

·speak! It matters not that the Indians discovered by Columbus and Cortez were ignorant of their meaning, and could only say that they had always been as ruins, heaps of mutilated columns, and piles of huge architectural palaces defying the ravages of time. Such buildings were constructed by the sons of our first parents. Examine their works in Asia. Why may not those in America be equally early with them, especially when the similarity of style has been proved? There was no unsurmountable object to prevent them early coming here.

Notice also that these ancient builders must have reached this Continent from an Asiatic direction as their works are all on the western slope. Some ruins in Florida and those of Peru are of an entirely different character and evidently belong to a more recent and consequently more advanced civilization.

The idea is no longer tenable that men before the flood were uncivilized and ignorant of the art of construction, such errors are fast fading away. The builders of the Ark, and those who raised the Tower of Babel were as capable of constructing the stupendous monuments of Palcuque and Nicla, (Panama), having the appearance of the same parentage with the ancient land marks of Asia.

In that case it seems as if the migrations of the race around the world had begun from West to East, and not in the course of the sun, or as we generally style the westward flight of Empire.

Possibly this may have been interrupted by the flood, if so the marvels of Palcuque and Nicla were erected previous to that time. Then with these we are in possession of the first human constructions. Of what afterwards happened we have some knowledge. The race had to develop for a second time during long centuries. From the heights of Asia, tribes extended towards and occupied the shores of the Mediterranean, while others pushed eastward to China, and there