

plainly irrational and absurd. What manufacturer of pottery or glassware would make a vessel and then dash it to pieces, gather them up and throw them into the chaudiéron, and when melted down form the same description of vessel. The infinitely wise architect of the universe at the creation of the earth, formed stones, and layers and stratas of rock, to sustain and keep together the earthly or granular parts, like bones in the bodies of animals, to support the fleshy portions; and they were of different compositions and qualities, as there are various orders and species of beasts, birds, fishes, and other creatures; also different vegetable products, and all to show forth His wisdom, power and goodness, and for the use and comfort of man. Doubtless, also, the formation of stratas of stone and other solid substance, has been continually going on, by water carrying down sand, pebbles, and various other small solid substances, and in the course of time they have become cemented. The Dr. says further on this stone subject:—

“It is commonly imagined that they were created in their present forms and in their present positions. The geologist now comes to a different conclusion, discovering proofs that the external parts of the earth were not all produced in the beginning of things, in the state in which we now behold them, nor in an instant of time.”

Here are more conclusions. We have already had more than enough of these. Where are the proofs? Revelation and reason demand them. He says “the geologist has discovered them.” Their presence is desired. But it cannot be afforded because they do not exist, but are merely *fictitious* like all the rest of his fabulous story. The Dr. himself is here the geologist and must be held accountable. He says the rocks were not formed “in an instant of time.” Why not Dr? Do you doubt the power of the Creator to do it? Your American Indian chronicler has taught you better, for he says “The whole earth was formed in an instant,” and yourself has said:—“The Almighty might have called into existence by one single momentary act, a world complete in all its parts.” Would it have been complete at first in all its parts without stratas and other portions of rock and stone? Away with such *tergiversations* as is here exhibited, and in so many other parts of this fictitious and absurd book.

The Dr. continues his mere assertions, as follows:—