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~~Mr. W. Dawson~~
Editor

Dr. J. W. Dawson

Dear Sir

I am in some doubt whether you are the same gentleman who is spoken of as Sir Wm Dawson, but I believe you are the author of the Book on Odigiris which I have read with much satisfaction, & of some other scientific writings in the Reviews.

I write to you therefore for some assistance in the clearing up of some of the ideas in my mind, tho' establish firmly, according to truth, certain views I have been in the habit of

Obviously that geology does not mean
only our subject of man's existence as far
back, — as this word implies, but is prob-
ably against it.

A. It is against it as to testimony of
fossil remains. In arguing it as
to the state of the earth, & the environ-
ment that would have been necessary to his
life &c.

Thirdly, That according to the old
system of classification of animals
& so to species & varieties, there is
indubitably one species.
Fourthly, That it, at least, out of all prob-

stating. But my know-
ledge of Scientific sub-
jects is very superficial.

I wish to ask you
whether the following
statement is correct, & ab-
solutely capable of proof.

First, that the evolution
of man, according to the the-
ory of evolution, as put forth
by Darwin & others, would
certainly require a period
of time to be allowed immen-
sely greater than any period
consistent with the Bible
statements, & certainly a
period some tens of thous-
ands of years more than
we have commonly sup-
posed man's history to go
back to.

ability, that, had Man
come by evolution & the
survival of the fittest &
there would have been
but one "species", & one only
in all ~~the~~ parts of the
earth.

Hoping that it will
not give you trouble or
trouble is too likely, take
too much of your valuable
time to answer this
note - perhaps by simply
by pointing out some
part of your writings in
which I may find a full
answer, or perhaps by
saying only, that the state-
ment here made is correct,

I am dear Sir

Yours with great respect

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