

if many millions of years were spent in preparation for a state that was to continue but for so many thousands; and this consideration, independent of every thing else, should induce us to pause, and examine with the greatest vigilance and deliberation, the foundations of a theory which is so far from according with the Sacred Scriptures, that those of its supporters who maintain its reconcileability with the Scriptures, differ so widely from one another in regard to the manner in which the reconciliation is to be effected, that others of them, and those by no means of an inferior grade, regard the point as unattainable, and allow the Scriptures to be written not in conformity with the fact, but with the traditional accounts and prejudices of the age to which they are to be referred.

I am satisfied that whatever opposition may appear between the Scriptures and any science in its infancy, it will gradually disappear in proportion as that science advances; and when a reconciliation is effected, they will be mutually serviceable to one another, and promote the great object of both. Geology and the Scriptures illustrate each other, and give a clear, consistent, and interesting view of the early condition of the earth—of the revolutions it has undergone, and the great end for which they have been brought about.

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