

By putting together some such characteristic and persistent elements, perhaps some well-defined minor waves of widespread culture may be made out by which—comparing especially their Old World “stratification” with their New World “stratification,”—early human chronology might be considerably advanced. Geology began with just such crude hypotheses from estimates of stratification. History, archaeology, philology and geology all put together, need still whatever helps sociology can bring them in their gropings into the prehistoric developments of our race; but there and here it is possible to raise a few signposts even if the miles cannot be given.