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Sir J. W. Dawson

Sir

Permit me to say that I have read your able & very instructive books "The Chain of Life in Geological Time" & "The Story of the Earth & Man", with great pleasure especially the latter as it exposes more fully the fallacies & assumptions of the teachers of evolution.

Such books by a Master hand - by one so eminent as a man of science, must do much good & serve a boon to many minds pained & perplexed & more or less carried away by the overwhelming flood of evolutionism & of atheistical teaching.

Men, even reviewers, clergymen, bishops & others who profess to believe all the verities of the Christian faith, appear to accept evolution as an indisputable fact as much proved, & as impossible to deny, as the law of gravitation or the circulation of the blood - its author is exalted to a place by the side of Newton

& Harvey. It is I think by no means generally known, that all men of science & some of the most eminent, do not accept evolutionism as taught by its exponents, & even protest against ^{it} as a miserable superstition.

It seems also to be very generally supposed that the Mosaic account of the creation must be regarded simply as myth or poetry & that it is utterly irreconcilable with geology & science. Whereas surely, the facts ^{ought to be viewed} are quite the other way. Moses' account seems to be an unfolding roll with much more in it than, perhaps, its author was aware of. A man at that time attempting to write a history of creation from his own imagination or moral consciousness, would have said something as absurd as that the world rests upon an elephant & the elephant upon a tortoise. Whereas he puts the succession of vegetable & animal life ⁱⁿ the right order. The universal ocean, the upheaval of land, a terrestrial flora, the creation of birds

3 and reptiles - The creation of land animals
& ~~lastly~~ the creation of man. So he seems
to have possessed information that he
could not have gained from the unborn
science of geology or from any ordinary
source. The six literal days need
not of course be defended & there is
much to show that Moses, indeed,
intended days of God's chronology
not man's - long periods of time.!

As for the light of the sun
lighting the earth on the 4th day,
is there not reason to suppose that
the earth was not at one time lighted
in the way it is now? There are
points of course in the Mosaic narra-
tive that may seem to clash with
the teachings of science & on these
I should like much to gain further
information. I don't think you
have entered into this matter in
any of your books. I have not seen
your "Sign of the World" however,
at present. The two I have named

I have bought both.

If at your leisure you would give a brief exposition of your views about the Mosaic history of the Creation & its bearing on Geology I should be greatly pleased & obliged & I should place great value on your treatment of the Question.

Hoping that you will pardon the liberty I have taken in thus addressing one whom I am a complete stranger, as I write to you on no personal matter.

I am, with every expression of esteem, & with thanks for your valuable & interesting books,
I am

Yours most obediently

C. J. Winter

P.S. In the 1st & 2nd editions of Chamber's Encyc. my name appears in the list of principal contributors in vol. 10. I have not seen the new Ed. now issuing. I write on Eastern sands. I have written several books for the young which are published by the S. P. C. K. & having a goodly number of children I am the more anxious to obtain right views on the very important subjects which I have referred.