

the for an <sup>omnipotent</sup> creator to  
force is the same as to pendain;  
he then when I come to think  
over this I get into an  
uncomfortable puzzle Something  
analogous with "heaps of  
fire-will" or the "Origin of  
evil", or other such subject  
quite beyond the scope of  
the human intellect. I  
was interested to other day  
in reading the Life of Newton, to  
find that Leibnitz actually  
attacked the Law of Gravity as  
"inference of a false natural  
Religion" !! He further  
attacked Newton for having

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From Bromley Kent

Feb 24<sup>th</sup>

My dear Jey

I rec'd yesterday your kind letter  
or the remaining sheets of the Review.  
And I forwarded to Hooker, to go  
to D. Booth & then to Jell. -  
The remainder of the Review  
most fully confirms my opinion =  
= on that it is of far  
the most able which has  
appeared, & you will have  
done the subject justice  
service. And now I must  
leave hope that it will  
cost you no more labour. -

Will you be agreed with me  
that the two first sheets were  
the best thing Ward has  
appeared on the subject. -

Thank you much for your letter,  
which as it contains such  
various botanical facts, I  
have sent to Hooker. Why  
should you call me of the  
best of you ever written (at  
least in my opinion) on Geograph.  
Distribution of Plants "unfortunate".

I really hope, as a punishment  
to myself, that I may be found

equally wrong about the warmer  
period subsequent to the Glacial  
Epoch. - Certainly my work must  
be to be made out about the  
latest geological periods. -

I am very glad to think (if  
I understand) rightly, but I must  
re-read your letter) that the  
greater resemblance of N. A. American  
than of E. W. America to Asia  
in its plants, is not quite  
so great as appears on its  
first appearance. -

I have been interested & you  
theological remarks in the Review,  
but I must reconsider them.

It has always seemed ~~odd~~ to me

used gravity "an occult  
quality" to explain the motions  
 of the planets. - Newton answered  
 that it is philosophy to explain  
 movement of bodies of clock, though  
 the cause of descent of the  
 weight could not be explained.  
 This seems to me rather to  
 bear on what you say of  
 hist. selection not being fixed  
 as a vice cause. -

I cannot but think you  
 lay rather too much stress  
 on new organs appearing  
 in the animal Kingdom,  
 at least, it is most difficult

to show any number of new  
again. - But the Editor has  
tried with my little  
success. The 1<sup>st</sup> was  
just such transitions  
as at least such questions,  
as a swimmer with a  
lung. - So even with  
the Eye, as numerous fine  
questions can be shown  
to exist, the perfecting the  
workman organs of nat.  
Selection I must look  
at as a difficulty to  
our imagination & not to

our reason. - In the U.S.  
editions sent you for any  
future editions, there is  
no rendering sentences,  
however corrected. If I  
knew there would be a  
second American Edition  
I would send a few  
more additions & corrections.  
With most sincere thanks  
for all your kindness  
kindness. Believe me  
your most sincerely  
Charles Darwin



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