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My dear Sir,

Looking again at your Historical Deluge Treat, since reading your letter to-day, I am much more astonished at your thinking it suffices at all to meet Scripture.

In fact it neither corresponds to that, nor to the visible facts. The statements on which I most rely are the recorded Predictions by God. They nowhere mention "submergence", nor does the narrative.

VI. 7 "And the Lord said, I will destroy man whom I have created, from the face of the ground; both man & beast, & creeping thing, & fowl of the air -"

12. "All flesh had corrupted its way upon the earth"

13. "The end of all flesh is come before me; for the earth is filled with violence through them; and behold I will destroy them with the earth"

17. "And I, behold, I do bring the Flood of waters upon the earth, to destroy all flesh, wherein is the breath of life from under heaven; everything that is in the earth shall die."

VII. 4 "For yet seven days, and I will cause it to rain upon the earth, 40 days & 40 nights; and every living thing that I have made will I destroy from off the face of the ground". Surely that predicts nothing less than that every living animal shall be either drowned or affoat.

There is not a word of submergence or earthquake, nor of any cause of flooding but rain.

How on earth could any partial, local flood fulfil that? Why could not Noah have been directed to emigrate to some un-flooded hills? Travelling, even to America, would have been easier than building the Ark.

But just as little do you agree with Darwin's visible facts. Why have all the American large & small animals been so red-need? Why were there no horses in America till Columbus went there? Fossil horses but none living!

Buffon thought "creative power" had never operated in the New World. But its fossils were equal to any of the Old. Again read Darwin's Origin of Species. Chap XIII; the facts that so puzzled him. The very uniform distribution of freshwater species, where land & sea are so different. Again the pauceness & unfitness of species in all oceanic islands. "A sufficient number of the best adapted species plants & animals were not created for oceanic islands; for man has unintentionally stocked them far more fully & perfectly than did Nature."

I have found an American Astronomy, that of C A Young of New Jersey, that has the rare honesty of saying cometary encounters with the earth are inevitable. Art. 753. "In fact, if the earth

last long enough, it is sure to happen; for there are several comets' orbits which pass nearer to the earth's orbit than the semi-diameter of the comet's head; and at some time the earth & the comet will certainly come together. Such encounters however will be very rare. If we accept the estimate of Babinet they will occur about once in 15,000,000 years, in the long run". That is an utter mistake of Babinet. In the Athenaeum Oct. 1866, p 436, I have shown, (and might now from further evidence) that instead of one encounter in 15,000,000 years, you have to expect sixty in that interval -

It is most amusing to see Lyell & Huxley in their anxiety to avoid miracles, blundering straight into huge miracles!

As for examining the whole country from the Persian Gulf to the Armenian mountains, why not any other range of country? The Bible is silent about Noah's original country, except that it certainly implies he came from a district without rainbows. The rainbow was a new phenomenon to his young comrades, if not to himself. Now I believe he came from Upper Egypt; but if from Persia or anywhere round, he must have often seen rainbows. Have you observed the effect of drawing a circle of 1160 English miles radius from Ararat? In its circumference of over 3600 miles, it crosses but very few hundred miles of sea, and every river or brook enters it. Not one flows outward! Where will you find another mountain like that?

About Nowri, I think he must be a real person, because a letter came from America to the English Mechanic, to say he was in 1892, mad and in an asylum. Some advertisement, I should think, in New York, might elicit in what Asylum he is confined. You see he had companions, he might identify them.

Sir John Maundeville in 1322 wrote that in Ermony (Armenia) is a mountain called Ararat, where Noah's ship rested, and still it is upon that mountain, and men may see it afar in clear weather. That mountain is full seven miles high, and some men say that they have seen & touched the ship, and put their fingers in the parts where the devil went out when Noah said Benedicite. But they that say so speak without knowledge; for no one can go up the mountain for the great abundance of snow, so that no man ever went up since the time of Noah, except a monk, who by God's grace, brought one of the planks down, which is yet in the monastery at the foot of the mountain. This was St Jacob's monastery, destroyed by the earthquake of 1840.

Depend on it the Ark is yet to be found.

Dear Sir Yours very truly
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