

it is not said, as it is in regard to the various species of lower animals, that men were created "each after his kind." But the simple record is:—"God created man, male and female; in the image of God created He them." In the amplification of the story of man's creation, given in the second chapter of Genesis, but one primitive pair is introduced to our notice—from which all the subsequent races of man have descended. We have it upon the authority of an inspired Apostle, while addressing a highly cultivated audience in the learned city of Athens, that "God hath made of one blood all nations of men for to dwell on all the face of the earth, and hath determined the times before appointed, and the bounds of their habitation." The unity of the human race is thus not only plainly asserted in Holy Scripture; but, besides that, the separate nationalities and types of man are not incompatible with the postulate of a first human pair; and the diversity of race may be accounted for by natural causes, and climatic influences, and other conditions of life. The gift of speech, which distinguishes man from the lower animals, is the common property of *all* races of men; and this of itself would indicate strongly an identity of origin. Both on *ethnological* and *philological* grounds, it has been pretty clearly demonstrated by eminent scholars and antiquarians that the unity of the human race, as taught by inspiration; is confirmed by modern science and by archæological discovery. For example, it has been shewn—quite independently of Bible history—that the tenth chapter of the book of Genesis "is undoubtedly *the most authentic record we possess* in the department of ethnology;" that all the inhabitants of the earth soon after the flood spoke but one common language, akin to Sanscrit or Chaldee; and further, that the plain of Shinar is the common centre from which the whole human family radiated, after the confusion of tongues at Babel, to the other continents of the globe. While *the unity* of the human race is thus established to a very high degree of probability, the doctrine of *man's antiquity* (as set forth in the Mosaic