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Tract 827
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Dear Sir William

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that I venture to appeal to you for your
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give - The enclosed Tract - entitled "How
long ago did man appear upon the Earth"
was considered by the Committee yesterday.
They are of course most anxious not to
publish any statements but such as can
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beginning of the proof - The proof I
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of our Committee whose criticisms are
worthy of consideration - I thought I en-
closed it - you would see the various points
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Hoping you will kindly pardon the
great liberty I am taking in this matter
in thus troubling you -

Believe me

Yours faithfully

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P.S. Your Present Day tract upon the
Historical Deluge has been very well
received & renewed - I dare say you
have seen several notices of it -

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Suggestions as to what a Fact
about long ago old men appear to

Step 1 * The term "Scientist" is objectionable
in form and there are no such persons
but my Naturalists, Physicists, Chemists &c
hardly need to say that he would
rather be called an uphol than a
Scientist

* The discussion (as a question of
Natural Science) is only "in". The words in
brackets are necessary to impart sense.

Step 2. * The term "Soul" is ambiguous. In
the English bible it sometimes means
the animal nature which man shares
with lower creatures. The author means
the "rational and spiritual" nature of man.

Step 3 * Note the bearing of the
deluge in this and the doctrine of
the bible that great inventions introduced
acts before the deluge, and that the
summons of the deluge were entered. Heathen
mythology & tradition connect with the
bible in this. See Fact on "Historical Deluge"

* The argument here is that gradual
changes would not have produced these
uses. They must be varieties of animals
have originated somewhat abruptly and

have been
they fixed & isolated.

‡ The classification of periods is
somewhat old-fashioned. The
real argument is not that the
"outcrop is too great" but that all
the Primary & Secondary animals known
to us are now extinct. The same
argument applies to the recent
and recent tertiary in which all
the known mammals are present
species. These facts were no doubt well
related with conditions unfavorable to
man and his contemporaries in that
the time was too early for them.

Slip 5 * There are indications of other
cold periods previous, but little is known
of them. The statement is not essential
to the argument and some astronomers
& geologists still believe in astronomical causes
producing successive glacial periods at
long intervals. (Croll's & De la Roche's views, see)

Slip 6 * This is not clearly stated nor
quite correct. The present European fauna com-
pared with the animals mentioned and sur-
vived there, and some of the animals men-
tioned as the reindeer, glutton & Lemming still
snowed in Europe. A reference to Denmark would
give the exact facts as to Pleistocene mammals
and which of them are locally or wholly extinct
or still survive. In the following paragraph

In view of the statements are repeated more
correctly (+)

Strip 7 — * Not an "entirely new" fauna
See above

+ Not "buffaloes"

‡ Reference should be made to the
"rubble drift" and coarse deposits as con-
taining the remains of man as well as
those of animals of species which thrived
in the post-glacial subidence — The term "terrestrial
man inundations" is scarcely correct. It seems
to have been a somewhat great subidence
with probably a more rapid re-elevation;
see tract in "Antiquary deluge" and Reber's
papers

Strip 10 * It is not certain that
there has been modern change of
climate. Migration was probably made
first by the ancient civilized people

Strip 12 * The correct statement would
be that the majority of primitive man
and probably all of the ^{primitive} man and
barbarous ones disappeared

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