

Sir William Dawson on Genesis and Geology.

The late Sir William Dawson, President of McGill University, the discoverer of the simplest and most primitive life found in the rocks, and who must rank, at least, the equal of Mr. Jackson in the department of geology says: "The first, and a very startling conclusion that we reach here is that the fifth and sixth days of the Mosaic record (the account of the creation of the creatures inhabiting the sea, air and earth, and the creatures inhabiting the sea, air and earth, and finally man) cover nearly the whole of geological time. Of the earlier creative aeons geological science knows nothing except by inference. . . . On the whole we may be satisfied that Scripture in its detail, as to the origin of animals, contradicts no received result of science, and anticipates many of its discoveries. . . . The progress in animal life thus shortly sketched is sufficient to show the remarkable manner in which revelation has foreshadowed what, in these last days, the rocks have opened their mouths to tell." (The Bible and Science.)

After the above statements (and no discoveries made since to alter or modify them) how sublime the confidence of Mr. Jackson who says "When . . . we go on to claim that the secrets which the mind of man is slowly spelling out from the rocks . . . were revealed to the writers of Genesis years ago, science simply laughs us to scorn." However, to give Mr. Jackson due credit, he, amidst the many myths found in the ancient world "readily concedes" that the Bible myth "approaches nearest to the conclusions of science." Wonderful guess for a myth!