Theology

I feel as you do the need of a Unity that I may call it God's Revelation to me.

I get this by making the life of Christ its center just as the cementing power of the Holy Spirit is organizing force; and "in Moses and all the prophets" and "in all the Scriptures." The things concerning himself" as its revealed literature.

The enclosed papers are taken from a lecture written for our Oregon Congregational Ministry a dozen years or more ago, do me the kindness to tell me how the positions there taken strike you.

I feel deeply troubled at the suddenness and violence of this difficulty as it seems to me to rest on your mind and heart, and may write again without waiting your response.

Your Respectfully T. Condon

Eugene Nov 28th 1874

Gen'l C. D. O. Howard

Dear Brother in Christ,

Some note of the 26th last is now before me. I have given it subject the chief place in my mind of necessity for the last 24 hours. The statement to which you refer "That man has existed on the Earth more than a million of years" is often heard now a-days but whenever a geologist talks like that he puts the statement in the form of a probability.

Of course the precise length of time is not essential when the main question at issue is the scientifac authority of Bible Chronology. The Bible itself has no system of Chronology. Computations founded upon the text of the 5 books of Moses as handed down to us from the three different versions of
This Samaritan, the Septuagint, and the Hebrew differ from each other so much that the respective chronologies range from 6984 to 3616. A certainly wide margin of difference. This is science smuggled into the Bible by over zealous people who forgot that the ancients never used any general system of chronology.

Upon this point, please read enclosed paper on chronology.

The difficulties that beset this subject of Bible chronology do not come from geology alone. Historical criticism, philology, and ancient monuments, all contribute their share. My own conviction is that the main trouble comes from an inconsiderate joining together of the 10th & 12th chapters of Genesis. Try an experiment like this: set down the books of Genesis to the close of the 10th chapter as general or world history; the 12th and onward as commencing Hebrew history proper. It must strike you at once that these separate records belong to events wide apart. Now far apart it is not important to us to know but the gap would be made enough for all possible differences in chronological systems.

If, in these thoughts, I write you, dear General, I only add still more trouble than their number ought not to be increased.

If on the other hand, you can occupy a spot with me upon the platform indicated in the enclosed paper, then I shall want to write you a good deal more.

I have a conviction drawn from many signs of the times, that a great unrolling of Christian life in the Church is in the near future. May it not be that one of God's providential preparations for this is the emancipation of the Church from its slavery to that pseudo-science we have called our
Camp Chalne Nov 25 1875
Brig Gen O.O. Howard Sir

Believing the service requires it I have concluded to go up the
Siskiuan country. Moses told me that
His tell promise name Jet Come to see him a short time ago. and he would
probably move to more country in the
Spring with is Band. aside from this
I met this Indian at the council—
which was held at (White Stone)
Sunday last Aug 24. I want to see
what conclusion he as come to.
Then I want to see Poctis Point on
the little Siskian. This man as great
influence with the Indians.
I need the prayers of the Christians to
help me. The Lord is with me this is
all I have to comfort me. I hold fast
to my Savior arm. The weather is very cold.
I remain Very Respectfully your most
obedient Servant
W.B. H.O. M
Walla Walla, W. T., Nov 29, 1879

Dear O. O. Howard,

My dear friend:

This is Saturday night. What sweet memories cluster around the dear old Saturday night when at home with wife and baby. But I did not sit down to write of that but to thank you for your kindness to me in giving me this opportunity to earn some money to pay those debts I contracted when my poor wife lay sick so long at Seattle. I appreciate it at this time all the more personally because of some legal
ENEMIES OF mine
among them one of my
social calibre a M.B. of
Vancouver & strike a line
and abolish my law just
at a time when I needed
aid in view of sickness to
be referred to.

In the language of
the Governor in a letter one
by way of consolation "You have
done your work--performed
your duties ably and
faithfully" is all I
ask any one to say. The
day I got that letter I received
the welcome news to serve this
Court Martial and my dear
wife joins me in thanking
you for this kindness.

Should you hear from one
of the hour of adjustment
please notify my wife.

Yours truly
Your friend

John H. Cochran
Dear Sir:

From information I get through Major Johnston, and a memorandum I understand has been brought here by Major Frick, and in the effect that an application has been made or could be made for additional field officers for Court Martial duty, I infer that you have decided to try the charge against me by Capt. Keller. If such is the case, I beg, if possible, my wife may be spared from a knowledge of it for the present, and that the trial may be delayed at least one month. She is exceedingly nervous, and I fear to have her receive a shock just now. In one month or six weeks I shall be ready in any way desired in order to meet the case. I will feel greatly obliged for its delay.

Yours very truly,

[Signature]