

Mendon, Ill., Jan. 16<sup>th</sup> 1888Sir W<sup>m</sup> Dawson. B. A. S. L. D.

My Dear Sir:—

The clerk which I had at the time that I dictated my letter to you, was very careless. I hope you will excuse the omission of the name,

I shall be glad to receive your book, on the Antiquity of Man, when it is published. If you will be so kind as to order a copy of Fossil Man sent to me I will be glad to review it. I have never secured a copy of it tho I have read parts of it and enjoyed reading it.



1888  
Mendham, N.J. Jan. 12  
Dear Mr. Peet

My dear Sir,  
I have been glad to receive your note, and the opportunity of having a copy of the book sent to me I will be glad to receive. I have never secured a copy of it, but I have sent parts of it, and enjoyed reading it.



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I missed your presence, and perhaps might say assistance, at the meeting of the Amer. Association at New York. It was a matter of chagrin, that Prof Morse should attack the church and religious people as he did in his address, and could not be answered on the spot.

In our section of Anthropology I found myself contending single-handed with a large number of men who hold to the extreme antiquity of man.

The idea that the mountains were abraded until they became valleys and left a ridge thousands of feet high with beds of lava on the ridge, and the stone mortars three hundred feet deep, under the lava beds, did not seem to surprise many of them.



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London, 21st

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seem to support the weight of them.



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It has always struck me as inconsistent, that neolithic relics of an advanced type should be discovered so much lower down, than paleolithic relics, and yet both cited as proofs of extreme antiquity. The order is reversed, but no one rises to explain why.

I presume you have spoken of the stone mortars in the auriferous gravels, and of the Calaveras skull, in your book. We are dependent upon geologists for an explanation of these anomalies. Archaeologically they are contradictions. The Marquis de La Daille has spoken of the cave-dwellers in Brazil as hiding under the shell of the Glyptodon, and as fighting with the Milodon. Megatherium &c. and yet he mentions the horse



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It has always struck me as most  
- curious, that the notice of our  
- advanced type should be discon-  
- sidered as much as it is, when  
- published in the West, and yet both  
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- the same to explain why.  
Of course you have  
- spoken of the error in the  
- American papers, and of the fact  
- that the error, in your book, is  
- dependent upon the geographical  
- explanation of the error.  
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- there. The progress of the  
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as associated with man and extinct animals apparently at the same horizon.

The strangest inconsistencies are advanced, and no one seems to notice them, because it is fashionable to believe in extreme antiquity.

I do not see how the geologists reconcile the date of the glacial period as indicated by the Niagara gorge (10,000 yrs) with the claim of one hundred thousand years for the relic-bearing gravels in the valley of the Anniere. These things fuzzle me beyond measure.

Yours Very Respectfully,  
Stephen D. Peet.

A. B. My address is as above.



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The strongest incentive  
to me are advanced and in our  
view to make them, because it is  
feasible to believe in extreme  
necessity. It is not as far the  
geographic records the date of  
the local period as indicated  
by the Chicago paper (18, 1897)  
with the date of the number  
three and four for the relief  
bearing ground on the valley  
of the river. Other things  
I will not report measures,  
I am very respectfully,  
Alfred S. Peck  
A. S. Peck address is as above.