

This is mere assertion. He has not given the slightest semblance of proof to support it, and it is directly at variance with Scripture.

2. "That a chronological order of formation of these rocks can be made out."

Again, mere assertion. If he has any proof, why did he not produce it? Just because there is none. He has said they are *metamorphic*, therefore, by his own showing, they cannot possibly give any chronological order of formation.

3. "That the fossil remains contained in the rocks constitute a chronology of animal and vegetable existence."

Here, the third time, the Doctor's old metamorphic rocks destroy his assertion, for he has said that they are in such a condition as to almost preclude the possibility of their containing any distinguishable vegetable fossils." What kind of chronology, then, can these *undistinguishable* vegetable fossils afford? Go on Dr., you are fast destroying your whole story:

4. "That the history of the earth may be divided, in this way, into distinct periods, all pre-Adamite."

This is only the Doctor's fiction of periods, already shown to be contrary both to Scripture and fact. The pre-Adamite earth was just *five* days old when he was created, and therefore its history could be very readily and briefly written.

5. "That the pre-Adamite periods were of enormous duration."

This is a part of the preceding fictitious invention, and as already shown, the geologic brethren only come within millions, or other vast ages of each other as to the extent of that duration.

6. "That during these periods the existing general laws of nature were in force, though the dispositions of inorganic nature were different in different periods; and the animals and plants of successive periods were also different from each other."

None of such asserted differences have been shown, or ever existed. He has already contradicted it as to plants, by the statement of the *undistinguishable* vegetable fossils on the metamorphic rocks. He proceeds by saying:—

"The origin of species is a mystery, and belongs to no natural law that has yet been established."