

give painful evidence of a want of *reasonable faith*.— Good men have unwittingly permitted their love of science to over-ride their love of faith; for though all, as respects *the when and how* of geology, is guess work, yet in order to make the word of God succumb to its rude uncertainties, His Truth has been tortured into something so like “a lie” that religion veils her face in shame.

It is pleasant, however, where one finds so much to deplore, to be able to speak in terms of high gratification of the able manner in which both Mr. Miller and the writer of “the Book and the Rocks” place in bold relief the complete refutation which the recent discoveries in the science of geology have given to the sceptical conceits of the *eternity of the world, the infinite succession of the human race, &c.* In earnest and glowing language they rejoicingly show how entirely in harmony are geology and Holy writ on these important points. And this they do *without any unholy straining of the divine veracity*: What a pity it is that they could not also have *trusted* Eternal Truth where geology does not speak, but only as yet *utters most uncertain sounds*.

The necessary brevity of these letters compels me to conclude, content with rather suggesting reflection than elaborating argument. I finish, therefore, with one hint,—that the present infancy of the science of geology should cause its christian votaries, while they steadily pursue their researches, and fearlessly proclaim their discovered facts,—for the Infinite stands in no need of the adroit fencing of poor human wit to defend either His natural or revealed truth,—at the same time to let their faith “stand still,” assured that in this thing also, they shall one day “see the salvation of God;” and doubtless they will then greatly marvel that they should ever have trembled lest God should not be able to “vindicate his ways to man.”