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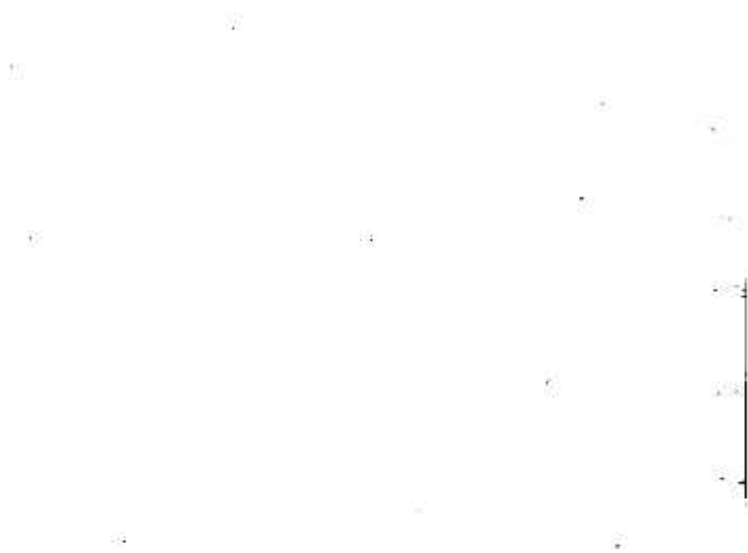
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INTRODUCTION.

THE term of man's existence on the earth is the great question of the age. Astronomy and Geology have of late wonderfully enlarged our conceptions of time and space. Under their inspiration, the horizon has expanded into a boundless universe, and the "six days of creation," into as many vast periods of duration.

Ethnology, philology, and other kindred studies, have, in like manner, so extended the bounds of human history as to overthrow all our systems of chronology, and leave the public mind without landmarks, or reliable dates for the ages prior to the birth of Abraham. Divines, as well as scientific men, constantly feel the need of more time in which to account for the many evidences of high antiquity arresting their attention than the Hebrew Scriptures,