

THERE ARE NO FOSSIL HUMAN BONES.

It is a fact, that as yet no human bones have been discovered amongst fossil remains; it is an additional proof that the fossil races were not varieties of the species, since they could not have been subjected to human influence.

I beg to be clearly understood, when I say that human bones have never been found amongst fossils, to mean fossils properly so called, or in other words, in the regular layers of the surface of the earth; for in turf bogs, in alluvial deposits, as well as in burial grounds, we can as easily disinter human bones, as bones of horses or other common animals; they may also be found in the clefts of rocks, in grottos, where the stalactites would have congealed over them; but in the beds which contain the ancient races, amongst the palæotheria, and even amongst elephants and rhinoceroses, not a particle of human bone has ever been discovered. Many of the workmen in the gypsum quarries, near Paris, think that the bones with which they abound are human; but as I have seen many thousands of these bones, I may be allowed to assert that they have never produced a single bone that ever formed a part of the human frame. I have examined at Pavia the piles of bones collected from the isle of Cerigo, by Spallanzani, and in defiance of the assertion of this celebrated observer, I affirm, in like manner, that there is not one which can be proved to be human. Scheuchzer's *homo diluvii testis* has been placed since my first edition, with its real genus, that of the salamanders; and in an examination which I have been since enabled to make at Haarlem, through the kindness