

The foregoing observations indicate plainly enough that all mankind are specially interested in three of the grand *alternations* of the solar system. During the present *alternation*, the aggregate human mind appears to be but the creative mind in embryo, while during the coming *alternation*, the aggregate human mind naturally merges into the creative mind, enjoying a condition of childhood and youth during the whole period of time that our solar system continues in its reverse condition (the sun being *then* the great central habitable world, and the revolving planets the sources of light and heat); for *our* creative mind evidently can have no occasion to engage in serious *creative* work until the solar system again reverts to its present condition, an ocean of water again prevailing in each of the habitable planets, and the sun again becoming the great central source of light and heat; as at present.

The numerous strata of rock, and the miles in thickness of the earth's crust have occasioned many to conclude that the solar system has been in its present condition for *millions* of years, nevertheless there is no positive evidence whatever that the *double alternation* in the solar system is not accomplished within the comparatively very limited time of about *twenty-five or thirty thousand years*; or within a period of time about equal to that of one complete revolution of "the precession of the equinoxes:" for the changes in the earth's crust doubtless occurred with much greater rapidity, and on a much larger scale during the geological periods than now. We have good reason to conclude that the earth *grew rapidly in its youth*, and attained maturity before man appeared; since which time, there has been evidently no more appearance of *rapid growth* of numerous strata or enormous masses of rock than there is usually an appearance of *rapid growth* in any animal or vegetable organism that has once attained maturity.

Could we see the whole solar system as it appears to the creative mind intimately associated with the sun, or with any of the habitable worlds revolving about it, we should then probably realize at once the enormous proportions of the great central world, and that our earth, and the other planets are comparatively