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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 fact; 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 wanting your response.

Very Respectfully - J. Gordon

Eugene Nov 28th 1879

Gen'l. O. O. Howard,

Dear Brother in Christ, Your note of the 26th inst is now before me. I have given its 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 scientific authority of Bible Chronology. The Bible itself has no system of Chronology, computations founded upon the texts of the 5 books of Moses as handed down to us from the three different versions of

The 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. How far apart it is not important to us to know but the gap would be wide 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 numbers 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 unfolding 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 His Church from its slavery to that Pseudo-Science we have called our

Camp Chalam Novth 28 1879

Brig Gen O.O. Howard Sir

Believing the service requires it I have concluded to go up the Spokan country. Moses told me that Whis-tell-pussum name Lot came to see him a short time ago. and he would probably move to Moses country in the Spring with his Band. aside from this I met this Indian at the Council — which was held at "White Stone" — Sempvil last Aug 24. I want to see what conclusion he has come to.

Then I want to see Poatis Poim on the little Spokan. This man has 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. amen. The weather is very cold

I remain very Respectfully your most obedient Servant Ned Chamberlain. W.S. & S & M

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Walla Walla, W. T., Nov 29 1879

Gen. 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 & 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 sensibly because the late legislature took the advice of some legal

enemies of mine
among them one of very
small calibre a Mr. B. - of
Vancouver & strike at me
and abolish my Law just
at a time when I needed
aid. in view of sickness &c,
referred to.

In the language of
the Governor in a letter to me
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 ^{Obstin}
of the hour of adjuvant - please
please notify my wife.

I am your friend

John W. Cochran




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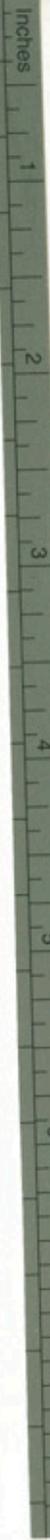
Walla Walla, W. T., Nov. 30 1879

Dear General

From information I get through
 H. Epstein, and a rumor I understand to have
 been brought here by Major Throckmorton, to
 the effect that an application had been made
 or would 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
 cheerfully to meet the case, ^{in any way desired} & will feel greatly
 obliged for the delay.

Yours very truly

H. S. Merriam



The first part of the paper is a list of names and dates, which appears to be a record of some kind. The handwriting is very faint and difficult to read. The list includes names such as "John Smith" and "Mary Jones" followed by dates like "1840" and "1841".

Below the list, there is a section of text that seems to be a letter or a report. The text is also very faint and mostly illegible. It appears to contain several paragraphs of text, possibly describing an event or a situation.

At the bottom of the page, there is a signature and a date. The signature is written in cursive and is difficult to decipher. The date is also faint and hard to read.