

Lay out

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Dear Sir Williams

Thank you  
so much for sending  
me your interesting  
paper read at Hildburghausen.  
The clear distinction  
between the spiritual  
& supernatural was  
new to me, and is,  
I see of great im-  
portance in discussing  
these things with objectors.

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Against the accusation  
that Christianity has  
rundered science, I  
think may be fairly  
put Voltaire's explana-  
-tion that a petrified  
pike found in the Alps,  
and the impression of  
a turbot on a stone  
in Hessa did not  
prove that rivers or  
seas ever flowed there  
but "it was more  
natural to suppose  
that these fishes were  
carried thither by a  
treacher, who, on their  
getting spoiled, threw

them away; & they be-  
came petrified in process  
of time "because of his  
fear that it pointed  
to a universal flood!  
Has any "So far as we  
can understand, not  
only the material universe,  
but even the spiritual  
world, must be under  
the Domain of Divine  
law". This is exactly  
opposite to Drummond's  
"Natural law in the  
spiritual world." If  
I have caught the idea  
rightly, it is rather  
"Spiritual law in  
the natural world,"

which seems so  
much more like the  
truth. It is the basis  
of the Genesis.

I am so pleased to  
have any portrait  
of you, but I should  
have liked something  
better than the paper  
has produced. There  
are many questions that  
I must like to have asked  
you, one is, whether in  
the early human remains,  
there is anything to indicate  
the long lives of the  
patriarchs. But though  
I have asked it, please do  
not trouble to answer  
it now, but I have not heard  
the question discussed. Yours sincerely  
Wm. L. G. L.