

Vestiges of the Natural History of Creation, W. & R. Chambers, 1884, 9780598536907, Robert Chambers, 1884

Vestiges of the Natural History of Creation is an 1844 work of speculative natural history and philosophy by Robert Chambers. Published anonymously in England, it brought together various ideas of stellar evolution with the progressive transmutation of species in an accessible narrative which tied together numerous scientific theories of the age. Vestiges was initially well received by polite Victorian society and became an international bestseller, but its unorthodox themes contradicted the natural by Onslow Ford (1898) British Museum of Natural History. Vestiges of the Natural History of Creation. Tenth Edition. London 1853. The British and Foreign Medico-Chirurgical Review (1854) Scientific Memoirs 5. We propose, therefore, to confine our attention to the fundamental proposition of the book and to some one or two of those matters connected with the biological sciences, which come more particularly within the province of this review. The Vestigiarian modestly tells us, that none of his critics have rightly conceived "the fundamental proposition of the work" (Proofs, &c., lviii); and in answer to the reproach of superficiality, he says, that "to be a superficial book, it has been remarkably hard to understand " (Ibid). Start your review of Vestiges of the Natural History of Creation. Write a review. Jun 29, 2007 Shoshi rated it it was amazing · review of another edition. This "Victorian Sensation" does not receive enough plaudits. I agree that the book should not be read as an authoritative scientific text- but gee, what a raucously fun read! Published in 1844, over a decade before Darwin's Origin of Species , this book represents one of the first attempts to bring together theories of the creation of our solar system, planet and species. A dense read with many scientific errors, it's an important book that shows the leaps being made in understanding the workings of the physical universe. If you are generating a PDF of a journal article or book chapter, please feel free to enter the title and author information. The information you enter here will be stored in the downloaded file to assist you in managing your downloaded PDFs locally. Thank you for your request. Please wait for an email containing a link to download the PDF. For your reference, the confirmation number for this request is . Join Our Mailing List. Sign up to receive the latest BHL news, content highlights, and promotions. Metrics. Book description. Vestiges of the Natural History of Creation was published anonymously in 1844. Starting with the genesis of the solar system, it progresses systematically through such topics as the formation of the earth, the origins of marine life, the emergence of reptiles, birds and other life forms, and the evolution of human life. Drawing widely upon contemporary ideas from astronomy, biology, geology, linguistics, and anthropology, it seeks to establish the 'hypothesis of an organic creation by natural law'. Preceding Darwin's Origin of Species by fifteen years,