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Thou art the Christ, the Son of the Living God.—*Peter.* On this Rock I will build my Church, and the gates of Hades shall not prevail against it.—*The Lord Messiah.*

THE CREATION—REVELATION—GEOLOGICAL DISCOVERIES, &c.

SOME time since we heard a friend of ours expatiating very warmly on the injurious tendencies of Geological lectures. At first we thought his fears were groundless; for we have ever been of the opinion that the volume of nature and revelation proclaim the same glorious facts, and alike impress upon the mind of those who study them the being and perfections of God—his power, greatness, wisdom and glory, and the necessity of an unreserved submission to his gracious will. But when men, reputed intelligent, assert that discoveries in science, the formation of the earth, or some fossil remains, declare the Mosaic account of the creation to be false, or assign to the earth a much greater age than that which we learn from the Bible, then should the believer in revelation raise his voice and speak out:—then should the defenders of the truth of God stand forth before the world, and say to all the sceptical and unbelieving, “Come, now, and let us reason together.”

We have not had the opportunities of many of our contemporaries to dive into the bowels of the earth to examine its various formations, neither have we had the privilege of soaring among the stars of our solar system, to watch their movements and admire their changes; but with a little general knowledge of these sciences we have found our mind more fully confirmed in the truth of the Mosaic account of the creation. Not a doubt rests with us that the nearer science comes to perfection, the more nearly will it approximate the facts developed in the revelation of God. To the devout, holy philosopher, nature and religion are a happy, harmonious wedded pair, walking hand in hand, guiding their student toil towards the portals of immortality.

Some thoughtless young persons, however, are ready to seize on almost any pretext to bring doubt and uncertainty over their mind relative to the revelation of God! He then who would add such in their career of scepticism is no friend to the moral renovation of the human family. How different such characters from such men as the great and illustrious NEWTON and LOCKE, who spent many days and years pondering over and admiring the revelation of God! Like Mary they sat at the feet of Jesus and heard his words, receiving them “without exception and without a doubt.” Sir Isaac Newton on the pro