final close. — J. H.

I had the pleasure of spending about a
day and a half in your City in May 1875.
so do not feel quite strange to you

J. H.