

I understand that a book was written some time ago, was written during the last century, called, "Onphalos" a Greek word for a nail. The purpose of the book was to say that Adam was created with a ^{navel} ~~tail~~ as if he had been born, although ~~grown-~~ ^{grown-} ~~he~~ actually he of course was created as a full ~~man~~, ~~he~~ he was thus created as a complete ~~man~~, as if the long course of growth had ~~been~~ gone through it, and that the same principle should be applied to the earth, and that the geological structure had been put in/ the earth, before its creation, at the time of ~~its~~ its creation, so that it would look as if it had gone through a long time of development.

As far as the geological ~~structure~~ ^{strata} is concerned, it must be confessed that this theory does not appeal to us/ at all. It would ~~mean~~ ^{today} seem as if God were trying to confuse us by leaving marks of things which, properly interpreted, would teach that there had been a long period of development. This, of course, entirely ~~depends~~ ^{the} on the ~~types~~ ^{type} of the strata, ~~the~~ type of fossils, the sort of development, and so on. It is our feeling, however, that God would not deceive us in such a way, that we find something which indicate ~~by~~ the type of development which we find actually happening today that we are justified in saying that it indicates the similar development occurred in the past.

It is not the purpose of this paper to go through the question of the development of geological strata or the whole/ ^{matter of} geological ages. There is much in this which has been established to the ~~satisfaction~~ ^{every} of all scholars and there are in it, as in/ other science, ^{certain} points which deserve considerable/ ^{as} more thought than they have yet had, before we are able to speak/ dogmatically as many men are inclined to do. My purpose rather is to indicate that it would certainly up to God whether He would create the chicken first or the egg first. It is not necessary that ~~the~~ ~~cause~~ ~~of~~ ~~development~~.