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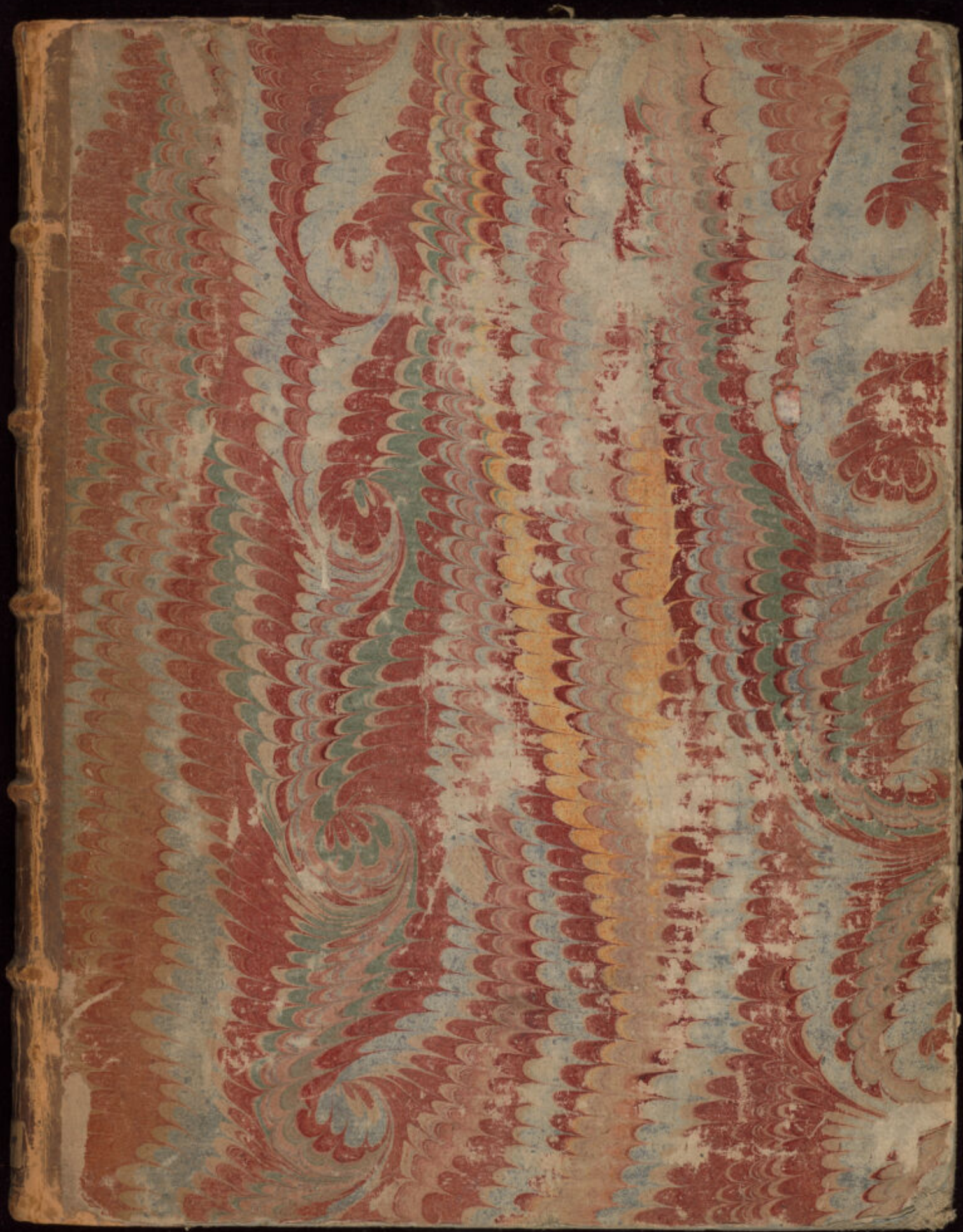
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Mento Deos adiit, & quae Natura negavit
visibus humanis, oculis ea pectoris hausit.

ov. Met. xv.

neq novum est, ut impietatis initia, ex sacris
historiis depromantur: quod innumerus illustrari
possit, & firmari exemplis. Seldeni prologo-
mona. dis 5. p. 30.

Justin martyr in apolog. II. shows that the fa-
bles of Bacchus & Hercules &c. & the whole theo-
logy of the gentiles is drawn from the perverted
sacred history. other fathers the like.

Dickinson Delph. Phoenic. p. 104. shows, Bacchus
is Jehovah. p. 109.

The first or Indian Bacchus was Nimrod, a confusion
betw. their names Bar. clus the son of Clus, created
him. his Indian conquests toward the east
the fables will have B. nourished by goats, bec' of
his being ^{to be} born in vs.

Qui ratione sua disturbant moenia Mundi. Lucan. v.

17th Nov 1841
To the Honble Secy of the Admiralty
London

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 11th inst. in relation to the proposed purchase of the schooner "Herald" for the service of the Navy. I have the pleasure to inform you that the same has been referred to the Committee on Naval Affairs, and they have the honor to report that they are in favor of the purchase of the same.

I am, Sir, very respectfully,
Your obedient servant,
John A. B. Smith

For the Honble Secy of the Admiralty
London

Jehovah is king of Israel. Jer. VIII. 19.
Jehovah is the king of eternity. Jer. X. 10.

Herodotus II. 52. says the name of Dionysus was brought into Greece, long after the name of the other gods. he says likewise, Dionysus & Pan & Hercules were the latest of all the gods among the Greeks. he means the Greek Hercules.

... in the ...
... of the ...

... the ...
... into ...
... the ...
... the ...

Patriarchal notions of a Messiah II. 39.
the Egyptians cursing the head of the sacrifice. Herodot. ¹

Fable consists of the wonderful fays Aristotle
Metaph. I. 2. Therefore even philosophers will re-
gard em.

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Olympus, where the
I move the O. Olympus
the first-born, twice-born, triple
the gods, ineffable, immortal, born of the
gods, the immortal
for of Jupiter, in an unknown manner
immortal only!

To Jupiter
I move the Olympus
the chief, the father, the immortal, the
of the gods, of the immortal, the
whether they exist in the eternal temple of the
first, or whether with the gods in Olympus
or in Olympus with Olympus
in the eternal Olympus with the gods of the
the immortal gods, of the gods of Olympus
To Olympus, Olympus, Olympus.

O Olympus, Olympus, Olympus
for of Olympus.
To Olympus, Olympus, Olympus.
To Olympus.
Olympus, Olympus, Olympus.
for of Olympus, Olympus, Olympus, Olympus,
Olympus, Olympus, Olympus.

Orpheus's hymn to Dionysus.

I invoke thee O Dionysus,
the first-born, twice born, trigon, O Bacchus, king.
theophoro, ineffable, mysterious, horned, of two nres.
Eivus, the venerable.
son of Jupiter begotten in an unknown manner,
immortal deity!

To Mises

I invoke Dionysus the legislator
the chaste, the sacred, the ineffable, ambiguous, male
& female, of two nres, Iacchus!
whether thou delightest in the odorous temple at Eleu-
fina, or whether with thy mo^r. in Phrygia,
or in Cyprus with Euthera
or in the scorching gardens with thy goddess mo^r.
the venerable Isis, by the flood of Egypt.

To Dionysus, Bassareus, Trietoric.

O Bassareus, omnipotent Bacchus
son of Venus.

To Bacchus Pericyonius.

To Sabazius.

Son of Cronus. To Lyfius, Leneus.

hear son of Jupiter, Bacchus bimater, Eivus,
appearing to mortals,

To Triotoricus

I invoke thee O Bacchus
Nysseus, born of fire, Licnita, prince of sa-
crificers: Wearing a miter.
ineffable orgy, triple, the secret food of Jove.
first begotten. far e son of the gods. binitator.
Love, annually celebrated.

To Bacchus Amphictes

An instance of the Egyptians borrowing of the Jews
Serapis a very late name among them: taken from
Isaiah's seraphim. they apply it to their Osiris,
without any app meaning. it signifies fiery, in allusion
to that passage in the ps. he making his angels
sp^{rs} & his min.^{rs} a flaming fire.
Joseph in reality.

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— et gentes maluit ortus
mirari quam nosse tuos — Lucan.

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TO THE
HONOURABLE WILLIAM
SIR RICHARD ELLYS, Bart.

contemplative person that thinks and
considers the nature of things, first
with great amusement the infinite and
inexpressible beauties of the natural
world; he sees the striking correspon-
dence, dependence of all the parts of it, the symmetry
of the whole; and when the Supreme wisdom and
power that created and ordered it strikes a glow
and the goodness that shines thro' the finished work,
how distant and how much less perfect
and how much less perfect than the great be-
ing, the author of all. He has his eye fixed on the
whole of the natural world, and he is not content
to be satisfied with a part of it, or to be thinking
that the things that he sees are in a very inferior way
and that the beauty and power of all the world
is not in the things that he sees, but in the whole.



TO THE
HONORABLE AND
SIR RICHARD ALLSTON

With great satisfaction the author has
received the notice of the
honorable and

and experienced at all the time of the
of the whole, and shows the history
powerful arguments and reasoning
and the great and things that have
and reports. The author has the pleasure

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and that of the present world, the
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TO THE
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contemplative person that thinks and considers the nature of things, sees with great amazement the infinite and inconceivable beauties of the material world; he sees the fitnesses, connexions, dependencies of all the parts of it, the symmetry of the whole: and adores the supreme wisdom and power that contriv'd and executed so admirable a plan, and the goodness that shines thro' the finish'd work, and supports it. Can we then think that this great being, the author of all, has been less careful of the moral than of the material world? has he less regard to the far most worthy part of it, us, the thinking substances, that like him (tho' in a very inferior way) can pervade the boundless space, and traverse all his works, in whom he has sown sparks of an immortal fire, de-

riv'd more immediately from his own fountain? therefore I wonder at the incogitancy of our modern free-thinkers, people of learning, that will not see the beauty of that profound scheme of religion, which was carry'd on from the beginning of the world (I mean from the fall of man) to its completion and perfection in the christian revelation. To open our eyes a little in this age, wherein we seem to be willing to overlook it, was the purport of this small publication. We might well think this the *Augustan* age reviv'd; among other reasons, because our poet *Horace* is in every hand. He is thought unpolite and out of fashion that has not a taste for his beauties. I have endeavour'd too to throw in my mite that way, tho' somewhat out of the vulgar road; and to put a celebrated piece of his work into a dress, which probably he would not have mislik'd, had he liv'd a little longer, and had those happy opportunities which we have long enjoy'd: to which his excellent good sense and discernment in human and divine things would have secur'd his ready approbation.

However, what I have endeavour'd at, will shew, I hope, that the heathen were not left out of the general view of providence in that great scheme, which was more intimately deposited among the *Jews*. They had such notices of the matters belonging to it, either originally

DEDICATION.

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ginally imparted to them by God Almighty, or at least borrow'd from the greater splendor of those people in very early days, as enabled them upon its full manifestation to see, this was what was ultimately meant in all their perplex'd theology. And we find it so by experience, from the heathen world so soon and universally embracing the christian faith, notwithstanding persecutions and difficulties of old habit and custom, of long deprav'd passions and appetites.

This, the comment I have made upon the Ode, which is but a very little of what might be said in this view, will render sufficiently clear. I leave it to the reader's judgment in short, and would not appall his gusto too much with a novel entertainment.

And under your name, Sir, I beg leave to usher it into the world, for two reasons: 1. Because you was pleased to approve of it, and encourage the publication. 2. As an acknowledgment of the great obligation I lie under toward you; so great, that I can't any otherwise pretend to discharge it but by acknowledgment, the only way your generous nature and superior station leaves me to do it; and to render this acknowledgment as complete as I am able, I make it publick.

I am

I am oblig'd to you too for this very method of doing it, which is purely an imitation of you; you have led us the way of turning all the force of human learning and classical knowledge into its right channel, to make it truly subservient to the most excellent purposes, the illustration of the scriptures, and the cause of religion.

Proceed, Sir, to indulge us with more of your comments out of your inexhaustible store; your *fortuitous* thoughts exceed our most study'd inventions; your learned criticisms are really *sacred*; and we shall not cease to pray God to lengthen out your valuable life for the cause of learning and the cause of religion. Counter to the modern Taste you show, that when united they only open the brightest side of a human character, that true learning cannot subsist but in strict piety and true religion.

I am,

Honoured and learned SIR,

Your most obliged,

and devoted Servant,

1 Jan. 1735-6.

W. S.

The time when Pegafus Eleutherius brought the worship of Iehovah under the name of Bacchus to the Athenians, is pointed at in this story. Pegafus brought an image, or representation of this god to Athens. but they neglected his worship, whereupon the God punished them, with the piles, or hemorrhoids, which is a modest way of expressing a disease in the puddendum. hence the origin of the phalli. the story in reality is taken from that in SS. concerning the Philistines, who being afflicted with this disease, for meddling with the ark of Iehovah, consecrated golden images of the affected part, to Iehovah; sending them as presents, along with the ark. I. Sam. VI. it was customary, to make images of the part afflicted. we have many now to be seen, in the cabinets of the curious. the philistines were punished with omerods, (as called) & with mice, that devoured the fruit of the earth, v. 5. therefore they made golden omerods, & mice for a present, or consecrated them.

Soldon p. 205. 206. dadi's Syr. vindicates this way of
writing. Dr. Taylor in his life of St. p.

Bacchus called Maronius from his worship here.

Vinea Maronae fedatus cornua Baccho. Tibull.

Orpheus became a priest & Legislator, the first in
Europe. *Thracius longa cu vobis sacerdos.* Virg.

Bacchus is the true god, Dickenson Delph. Phoen. p. 104.

x Perimander II. de sacrific. ritib. apud varias gent.
the ophophoria practis'd at Athens in memory of it.
Pausan. attic. Hygin fab. 225.

Molampus is said to have carry'd the Bacchic Re-
ligion from Egypt into Greece. Herodot. II. 49. *

⊙ Nat. Comes says, the phoenicians first instituted the
sacreds of Bacchus.

* says the Greeks learnt what they know of B. from
the phoenician merchants.



104.

TH E coin which we have given in the frontispiece we may look upon as the argument of the ensuing discourse ; it was struck by the city of Maronea in Thrace, where the worship of Bacchus was eminent. The coin is in Beger, Montfaucon, and the cabinets of the curious. This Thracian religion was carry'd thither by Orpheus about 940 years before the christian æra, during the division of the kingdoms of Israel and Judah, and after Sesostris had carry'd the same worship into Egypt, which both learn'd from the Hebrews. as of the former expressly Clemens Alexandrinus witnesses, and will appear evident from the work before us. The Greeks had it from them by means of Pegasus Eleutherius, as they call him, by their accustomed itch of monstrous fable. ^{of them} Pegasus is the name of a swift ship or galley, made in imitation of the Phœnician, which always had a horse's head on the poop. Eleutherius is the name of deification, which the Greeks gave to this person, who brought the sacreds of Bacchus among them ; it is the same as Liber or Bacchus. (D)

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" We think not the same things with others, but they by imitation speak the same things with us, says Justin Martyr of the heathen poets. To make this plain in relation to the Ode of Horace, which we have now chosen to treat on, I shall pursue the following method. I shall first give the Ode, with such a paraphrastick translation as I think it will aptly bear, so as to cloath it in the form of a divine hymn, founded on the true and original meaning of the story ; together with the places in scripture, to which all along it has a strict relation. After that I shall make a perpetual comment upon the Ode, to open and explain every particular. My end and view in it is, to shew in this one instance, among very many others, that mankind, under the notion of Liber, or Bacchus, son of Jupiter, expected from all antiquity, the great redeemer, the divine messiah, who is no other than Jehovah of the Jews ; which was accomplish'd in the christian dispensation.

This Ode is a very beautiful composition, and the ingenious author, who was master of the Greek learning, went to the remotest sources of it herein.



Horatii Carminum, Lib. II.

O D E XIX.

IN BACCHUM.

Bacchum in ^b remotis ^c carmina rupibus
^a vidi ^e docentem, (credite posteri)
^f nymphasq; discentes & aures
 capripedum ^g satyrorum acutas.

^h Evohe! recenti mens ⁱ trepidat metu,
^k plenoq; Bacchi pectore turbidum
^l letatur; Evohe! parce ^m Liber,
 parce gravi metuende ⁿ thyrsos!

Isaia XXVII. 2. ^a Exod. iii. 1. xvii. 6, 15. xviii. 5. Deut. xxxii. 14, 30, 32. 41.
 Zach. ix. 17. Luke vii. 34. Eccclus. li. 10.

Jerem. XXV. 15. ^b Exod. xvi. 10. Deut. i. 19. viii. 15, 16. John xi. 54.

^c Exod. xv. 1. Numb. xxi. 17. Deut. xxxii. 1. Matth. x. 19.

^d Gen. xvi. 13. xxxii. Exod. xix. 11. xxiv. 10. Deut. v. 4.
 Judg. vi. 22. ^e Zach. ix. 17.

Isaia. XXXIII. 22. ^f Gen. xlix. 10. Exod. xx. 1, 22. xxxii. 16. Matth. v. 1, 2.
 Luke xi. 2.

^g Exod. xv. 20, 21. Numb. xii. 2. Micah vi. 4.

Fas

a. /
Νυκτος ἀνδρ^ς Bacchus is calld by Oppian IV.
Cynogot. v. 306.

Bacchus. In the hand of Jehovah is a cup

Is. LXXX. 8. 9. 10. 11. 12. 13. 14. 15. &c.
the nation of the jews are compar'd to a Vine:
Jehovah the planter & protector.

Steph. Byzant. v. 18 Saia writes, that the jew-
ish name ~~came~~ came from one Judeus Sparton
a fellow-soldier of Bacchus. This he has
from Cl. Jolaus. he means Judah the chief of
the 4 great armies in the wilderness. v. p. 17.

Julian in his Cæso. makes Silenus to be a
tutor to young Bacchus.



Paraphrastic Translation.

A HYMN TO JEHOVAH.

I Saw the LORD (let future times believe)
teaching to Israel's god-like race, a song
of triumph : from mount Sinai's rocky cliff,
eccho'd by Miriam and her female throng.

Jehovah ! by thy spirit, my mind possessest,
trembling rejoyces. At the sight of God,
prophetic raptures fill my conscious breast.
Jehovah ! lord of the all-powerful rod !

^s Deut. viii. 4. xxxii. 30. Levit. xxiii. 40. xxvi. 8. Joshua
xxiii. 10. Judg. iii. 10, 31. vii. 22. vi. 34. xiv. 6. 1 Sam. vii.
10. xvi. 13. xvii. 34. 1 Kings xviii. 46. *W.D. XIX. 9.*
^h Exod. vi. 3. xvii. 15. Deut. xxxii. 31.
ⁱ Gen. xxviii. 17. Judg. vi. 22. xiii. 22. Matth. xxviii. 8.
^k Judg. iii. 10. vi. 34. 1 Sam. xvi. 13. Acts ii. 13. 2 Pet. i. 21.
^l Psal. ii. 11. Wisd. viii. 27. Isai. v. i. Matth. xxviii. 8.
^m Exod. v. 23. Deut. iv. 34. 2 Kings xiii. 5. Psal. lxxxi. 6. *cyll. 2.*
cvi. 21. *Heb. X. 22.*
ⁿ Exod. iv. 17, 20. vii. 20. xvii. 9. Judg. vi. 21. Isai. lx. 13.
lix. 20. Matth. xxi. 8, 9.

B

Thy

Fas ° *pervicaces sit mihi* ^p *Thyadas,*
^a *vinique fontem,* ^r *lactis & uberes*
cantare rivos, atque truncis
lapsa cavis iterare ^s *mella.*

Fas & *beatæ* ^r *conjugis additum*
^u *stellis honorem: tectaque* ^x *Penthei*
disjecta non levi ruina,
thræcis & exitium ^y *Lycurgi.*

Tu flectis ^a *amnes, tu* ^b *mare barbarum:*
Tu ^c *seperatis* ^d *Uvidus in jugis,*
nodo coerces ^e *viperino,*
Bistonidum, sine fraude, crines.

Tu cum ^f *Parentis regna, per arduum,*
cohors ^g *Gigantum scanderet impia,*
Rhæcum retorsisti, ^h *leonis*
unguibus, horribiliq; ⁱ *mala.*

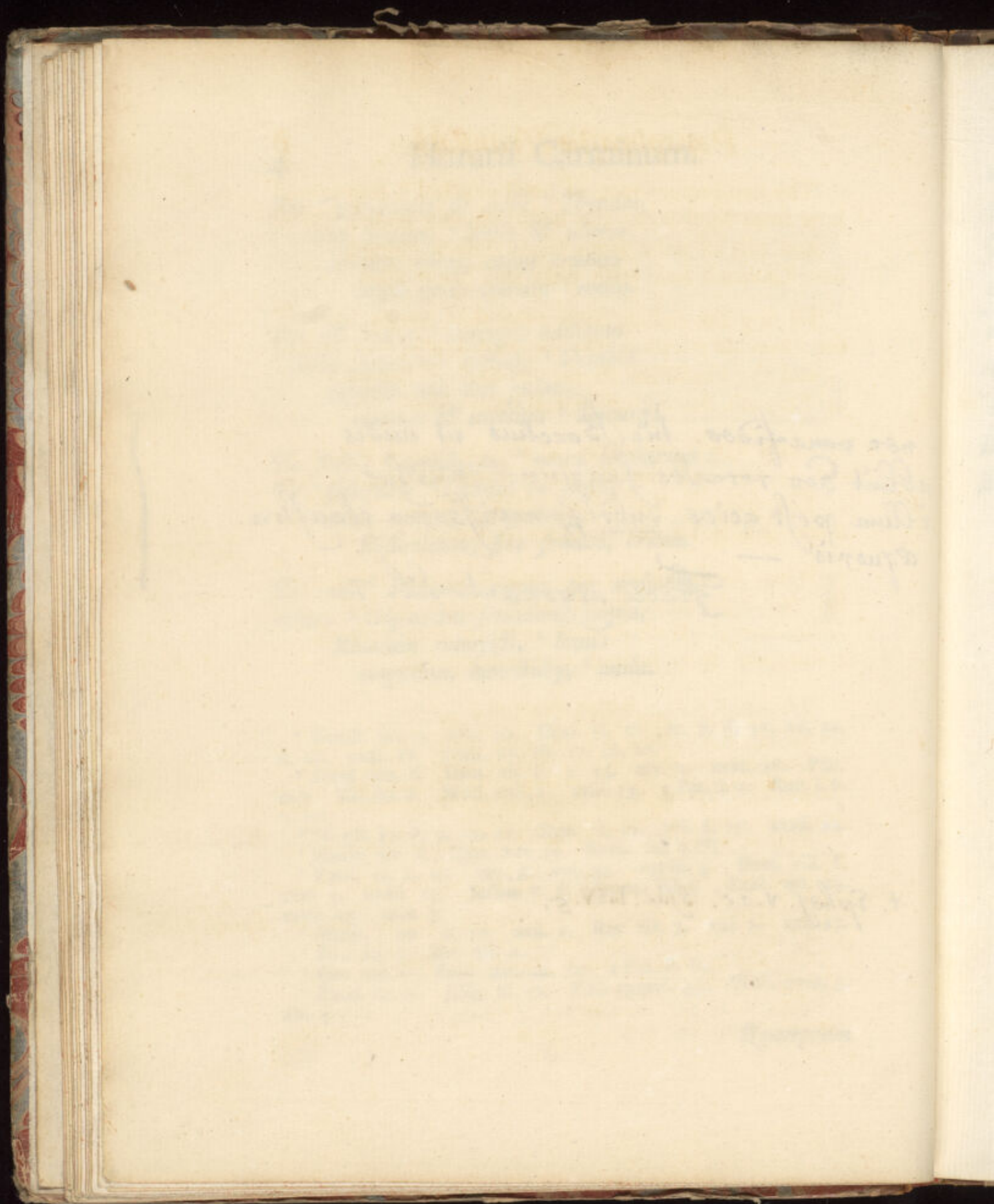
- * Numb. xii. 1. xvii. 10. Deut. vi. 16. ix. 7, 8, 12, 22, 24.
 x. 16. xxxi. 27. xxxii. 15, 16, 17, 18, 20.
^p Exod. xix. 6. Deut. vii. 6. x. 15. xiv. 2. xxvi. 18. Psal.
 xxiv. Isai. lxi. 6. Wisd. xvii. 2. xviii. 13. 1 Pet. ii. 9. Rev. i. 6.
 v. 10.
^a Numb. xx. 8, 9, 10, 11. Deut. vi. 11. viii. 8, 15. xxxii. 14.
^r Numb. xiv. 8. Deut. xxx. 13. Ezek. xx. 6. 15.
^s Exod. iii. 8, 17. xiii. 5. xvi. 31. xxxiii. 3. Deut. viii. 8.
 xxvi. 9. xxxii. 13. Joshua v. 6. Jerem. xi. 5. Ezek. xvi. 19.
 xxvii. 17. xxix. 3.
^t Matth. i. 20. ix. 15. xxii. 1. Rev. xix. 7. xxi. 2. xxii. 17.
^u Dan. xii. 3. Rev. xii. 1.
^x Gen. xix. 5. Ezek. xvi. 49, 50. 2 Pet. ii. 6.
^y Exod. iv. 22. Judg. iii. 31. Psal. cxxxvi. 15. Wisd. xviii. 5.
 xix. 4.

Quanquam

- nec vana fidos. hic Bacchus ut undis
abluit oco rorantes sanguine thyrso.
illum post acies rubric novissima claustra
aquoris —

Flacci argonaut. lib. V.

t. Ephes. v. 25. Isai. LIV. 5.



Paraphrastic Translation.

5

Thy conquering race of royal priests I'll sing :
how from hard rocks the liquid streams arose :
and rills of wine from sandy deserts spring :
how Canaan's land with milk and honey flows.

I'll sing the radiant crown the stars among,
the church's guerdon, thy beloved bride ;
and thy vindictive flames on Sodom flung :
or Pharaoh floundring in the briny tide.

Thou dryest up rivers, at thy hallowed feet
old Jordan and the sea their floods remove.

Thy spirit in the deserts bleak retreat,
made deadly serpents salutary prove.

When Gods against thy fathers throne rebell'd,
thy red right-hand struck Satan down to hell
headlong. With human arm by thee upheld,
a thousand men beneath a jaw-bone fell.

^a Joshua iii. iv. 2 Kings ii. 8, 14. Psal. cxiv. 5. Isaia xliii. 2, 16.
^b Exod. xiv. 21. Psal. lxvi. 6. Nehem. ix. 11. Wisd. xix. 5, 7.
^c Numb. xxxiii. 8. Deut. ii. 7. xxxii. 10. Nehem. ix. 13, 21.
^d Psal. lxxx. 15. Isai. lxiii. Matth. xi. 19. Luke xxii. 18. Acts
ii. 13. Rev. xix. 15.

^e Exod. iv. 3. vii. 10. xxviii. 39. Numb. xxi. 9. Ezek. ix. 2, 3.
John iii. 14.

^f Exod. xxiii. 21, 22. John i. 1. iii. 18. vi. 69. Acts viii. 37.
2 Pet. ii. 4. *Dan. III. 25. Job*

^g Job xxvi. 5, 6. Prov. ii. 18. ix. 17, 18. xxi. 16. Isai. xiv. *Ephes. VI. 11.*
9, 10. Ezek. xxxii. 18, 21. Rev. xii. 11.

^h Gen. xlix. 9. 1 Chron. xii. 8. Isai. v. 29. Rev. v. 5.
ⁱ Judg. xv. 16.

Quanquam ^k choreis aptior & jocis,
 ludoq; dictus, non sat idoneus
^l pugnae ferebaris: sed Idem
 pacis eras ^m mediusq; belli.

Te vidit insons ⁿ Cerberus aureo
^o cornu decorum, leniter atterens
 caudam & ^p recedentis, trilingui
 ore pedes tetigitq; crura.

^k Exod. xxii. 29. xxiii. 16. 2 Sam. vi. 14. Psal. lxxviii. 25.
 lxxxi. 1, 2, 3, 4. Nehem. viii. 17. 1 Chron. xxix. 22.
^l Exod. xv. 3. Deut. xxxii. 41. Numb. II. III. IV. X. 5, 6.
 Josh. v. 13. xxiii. 3, 5, 9, 10. 1 Chron. xvii. 24. Isaia lix. 17.
^m Levit. xvi. Ephes. iv. 32. Galat. iii. 19. 1 Tim. ii. 5. Heb.
 ii. 17. ix. 28. xii. 24. viii. 6.

Isa. LIX. 16.



Proclus says, the Boetians call the day of
winter solstice Senaeona, when ☉ enters ♍.
the name is deriv'd from Bacchus whom the
Romians call Senaeus. Theophilus & Iohn the
Grammarian on the same Hesiod, affirm the
like. another anonymous Scholiast on that author,
affirms the month to be december call'd Senaeon,
by the greeks, from this feast of Bacchus: wh
the Egyptians call Ghaac, & likewise celebrat
the feast of Bacchus then. v. p. 11.

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IX

Paraphrastic Translation.

7

Nor art thou less for Rule and arts of peace,
hero & legislator too, renown'd.

Thou makest war in heaven and earth to cease;
thou only the true Mediator found!

Thee royal Pontiff, destin'd sacrifice
for man, the gloomy realms beheld and fear'd.

From thy bright presence Hell's dark monarch flies,
and thy returning footsteps, low rever'd.

II. 31.

^a Acts. xvii. 3. Ephes. iv. 9, 10. Heb. ii. 14. 1 Pet. iii. 19.
1 John iii. 16. Rev. i. 18. xx. 1, 2. ^{CV. 15.}
^o Gen. xix. 37. 1 Sam. ii. 10, 35. Psal. cxxxii. 10. Isai. v. 1. *Hab. I. 9.*
lxi. 1. ^{iii.} 7. John i. 36. 1 John ii. 20. Rev. v. 6.
^p Psal. xvi. 6. lviii. 18. 1 Thess. iv. 14. Ephes. iv. 9, 10. Co-
loss. ii. 12, 15. Heb. xii. 2. xiii. 20. 1 Pet. iii. 22. James ii. 19.



the 11th of January 1771
Philadelphia

Dear Sir
I have the honor to acknowledge
the receipt of your letter of the 10th
inst. and in answer to inform you
that the same has been forwarded
to the proper authorities for their
consideration.

I am, Sir, very respectfully,
Your obedient servant,
J. M. Smith
Secretary of the Board of Trustees
of the University of Pennsylvania
The University of Pennsylvania
Philadelphia

See H. Stevens's preface to Marlaratus on the psalms.
Plutarch's philophris. Augustin C D. XVII. 13.

Pocock in not. in specim. hist. arab. shows how the
worship of Bacchus came from the arabs
to the greeks, with the name.

the word $\Pi\tau\iota\chi$ signifies an eucharistic feast:
praising, blessing, singing. V. Gregory lexicon
sancti v. judah.

Wisd. of Solom. X. 20. 21.

a song of the amorites Numb. XXI 27.

the dithyrambic kind of songs to Bacchus were the first
songs the greeks knew. consisting mainly of the Bacchus
meter v — —



COMMENT.

Ode] **T**HE latin and greek word comes from the hebrew *אֹדָה* *Ode*, meaning a sacred poem or hymn ; an artificial discourse in meter, founded on great events of the divine power. *Moses's Ode* in *Exod.* xv. 1. is the first of this sort, which we know of. "Then sang Moses and the children of Israel this song unto the LORD. I will sing unto J E H O V A H, for he hath triumphed gloriously, the horse and his rider hath he plung'd into the sea." This was, as St. Ambrose calls it, *canticum triumphale*. *Josephus Antiq.* II. 14. says it is compos'd in hexameter verse. *Eusebius Præp.* II. 3. affirms the same of it, and of Psalm cxviii. Hence an Ode is a song of triumph, and particularly to the honour of Jehovah, who was understood by the Heathen under the name of *Bacchus*. *Varro* says the *ᾠδὴ*, or song of triumph, or triumph itself, was the invention of *Bacchus* ; he was the first who triumph'd, and who compos'd such songs : Hence *ᾠδὴ* and *διδυχαῖος* were names of songs particularly dedicated to *Bacchus*. Bacchum]

jah jehovah
Isai. 26. 4.

Bacchum] *Bacchus* is the coarse, æolick way of pronouncing *Iacchus*. *Iacchus* is *Jah Chus*, as much as to say, *Jupiter Arabicus*, or the *Arabian God*, *Psal.* lxxviii. 4. *Jah* is a shortning of *Jehovah*, and *Chus* is the antient Name of *Arabia*. *Diodor. Sic.* I. says the rites of *Bacchus* were first instituted in *Æthiopia*, meaning *Arabia*. So in our Bible *Moses's* wife is call'd an *Ethiopian*, or *Cushite*, meaning an *Arabian*. There were two *Arabia's*, the *Egyptian* and *Asiatic*, as even appears in *Homer*, *Strabo* I. and *Pliny* V. 8. but the *India* of *Bacchus's* expedition is only *Arabia*. Thus *Ovid de arte*

Andromedam Perseus nigris portarat ab Indis.

he means only *Joppa* thereby. *Pliny* V. 13, 31. IX. 5. *Strabo* I. 16. *Iacchus* is the deity *Jehovah*, who conducted the *Israelites* in a most extraordinary and supernatural manner thro' the wilderness of *Arabia*. By the *Greeks* he is commonly called *Dionysus*, or the god of *Nysa*, from *Exod.* xvii. 15. "And *Moses* built an Altar, "and called the name of it יהוה ניסי JEHOVAH NISSI, "Jehovah my banner." This was at mount *Sinai* in *Arabia*, which is called the mount of God, *Exod.* iii. 1. xvii. 6. xviii. 5. from God's presence there. This is the mountain mention'd by *Homer* with accurate geography, in his hymn to *Bacchus*.

Ἐστὶ δὲ τις Νύσσα, αἰατὸν ὄρος, ἀπὸ θεῶν ὕλη,
Τηλὲ Φοινίκης, σχεδὸν Αἰγύπτιοις ῥοαίαν.

There is a place call'd *Nysa*, a high woody hill, distant from *Phœnicia*, near the *Egyptian* floods.

The

CVSH

Cephous ~~son of~~ Bolus fa^r. of Andromeda ought to be
wrote Cithous says the learned Bakt v. Arabes: mea-
ning Cithius, Cuthous the Arabian ^{cush}, son of ~~Cush~~ Bolus,
L or Gham.

יה כוש Jah Chus

αἰσρον Idas says the

Orarian Oracle.

Herodotus gives an acct. of the Arabians invoking Bac-
chus in their solemn leagues; Urania is the other deity
by wth he means the supreme, the Jupiter of Strabo, the
Ouranus of Arrian. Strabo speaking of the religion of
the Ethiopians (who are Arabians, Cushites) says they
believe there is one immortal god, who is the cause of
all things & one mortal deity unknown, unnamed.

Diodor. III. says Jupiter carryd his infant Bacchus
to Nysa of Arabia where he was brought up by the
nymphs. from his fa^rs name & that of the place, he
had the appellation of Dionysus.

Martinius in Lex. says, Bacchus is the original word.
Bacchus was a sacred word among the heathen. Plutarch
in Themistoc. calls it τὸν μυσικόν.

Nec qui pampineis Victor juga floctit habenis
Liber agens colto Nysa de vortico lignos. Virg.
Dionysus is the same as Janus, Iohovah Nissi,
Jah-nysus, whence the Janus. ps. LXXIII. 8.

R. Hadorfan upon that of Iophoniah to call upon
the name of Jehovah, this Jehovah, says he, is no
other than Messiah. It

Bacchus avortore Pyra. Lucan.

The festival called Ambrosia was celebrated, to Bacchus
at the beginning of the year. ^{By the Athenians,} This among the Romans
was Brumalia, whence B. was called Brumus.

Heb. 11. 26. not at all understood by any
of the versions. Trust ye in Jehovah for ever for in jah
Jehovah is the rock of the ages to come.

Exod. XVII. 2.

* Heb. XI. 26. the apostle expressly calls the Jehovah
of Moses, Messiah. Dr. Allix in his discourse
ag^t. the unitarians, makes all this matter very plain.

the fancy of Homer making Jupiter go to dinner in Ethiopia
is from the ancient geography, where Arabia is &
Ethiopia, at least in part. in the Persian gulf was the
to the poets, Diodorus, Eusebius.] garden of Eden,
where God conversed with our first parents,
the learned Broughton in concordia proves, that the Rabbins
acknowledge Jehovah was Messiah.

V. Amilear Bact. gloss. ambrosia come a very proper
expression.

Plutarc. sympos. II. quest. 3. says an egg is part of
the orgies of Bacchus.

* in the month Decem or January, betw. the old & new
year, from some old patriarchal usage. [Messia
Orphens in his hymn calls him Apollo Δαμων ιδ

COMMENT.

II

In the *Alexandrian* chronicle *Nysa* and *Syna* are the same mountain. Νύσος, Σίνα ἐς Αἰγάλα. *Hesych.*

Jehovah was the Θεὸς δῶκεος of the Platonics, the second deity, the son of God, not the supreme. He was that person in the deity who exhibited himself frequently to mortal view, and was the captain and peculiar protector of the *Israelites*: He was the mediatorial deity, and who was to come in the flesh, the Messiah. The Prophet *Jeremy* speaking of the advent of the Messiah, xxiii. 5, 6. adds his name expressly, whereby he shall be called; "Jehovah our righteousness, or our justifier." *St. Paul*, 1 *Cor.* x. 4. says, that deity who conducted the *Israelites* thro' the wilderness, was Christ or Messiah. Again, *ver.* 9. Compare *Deut.* xxxii. 15, 30. *From that wonderful transaction, of 40 Years continuance, the heathen made their fable of *Iacchus*, the great *Indian* conqueror; for *Arabia* was called *India* anciently, by those that knew no further country eastward. Add too, that *Euphrates*, the border of the *Israelitish* kingdom, was reckon'd the beginning of *India*, *Deut.* i. 7. where their borders are describ'd.

Hyginus, *Fab.* 224. makes *Bacchus* the son of *Jove* and *Semele*. **Semele* is forg'd from one of the appellations of Jehovah, שֵׁם אֱלֹהִים *Shèm el*, the Name of God. *Exod.* xxiii. 20. אֱלֹהִים *el*, the deity in the preceding verse says, "Behold I send מַלְאָכִי *Melech* the king (angel) before thee to keep thee in the way, and to bring thee into the place which I have prepar'd. Beware of him, and obey his voice; provoke him not, for he will

“ will not pardon your transgressions, for my Name נש
 “ *Shem* is in him.

Beger in *Spicilegium*, p. 48. has an antique stone engrav'd with an inscription to this purpose: “ The *Dæmons* tremble at the Name of *Semele*, i. e. the name
 “ of God.

Hence it was that *Jehovah* was reckon'd a local deity, confin'd only to the *Jews*, as some nations thought. The *Syrians* ventur'd to affirm, “ that he was god only
 “ of the hills, and not of the valleys,” for which they
 II. Kings XVII. 26. paid dearly, 1 Kings xx. ²³ 28. And the *Jews* claim'd him to themselves, *Deut.* ii. 29.

The extraordinary lustre of the acts of *Jehovah* in the *Arabian* wilderness, and in the succeeding times of the Judges, made all the circumjacent nations, as soon as they had any religion (I mean with splendor and ceremony) endeavour to adopt and bring in that of the Jewish *Jehovah*, under various names, most or all fram'd from sacred names occurring in Scripture. In the first heroical times, by which I mean about the time of the Judges, when mankind increasing were busy in planting themselves, and idolatry had taken some root, it was the method of nations to deify their leaders and planters when dead, and apply to them the names, actions and attributes of the true god, or of the god whose worship had been set up by those leaders. Most commonly it was *Jovab*, the god of the *Jews*, then of greatest celebrity thro' the world. So that from thence the heroes of every nation after death had a medley representation made of them, both *in effigie*, in worship,
 in

Isai. LXXIII. 16. 19. the Name of the age to come —
 thy name is invoked in them.

Ps. 144. 15.



Chalcedon. incis.

Diodor. I. says Orpheus
 in his initiations, told
 the initiated the secret
 that Dionysus was born
 of Jupiter & Semele.

Nonnus gives us the apotheosis of Semele: how Ju-
 piter translated her into heaven. Orpheus calls her
 Παμβασίλεια, & afterward Dea. Hesychius mentions
 a festival Σεμελεια.

Ps. 68. 7.

Turba ruunt, mixtaeq; viris matrosq; nurusq;
 Vulgusq; procorosq; ignota ad sacra foruntur.
 Says Ovid of the ceremonies of Bacchus in the story
 of Pentheus Met. III.

defile not therefore the land wh^ye shall inhabit (says
 Jehovah to the jews) wherein I dwell: for I Jehovah
 dwell among the children ^{of Israel.} Num. XXXV. 34.

Ioseph II. 16. shows the heathen took the name of god
to consecrate their gods by.

V. Natal. p. 147.

Varro says Iovis was first the god of the jews,

Strabo XVII. writes, that the Ethiopians held but two gods,
one immortal, the first cause of all, the other mortal, but
has no name, nor is it easy to know who he is.
XVI. he says alexander the maccedonian thought to invade the
arabians bec' they owned but 2 gods, Jupiter & Bacchus,
in order to make 'em own him for a third.

x Mithras of the Persians,

If we consider things intimately Bacchus was the $\delta\epsilon\omicron\varsigma$
 $\epsilon\pi\iota\varphi\alpha\nu\varsigma$, he was all the gods passions that could
be exhibited to mortal eyes. whence in the villa of
Aufonius call'd Lucaniacus there was a marble statue
of Bacchus loaded (as Montf. says) with the symbols
of all the gods.

Plutarch makes the inscription ET belong both to B. &
to apollo.

in history, of their own actions, compounded with those of the God of *Israel*. For instance in a few: *Jovis*, or *Jehovah*, was early worship'd in *Crete*; the prince of the place dying, was consecrated by that name, his own lost or forgot; and this was the method in *Egypt*, *Phœnicia*, and other Countries; and is the very method of the *Chinese* emperors to this day. Hence *Jove* said to be born in *Crete*, bury'd there, and they shew'd his sepulchre; and *Jovis* became the most famous deity over the heathen world. But generally every nation gave him a peculiar name; such as, *Ammon* of the *Lybians*, *Osiris* of the *Egyptians*; *Saturn* of the *Carthaginians*; *Moloch* of the *Phœnicians*; *Mars* of the *Thracians*; *Attys* of the *Pbrygians*; *Pan* of the *Arcadians*; *Janus* of the *Latins*; *Bacchus* of the *Greeks*. & *apollō*.

That all the nations around were struck with amazement at the transactions of the *Israelites* then, appears from very many places in the sacred history. *Numb.* xiv. 13. "And Moses said unto the LORD: then the
 " Egyptians shall hear it, (for thou broughtest up this
 " people, in thy might from among them) and they
 " will tell it to the inhabitants of this land: for they
 " have heard, that thou *Jehovah* art among this people,
 " and that thou *Jehovah* art seen face to face, and that
 " thy cloud standeth over them, and that thou goest
 " before them, by day-time in a pillar of a cloud, and
 " in a pillar of fire by night." So *Deut.* ii. 25. iv. 6,
 11, 32. 1 *Sam.* vi. 19. vii. 1 *Kings* viii. 41. and many
 more.

Horace therefore in this Ode or hymn, celebrates the acts of *Jehovah* or *Bacchus*, chiefly from matters occurring in sacred story, or from old traditional notions of the nature of the person and office of the Messiah that was to come, and too (as it seems to me) from some scatter'd prophetic remains which were to be found among the antient heathen, relating very particularly to this great argument.

remotis rupibus] From the 40 years dwelling of the *Israelites* in the *Arabian* deserts, where they were supported and protected by a divine hand, the heathen deduc'd their notion of *Bacchus* and his companions appearing and residing in wild and desolate places, on rocks and mountains. *Exod. xvi. 10.* "And it came to pass as Aaron spake to the whole congregation of the children of Israel, that they looked toward the wilderness, and behold, the glory of *Jehovah* appear'd in the cloud.

Thus our Poet in another Ode. III. 24.

*Quo me Bacche rapis tui
plenum! quæ nemora aut quos agor in specus,
Velox mente nova! quibus
antris*

carmina] The most antient writings that the heathen knew, either of Laws, history or religion, were in verse. The history of *Job*, the most antient book in the world, is a *drama* in measure. So the songs of *Moses*, *Miriam*, *Deborah*, *Hannah*, *David*, &c. And hence the

Joshua IX. 9. The Gibeonites Hivites tell Joshua
from a far country, thy servants are come, because
of the name of the Lord thy God: for we have
heard the fame of him, & all that he did in Egypt.

mo in ora ^{mortali sumpta imagine} e habitum tranſſormavi viri.
Euripides of Bacch.

ſeu nemus intravi votulum, noſtris fugate
ſunt oculis nymphe, ſenica porcus Deus Ov. faſt. IV.

the heathen learnt odes and hymns, as those of *Orpheus*, *Linus*, &c. the most antient among them; and poetry in general. *Horace's* Ode is an imitation of theirs. *Solomon's* song is an interlocutory pastoral, abounding with all the most exquisite, simple and sublime beauties of *Hesiod*, *Virgil*, *Theocritus*, and the rest, with many greater.

Moses and all *Israel* sang a song, *Numb.* xxi. 17. upon *Jehovah* giving the people water. "Spring up, O fountain, sing ye unto it, &c." Again, *Deut.* xxxi. 22. "*Moses* therefore wrote this song, and taught it the children of *Israel*," which we have in the next Chapter.

Vidi docentem (credite posteris) He speaks it as serious and in earnest. The heathen had a notion from the conversation of the deity among the *Jews*, that the gods might be seen, but that it was very dangerous, and that mortals commonly dy'd upon it, or receiv'd some severe punishment.

*Nec Dryadas nec nos videamus labra Dianæ
nec Faunum medio cum premit arva die.*

Ovid Fast. IV.

This is deriv'd from Scripture, *Judg.* vi. 22. *Gideon* having seen מלך יהוה, *Melech Jehovah*, the King *Jehovah*, as it ought to be render'd, cries out, "Alas, O Lord *Jehovah*! for because I have seen *Melech Jehovah*"

“ vah face to face! And Jehovah said unto him, Peace
 “ be unto thee, fear not, thou shalt not die.” So
Judg. xiii. 22. *Manoah* and his Wife say, “ We shall
 “ surely die, because we have seen God.” *Zachar.* iii.
 1, 2.

docentem] *Bacchus* was represented as a great teacher: from Jehovah, instructing the *Israelites* both in person and by his servant *Moses*. The *Shiloh* in *Gen.* xlix. 10. is allow'd by all writers, *Jews* and *Christians*, to be the *Messiah*. “ And unto him shall the gathering
 “ of the people be.” *Illius erit doctrina populorum*, He shall have the teaching of the people. *Congregatio populorum docendi causa*, to him shall the people be gathered for the sake of teaching. The character of *Bacchus* is sufficiently secur'd by what follows: “ Binding
 “ his foal to the vine, and his asses colt to the choice
 “ vine; he washes his garments in wine, and his clothes
 “ in the blood of grapes. His eyes shall be red with
 “ wine, &c.” *Justin Martyr* long ago, more than once, accuses the devil of daubing this remarkable prophecy upon the heathen *Bacchus*. See *Deut.* xxxii. 14.

Bacchus was reckon'd a teacher in an eminent degree by the ancients, on account of his instructing mankind in the rites of religion, of initiations, mysteries, sacrifices, purifications, invocations, and the like. This *Diodorus* says in III. but that he initiated only the pious, and such as led a righteous life. *Strabo* X. calls him *Ἀρχιεὺς τῶν μυστηρίων*, *princeps sacrorum mysteriorum*, the high-priest. *Ovid* says of him,

Ante

Willis one of the titles of Bacchus.

Shiloh means the mook one: that is the true signification of the word. the jewish interpretations of it, regard his humanity. the hierosolymitan Targum expressly the Messiah: so the Onkelos & Jonathan. the Latin Qui mittendus est. the scripture means Messiah by Shiloh, the heathen mean Moses, & turnd the word into Silonus. Silonus was calld sometimes Satyrus as the head, leader, principal of the Satyrs or Ifrachites, as the antients understood om. Silonus, Satyrus (Moses) was in appellation the chieftan of the Satyrs (Iows) as Pan (Iosua) was the chieftan of om in effigie & representation, with horns, goats foot, long ears &c. nobrid skin, pipe, podum or crook, the furniture of the satyrs.

The heathen imitated the Mosaic tables of the Law
in the Polroma or two tables of stone, where the
Eloufinian mystorys were wrote. Pausan. Arcad.

in Stephanus v. judaea. he says it had its name from
judeus sparton who went from Thebes to warfare
along with Bacchus. here he means judah, Thebes
in Egypt. he had it from Cl. Isolaus a historian.

Ante tuos ortus aræ sine honore fuerunt.

This was a notion deriv'd from the divine history, of Jehovah appearing to the Patriarchs, and their building altars upon it. *Gen. xii. 7.* "And Jehovah appeared unto Abram, and said, Unto thy seed will I give this land: and there built he an altar unto Jehovah, who appeared unto him." Many more places of this sort.

Plutarch would have him call'd *Liber*, because he invented libations. *Orpheus* calls *Bacchus* Θεσμοφορες, the law-giver, and mentions particularly the διπλαγα θεσμον, the two tables whereon he wrote his laws, meaning the two tables of stone wrote with the finger of God, *Exod. xxxii. 16.* *Pausan.* in *Corinthiac.* says he was a great legislator. *Nonnus Dionys.* 47. mentions two tables of laws which *Bacchus* gave to *Beroe*, near mount *Libanus*; the names of persons and mountains being thus craftily perplex'd to obscure the truth.

credite posteris] *Lambinus* remarks upon this, *credat Judæus apella.* In return, my late friend Mr. *Baxter* jokes upon him. Probably neither saw that the Jews and Christians too were more concern'd in this sacred hymn than the poet thought of, notwithstanding his pretence to the *afflatus* and poetic rapture. It is plain he would persuade us that he was inspir'd with somewhat more than wine; as if he himself was convinc'd, that the great facts of *Bacchus*, which he meant to celebrate, were realities. It seems there were infidels in his days, and he would tell them, that posterity would see the

the truth thro' the veil cast over it by fable and length of years.

*nymphasq; discentes & aures
capripedum satyrorum acutas.]*

Bacchus, the *Indian* conqueror, was said to have with him in his expedition, an innumerable company of men and women, *Diodor. Sic. IV.* from these the antients form'd the notion of satyrs and nymphs, half deities, more than human, inferior to the gods. There are more reasons than one for it: As, 1. People that liv'd 40 years in a desert, rough and unpolite, clad with skins of wild beasts, must needs make that very appearance which we see in all antique sculptures of *Bacchinalians*.

2. From the festivals *Moses* instituted, at which the people with mirth and wine appeared frantick and dancing. The satyrs among the antients were fancy'd to be the *genii* of mirth and festivity.

— *satyri saltatibus apta juventus.* Ovid. M. 14.

hence the very antient *Tuscan* institution of the *Salii*, dancing priests and in armour, among the *Latins*. *Wisd. xix.* the *Israelites* passing thro' the red sea, are represented leaping like young rams praising *Jehovah*.

3. The nymphs and satyrs of the antients were *lymphati*, *furore Bacchico correpti*, divinely inspired, the spirit of *Jehovah* came upon them, often mention'd in scripture :

Parnassus is Paranyseus mons a two headed mountain whereon the heathen imitated the transactions of Jehovah. the nymphs parnassides or Muses run about it frantick, in imitation of Miriam & her girls.

hunc (Bacchum) assuetæ cohors Satyræ Baccheæ frequentant. Ovid. M. XI.

seems deriv'd from the old collic sathr conculcatio sathru calcare, conculcare, to dance together.

Heraclitus de incredibil. de Panibus gives a good acc^t. how the Satyrs were feign'd to have goats legs & hairy, b^c usignobatus they appeared rough & sordid.

Silenus Moses in Julian is a Conser-morum & tells all the emperors their faults.

Saltantes Satyros imitabitur alphæseus Virg. E. V.

Isaia XIII. 21.

Habac. III. 19.

Julius Maternus writes that Silenus (Moses) was the priest of Bacchus.

Josu. VII. so astonished were the Israelites at the loss of
36 men by the people of Ai, who they had presumptu-
ously attacked, that Joshua & the Sanhedrim fell before
the ark prostrate for a whole day together.

x whence the general notion among the heathen of these
demi-god appearances, as had been recounted to them
in ancient story.

long ears, asses ears an argument among naturalists
& physiognomists of stolidity, was a calumny wth
the heathens affectually affixed to the Jews. hence the
gross representation of their worshipping an asses
head. this means only a diota a two eared golden
vessel such as is represented on their coins, such
a one as was in the ark, the pot of manna.
hence Midas who turn'd jow, had asses ears given
him by the poets & fablers. other nations struck
the heads of their deities upon their coins, as an-
tiquaries well know: the Jews struck a Diota only
& this gave ample handle for that vile misre-
presentation of their object of adoration.
tempora purpureis lantare volare liaris. of Midas
ov. M. XI.

In Orpheus's hymns Mifos.

scripture: upon which those people so honour'd, could do supernatural acts. ^X 'Twas very frequent in the time of the judges, and the mode of divine designation of the judge. Thus on *Othniel*, Judg. iii. 10. on *Shamgar*, iii. 31. upon *Gideon*, vi. 34. so upon *Samson*, xiii. 25. when he slew the lion, &c. xiv. 6, 19. so *David* after he was anointed, 1 *Sam.* xvi. 13. slew a lion and a bear, xvii. 34. "so *Elijah* girded up his loins and ran before "Ahab's chariot to the entrance of *Jezreel*, whilst the "hand of the Lord was upon him, 1 *Kings* xviii. 46.

The *Israelites* sometime in general were thus possess'd with the spirit of *Jehovah* in battle. As *Moses* promises them, *Deut.* xxxii. 30. "one should chase a thousand, "and two put ten thousand to flight, *Joshua* xxiii. 10. the same, *Levit.* xxvi. 8. and very often in the sacred history we read it as fact. It is absurd to name many particulars. 1 *Sam.* vii. 10. the story of *Gideon*, Judg. vii. 22. and many more. The women among the *Israelites* in the wilderness, in festivities, singing, dancing, and perhaps in battle, made no inconsiderable figure. *Miriam* particularly mention'd and the women with her, with musical instruments answer'd to the men, in parts, *Exod.* xv. 20, 21. Thus *Micah* vi. 4. "For I "brought thee up out of the land of Egypt, and re- "deemed thee out of the house of servants, and I "sent before thee *Moses*, *Aaron*, and *Miriam*. *Numb.* xii. 2. xx. 1. *Alexander Polyhistor* says, that a woman named *Moso* gave laws to the *Jews*; perplexing the truth with a double mistake of name and sex.

satyrorum] A race of the *dii minores*, or demi-gods, fancied with goats-tails, hoofs and horns, from the *Israelites* wearing goats and deer-skins. Thus our poet in his first Ode makes a distinction between the higher and lesser Gods.

Te (as it ought to be read) *doctarum hederæ præmia frontium*

*Diis miscent superis: Me gelidum nemus
nympharumq; leves cum Satyris chori
secernunt populo —*

He compliments his patron *Mecænas* (who was a learned man) with being an associate of the Gods: whilst himself was content in the honour of keeping company with the satyrs and nymphs, inspired persons, or poets, demi-gods, candidates for divinity.

adscript Liber Satyris Faunisq; poetas, Ep. I. 19.

The satyrs are said to be descended from *Deucalion*, and *Hesychius* calls them *Deucalidæ*. A notion gather'd from reports of the Jews concerning *Noah*. *Satar* in the old *Doric* is to play. I rather derive it from סטור, *saturim*, such as lie hid in rocks and caves. The antients had a notion that satyrs had a more than ordinary wisdom and knowledge of things. X

If we look over *Casaubon de satyrica poesi*, we may easily discern that the greek notion of satyrs, muses and nymphs,

See Delphi qhoon. p. 17. concerning the origin of gods from the Jews. filii dei first call'd thou doi.

The nocturnal revells of the Bacchinalians, deriv'd from that of the Jews in summer, solemnized in the night for coolness. Isaiah XXX. 29. ye shal have a song as in the night, when a holy solemnity is kept. & gladness of heart, as when one goeth with a pipe, to come unto the mountain of the Lord.

Monf.^r Dacier (who is ag.^t this criticism) does not discern the chimæra of the poet, reciting every ones inclination, concluding with that of learned men: he sees not, that it would have been an affront to his patron not to have mention'd him. a catalogue of his works doo 12. B. II.

Saltantes Sat
The people of Israel were actually naked feasting & dancing, at oroling the molten calf in the wild orings, exactly as we see in the Bacchinalian sculphures. The devil took care to imitate this wicked part of them, in his subsequent heathen ceremonies.

* as being sensible all divine knowledg came originally from the Jews & their ancestors the patriarchs.

The Jews seem to have invented the arts of music & dancing: but apply'd to religion: thence call'd Satyrs.

x hence Bacchus was said to be the author of tragedy
& comedy.
see Stephan. diction. v. Eubryus.

Pausanias writes, that the sepulchres of the Siloni (mean-
ing the satyrs) are among the hebreus.

Eoho Bacchantos, Eoho capita inflorentos. Catull.

hence Bacchus call'd Euius ^{by Plutarch} & Euan.
Euios is from Iao.

call'd the tetragrammaton as consisting of 4 ltrs IHVH
the Samaritans call it Iabae & Iau, & Iape. the greeks could
not write Iohovah & pply having no j nor v consonant, no
aspirate h in the middle or end of a word. therefore
they could not write it better than Horace's Eoho.

The first syllable in Eoho is long. so in Horace
Eosomnis stupet Euias.

but in our present ode the first syllable is silent or re-
dundant.

nymphs, was deduc'd from the country fellows acting fables and reciting waggish verses at their festivities, deriv'd from the *Jews* in the infancy of their dramatic works; and the first plays were the acts of *Bacchus*, in imitation of the *Jews*. X

*Evòhe, recenti mens trepidat metu ;
plenq; Bacchi pectore turbidum
lætatur —]*

This is a fine expression of a sacred *afflatus*, and taken purely from scripture, wrote many a century before. *Evòhe* was the great and famous exclamation in all the *Bacchic* festivities. It was an invocation of the God, whom they hop'd to see personally appearing among them, as they had often heard he did among the *Jews*. *Ευοι Σαβοι (Evòhe Sabòhe) Ευοι Βακχε, Ω Ιακχε.*

Ευοι Βακχε λεγοντες — Dionys. de situ. Evòhe Bacche sonat, Ovid. M. IV. 522. Evòeq; sonans, Ovid. Phocius calls their cry Ιεθακος. Athenæus IX. gives him the name of Ινιος. I doubt not but it is the great name of Jehovah, which they learnt from among the Jews; and that Evòhe Sabòhe is the Jehovah Sabaoth, Lord of hosts, in the scripture; whence Bacchus was call'd Sabazius likewise. Diodor. Sic. I. says expressly the Jews call God Iao; and the learned universally agree that is Jehovah. Evòhe is but another awkward way of pronouncing it. The name of Jehovah was had in such extraordinary regard by the Jews, that they never mention'd it but with the highest awe and veneration: at last they left

off naming it at all, whence that calumny of *Lucan*, *dedita sacris Incerti Judæa Dei*. So from idolatry they fell into a superstitious abhorrence of any carv'd similitudes. From my enquiries into the meaning of the name of *Jehovah*, I find it intended to set forth that person in the deity who was the Mediator before God, and was to be the Messiah. When God sent *Moses* upon the great errand of delivering *Israel* from their *Egyptian* servitude; as an earnest, he tells him the secret of that tremendous name. *Exod. iii. 13.* "Go tell the *Israelites* my name, says he, *אֲנִי אֶהְיֶה אֲנִי אֶהְיֶה*. *Ero qui ero.* *Ero* sent me to you, as it's rightly translated by the *Targum* of *Onkelos*, and by the *Hierosolymitan*. Afterwards he puts it in the third person, *Erit* (*Jehovah*) *Elohim*, "the God of your fathers, the God of Abraham, " the God of Isaac, the God of Jacob, sent me to you; " this shall be my name for ever, my memorial thro' all " generations. It is put in the future tense, because he intended to point out himself to be the Messiah, the *ἐρχομενος*, mention'd *Psalms xl. 8.* "Lo, I come. *Gen. xlix. 10.* "till Shiloh come. *Habak. ii. 3.* "He will " surely come (as it ought to be translated.) *Haggai ii. 7.* "The desire of all nations shall come. *Matth. xi. 3.* *John iv. 25.* *Ebrews x. 7, 37.* very many more. Upon this occasion give me leave to mention one of the most famous prophecies in all the scripture, lost for want of understanding it properly. *Gen. xxvii. 40.* The patriarch *Isaac* comforts his son *Esau* for *Jacob's* supplanting him of his blessing, by telling him, "By thy sword shalt " thou live, and shalt serve thy brother: and it shall " come

Flavius in his clavis makes it evident that יהוה
is orit.

Demaroon in Sanchoniathon at Grotto was consecrated a-
bout this time of the exodus & called Iovis fro our
Iahvoh or Iehovah.

See Baxter's Horace ps. 157.

Limborch of this opinion

elijah asher dhjoh x of the verb substantiv^o & turned
into I

IAHVOH IAO IAVO IABO

Iahvoh as it ~~ought to be~~ written & pronounced, is the
third person^{sing.} of the futuro tense x from the verb יהוה
havah rather from hajah יה' therefore the former
is to be pronounced ahvoh asher ahvoh. ahvoh
sent me to you. goe tell the Israelites Iahvoh
the god of your fathers sent me to you: this is my
name for ever, this my memorial to all generations.
The sense as well as the construction makes it evid^t.
God intended to reveal himself by his (to us) most
valuable, most adorable character, his messiah-
ship. his little purpose to tell 'em a name which
imported no more than existence, necessary existence
or

In this sense Bacchus was call'd Attos, Atys from
the heb. אֶתָּא atta Thou by way of eminence. Eustath,
Odyss. p. 592. 23. owns his inability to account for
the name.

Numb. VII. 89. remarkably.

or any of Gods natural attributes, which the heathen
know as well as the jews: his is little purpose to
tell them, I am the god that was god in your
fathers time, the same god that appeared to Abra-
ham, Isaac & Jacob. they could not doubt of the
sternity & immutability of his being. but God meant
thus to explain himself. I am that peculiar deity
who revealed my self to your fathers, explained
to them the nature of my Messiah-ship, taught
them to expect me in the flesh, the great redeemer
to be born of their seed. therefore this name of
mine is design'd to preserve the memorial of
that great benefit promis'd to your forefathers
that in their seed, all the nations upon earth
should be bless'd: & towards which gracious pur-
pose, & in order to accomplish it, I am now
making this extraordinary movement, redeeming
you out of the hands of the Egyptians.

agreeably to this notion, the Jews conceiv'd the
highest mystery couched under that name, whence
they left off pronouncing it.

“ come to pass when thou shalt have the dominion,
 “ that thou shalt break his yoke from off thy neck.”
 Which is an absurd translation, and has no meaning.
 Thus it ought to be understood: “ By thy sword shalt
 “ thou live, and shalt serve thy brother; and HE shall
 “ come when thou shalt have dominion, and break
 “ the yoke from off thy neck.” Meaning, that when
Herod the Idumean, of the posterity of *Esau*, shall abro-
 gate the government of the Jewish blood royal, and be-
 come king, the Messiah should come, the deliverer, who
 was to set all free; the *esai, erit, Jehovah, ο ερχομενος*,
 shall come. There are many passages in scripture of
 this kind unheeded. Thus, *Gen. iii. 15*. “ HE shall bruise
 “ his head, (it ought to be translated) *αυτος* in the LXX.
Gen. xlix. 10. “ Unto HIM shall the gathering of the peo-
 “ ple be.” *Exod. xxxiv. 35*. *Isaia xi. 10*. “ TO HIM
 “ shall the Gentiles seek, (as it ought to be render’d)
Luke i. 17. *Rom. xv. 12*. *Isai. xxvi. 8*.

Pursuant to this notion of the word *Jehovah*, in *Exod.*
iii. 13. when God proclaims himself, his name, *Exod.*
xxxiii. 18. his glory, *19*. his goodness, *xxxiv. 5, 6, 7*.
 before Moses: “ And Jehovah descended in the cloud
 “ (the Shechinah) and stood with him there. And Je-
 “ hovah passed by before him, and proclaimed, Jeho-
 “ vah, Jehovah God, merciful and gracious, long-suf-
 “ fering, and abundant in goodness and truth, keeping
 “ mercy for thousands, forgiving iniquity, and trans-
 “ gression, and sin, and that will by no means clear the
 “ guilty, &c.” This is the just character of the Messiah,
 and of the errand he came upon; it lays open the strug-
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gle between divine justice and mercy, in a most concise and sublime manner; it explains the whole office of the Messiahship. He calls himself "the God of their fathers, " the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, the God of " Jacob, because he had promised to them all in particular, " that in their seed (the Messiah) all nations of the " earth were to be blessed. *Gen. xii. 3. xxii. 18. to Abraham. Gen. xxvi. 4. to Isaac. xxviii. 14. to Jacob.*

- - - *recenti mens trepidat metu,
plenq; Bacchi pectore turbidum
letatur —]*

The enthusiasm, or *Bacchicus furor*, as call'd by the heathen, was the devil's mimickry of the spirit of Jehovah, poured upon holy men and women, prophets, &c. in the Bible. And the devil did frequently so act upon the blood and spirits of the possess'd heathen, as to perform most extraordinary things, and above merely human power. And this was the case (by divine permission) of those demoniacs in our Saviour's time. Thus were the oracles of old perform'd; the ravings of priests, priestesses, sibyls, as describ'd in the poets. All sculptures of the *Bacchinalians* represent frantic men and women, taken from the great festivity of the Jews, the feast of tabernacles, celebrated at the summer Equinox, after the vintage. *Levit. xxiii. 34.* " The fifteenth day of " the seventh month. *ver. 40.* Ye shall *rejoyce* before " Jehovah your God seven days. It is certain the Jews did, and do to this day exceed the bounds of temperance at this feast; and this help'd forward the notion of

I. Cor. X. 9. they tempted Christ i.e. Iohovah.
so in Job.

This was the vine that Herod the great made. & our
 Savior seems to allude to it John XV. 1. he adorned the
 temple with it. & our Savior seems to have been at
 the temple then, paying his evening devotions, &
 taking his farewell of it: going from the canacu-
 lum on m. sion where he eat his last supper, to
 the garden of Gethsemane. I am the true vine & my
 father is the husbandman.

sed madidus myrrha crinis, mollesq; corone
 purpuræ & pictis intextum vestibus aurum.
 says Ovid of Bacchus Met. III.
 the Epigrammatist in antholog. I. 38. 1.
 Νυκτεριον, νομον νεβρωδεα, νεβριδοπεπλον.

of *Jehovah* and *Bacchus* being the God of wine. Thus *Tacitus*, *Histor.* V. 5. speaking of the *Jews*: 'But because their priests blow upon pipes and play on cymbals, are crown'd with ivy, and a golden vine was found in their temple, many have thought that they worship *Bacchus*, the conqueror of the east.' So *Plutarch* at the end of his *Symposiacs* IV. makes the *Hebrew* mysteries the same as those of *Bacchus*. He pretends many reasons for it; "as the time and manner of their greatest celebrity (meaning this festival) agreeing with the sacreds of *Bacchus*; their tabernacles or booths are cover'd with vine branches and ivy; their carrying palm-branches in procession, which he calls *thyrsophoria*; their blowing upon little trumpets, as the *Greeks* do at their *Bacchinalia*, in order to call forth the deity. The Levites playing on harps, he fancies, deriv'd from *Lysius* and *Evius*, names of *Bacchus*. The name of *Sabbath* he deduces from *Sabai*, a word of exclamation in those *Orgia*. He says, the jewish high-priest upon festival days, having a miter on his head, and the skin of a fawn adorn'd with gold, and a garment reaching down to his ankles, with many bells hanging on his garment, makes a noise in walking, as among the *Bacchics*.' More of that kind, which it is pleasant enough to read; notoriously showing, not only the heathen pomp of *Bacchus*, but of most other deities, deriv'd from the institutions of *Jehovah*.

The skin of a fawn adorn'd with gold, which *Plutarch* pretends, was really the high-priest's oracular vestment,

ment, the holy ephod, upon which was fasten'd the tablet call'd *Urim* and *Thummim*. It was a garment of the richest embroidery that can be imagin'd, and particularly with spots of gold, which in some sort resembled a fawn's skin. This ephod is describ'd *Exod.* xxviii. 5. and the five and twenty following verses; no doubt the most august splendor of art and nature in the original, that ever the east beheld. What *Plutarch* had seen was only a poor imitation of it.

turbidum letatur]

The expressions of the poet, the mind trembling with fear and confusedly rejoicing, are extremely like scripture expressions, to describe the hurry and mixture of passions upon extraordinary occasions, especially the operation of the divine spirit in an human breast. *Psal.* ii. 11. "Serve the Jehovah with fear, and joyce with trembling." Any one would think *Horace* had directly copy'd the thought. Thus, *Matth.* xxviii. 8. when the women had seen the angels at our Lord's sepulchre, "they departed quickly from the sepulchre, with fear and great joy."

Parce Liber,

Parce gravi metuende thyrsi]

Bacchus was said to go about the world as a hero or champion, to restore liberty to mankind, to destroy tyrants, oppressors, and wicked men, and that he built a city call'd *Eleutheras*; hence the *Greeks* call him *Ελευθερος*, as *Liber* by the *Romans*, q. d. *liberator*, the deliverer. All this is deriv'd from what *Jehovah* actually

In Euripides: *facro nobridis indutus amictu: of Bacch.*
vesperidopēnos he is calld in an epigram. *lunuli*
pollis maculis sparsa in another.

Ps. XCIII. 1. *Iehovah is king & hath put on*
glorious apparel: Iehovah hath put on his ap-
parel & girded himself with strength.

Pliny XXII. 1. *Dionys. periegetes show the British*
women celebrated the orgies of Bacchus.

Libor also means the same as the *Iacchus puer*
in the *Eleusinia*, the boy brought out of the *adytum*,
the child, the son, by way of eminence, i.e. the son
of god. *Osiris* the same, from *Siri* which *Salma-*
Sius says means son (so *am. chim.*) the same as the
greek *χοῦρος* *elat. Libor, Kocos, Horus.*

The Gospel is call'd by S. James I. 25. the perfect law
of liberty. our Sav^r. says Jo. VIII. 32. the truth shall
make you free. i. e. the gospel. 36.
II. Cor. III. 17. 18.

Isaia XXVI. 1.

Lechar. VIII. 3.

Romulus & Liber Pater & cum Castore Pollux
post ingentia facta Deorum in templa recepti. Hor.

Exod. XIV. 30.

Pf. CVI. 21. LXXVIII.

Nehem. IX. 27.

There were such real persons as Jupit, Bacchus,
Hercules, apollo, Esculapius: i. e. persons deify'd under
that appellation, but the people that deify'd them
apply'd names, story, attributes belonging to Jehovah,
to them.

ally did for the Jews, as their captain and leader; what he was to do for all mankind, as the great deliverer to come into the world: as (we show'd) his name Jehovah imports. *Psal.* cvii. 4. 7. "He is to restore us from the captivity of sin to the glorious liberty of the gospel, the spiritual and heavenly city of freedom, the *Eleutherias*: that Jerusalem above, which, as the Apostle says, is free. *1 Cor.* vii. 22. *Galat.* iv. 26. *Heb.* xii. 22. xiii. 14. Hence the idea of all the great heroes of old is form'd, real or romantic, such as *Hercules*, *Theseus*, *Osiris*, *Sesostris*, &c. public-spirited, valiant men, who went about the world to deliver the distressed. Such was the first spirit of the *Romans*; and upon this plan our military orders of knights are laid.

Jehovah may well be call'd the deliverer by the Jews, who deliver'd them from their *Egyptian* bondage, and from all their enemies, from time to time, whilst they merited his favor. *Liber* and *Soter* is the same. Whence *Jupiter*, *Bacchus*, *Hercules*, *Apollo*, *Esculapius*, had the appellation of Savior. They are all indeed the same person Jehovah. *2 Kings* xiii. 5. "And Jehovah gave Israel a Savior. *1 Chron.* xvii. 21. "What one nation in the earth, says *David*, is like thy people Israel, whom God went to redeem, to be his own people, to make thee a name of greatness and terribleness, by driving out nations from before thy people, whom thou hast redeemed out of Egypt? So *Isai.* lix. 20. the Messiah is call'd the Redeemer. *Isai.* xlix. 7. "Thus saith Jehovah the redeemer of Israel, ver. 9. that thou mayst say to the prisoners, "Go forth, &c. *Psal.* lxxii. 4. cvi. 21. many more.

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Parce

XI. 10. 14, 15.
16.

Parce gravi metuende thyrsos.]

Bacchus is fam'd for carrying a *thyrsus* in his hand; ^{Δρυοῦ δένου} he is call'd in *Sidon*. *Antip.* terrible with the *thyrsus*. *Strabo* I. makes the *thyrsus*, the instrument of *Bacchus*, equivalent to the thunderbolt of *Jupiter*, the *ægis* of *Minerva*, the trident of *Neptune*, &c.

The *thyrsus* was a light staff or wand, and in truth is no other than the rod of *Moses*, or of *Aaron*, or of God; for by all those denominations it went. *Exod.* iv. 17. God tells *Moses*, "Thou shalt take this rod in thy hand, wherewith thou shalt do signs. *Ver.* 20. "And *Moses* took the rod of God in his hand." With this he produc'd all the plagues of *Egypt*, *Exod.* vii. 20. "And he lift up the rod and smote the waters that were in the river, in the sight of Pharaoh, and in the sight of his servants, and all the waters that were in the river were turned to blood." With this he divided the red sea, overthrew armies, *Exod.* xvii. 9. and perform'd the rest of the mighty wonders in the wilderness, under the power of *Jehovah*. The *thyrsus* we may call the visible ensign of the divine power and spirit. In a figurative sense like this, *Lucretius* uses the word, *percussit thyrsos laudis spes magna meum cor.* meaning somewhat divine.

A like expression in *Isaia* xi. 4. "And he shall smite the earth with the rod of his mouth." The word comes from the *Hebrew*, and signifies a pine branch, תרזה, *thirza*, *pinus*; such they carry'd in the triumphs and

Ulysses's companions were turned into brutes by a
stroke of a rod on one end, by another of the con-
trary end turned into men again. Tully mentions the
virgula divina or magic staff, all imitations of Moses.

Plurmius mentions Bacchus's knotty wand,
de Baccho.

Does to run about frantic
The CVI. Psalm is a recapitulation of the instances of
their obstinate behavior. c LXXVII.

Ps. CV. 15.

a lamb of the flock, agnum do gregis, i.e. agnum
gregium.

and processions of *Bacchus*; we see them in innumerable sculptures, with a pine-apple at the end, which puzzles the antiquaries; all taken from the like jewish celebrity, and in reality prefigurative of our Savior's triumphal entry into *Jerusalem*, *Isai.* lx. 13. *Matth.* xxi. 8, 9.

Fas pervicaces sit mihi Thyadas.]

The *Thyades* were priestesses, *sacrificulæ* of *Bacchus*. *Thujæ* the like. *Thuoneus* a name of *Bacchus*. All from *ἑω*, *sacrifico*, because *Jovab* taught the rites of sacrificing to the *Jews*, and because *Miriam*, *Moses's* sister, had the divine spirit; so *Deborah*, and many other women in scripture. So the heathen had their female priests. The epithet *pervicax* well suits *Miriam's* character, who includes all the rest; she rebell'd against the administration of *Moses*, *Numb.* xii. 1. and well it suits the rest of that stubborn and rebellious people, and seen innumerable times throughout the scripture. *Moses* passionately and pathetically rehearses it at large, *Deut.* ix.

The *Thyades*, *sacrificantes* were the companions of *Bacchus* in a general acceptation, as the people of *Israel* were an holy people to the Lord, a nation of priests; prefigurative of the great purity, sanctity and devotion which ought to be in all christians; who must be perfect in good works as our heavenly father, as the jewish priests were to be in limb, and as the jewish sacrifices, without spot and blemish, *Exod.* xxix. 1. Every particle

E 2 *Levit.* xxii. 21. of

of the jewish Oeconomy was but the links of the chain of religion from patriarchal to christian, *Homer's* golden chain, let down from heaven to draw us thither by the christian perfection.

*Viniq; fontem, lactis & uberes
cantare rivos, atq; truncis
lapsa cavis iterare mella.]*

Bacchus and his followers are said to strike the earth with their staves or *thyrsi*, and thence to produce rivers of water, of wine, of milk, of honey; to which our poet alludes. All respecting the power of the rod of God; and to *Moses* bringing water out of the rocks therewith, &c. and to God's promises of bringing his people into a land of vineyards, &c. a land that flow'd with milk and honey; which in the end prefigur'd the heavenly felicity.

Euripides tells us, the *Bacchæ* could draw out whole streams of milk with making a furrow in the earth with their fingers ends, and at other times rivers of honey.

Θύρσῳ δὲ τις λαβὼν, ἔπαυσεν εἰς πέτραν,

Ὅθεν δροσῶδης ὕδατος ἐκπύδ' αὖ νοτὶς:

Ἀλλ' ἡ δὲ νάρθηκ' εἰς πέδον καδύκε' ῥῆς,

Καὶ τῇδε κλέω ἐξάνηκ' οἶνου Θεός. ×

χρηνν

" One taking a *thyrsus* strikes the rock,
" whence instantly a fountain of limpid waters flow.
" another struck the ground with her rod, [wine.
" the God immediately pour'd thence a fountain of
Again,

Amias king & priest of Apollo at Delphos of whom
Virg. An. III. v. 80. had 3 da^{rs} dedicated to Bacchus.
The god granted them the favor, that whatever one
touch'd should be turn'd into corn, what another into
wine, what the third into oyl. This is thought to be a
most ancient temple.

Bacchus by Horace is call'd *Paiadum potens*, master of
the goddesses of fountains. Canaan abounds with *em*.

Butter & honey shall Immanuel eat II. Chron.
Jaiah VII. 15.

οσαι δε λευκα παματος ποδος παρν
Ακροισι δακτυλοισι λαμψαι χθονα
Γαλαξις εσμεν ειχον. Εξ δε ρισσινων
συρσον γλυκειαι μελιτ εσασον ποαι.

They that would have milk
drew their finger ends along the ground
& it ran abroad. Their wy-bound thyrsi
produced floods of honey.

Bacchus is our Chief. Eoho! the grain flows
with milk, with wine, with honey.
Antonius Liberal. Metamorph. X.

COMMENT.

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Again, Ὁ Εἰσαρχὸς Βρομῖ, Εὐοῖ.

Ῥεῖ δὲ γάλακτι πέδον, ῤεῖ δ' οἶνα, ῤεῖ δὲ μελισσῶν
Νέκταρ. —

Euripid. Bacchant. v. 141.

“ The earth flow'd with milk, with wine and honey.

“ *Pumice sicco fluxit Nyctileus latex,*

“ *garruli gramen secuere rivi,*

“ *combibit dulces humus alta succos,*

“ *niveiq; lactis candida fontes.* Senec. Oedip.

Pausanias in Phocicis IV. treats of this.

All these ideas, and many more of like nature, which we might produce from authors, are taken from the reports of Jehovah's power. *Exod. xvii. 6. Numb. xx. 8.* where *Moses* struck rocks with his rod and the waters flowed out. At other times *Moses* caused the nobles to dig a little hole in the earth with their staves or *thyrsi*, and the water sprang up, as at *Beer*, *Numb. xxi. 18.* The profusion of honey in the poet may well enough regard the manna, which resembled in taste honey cakes. *Exod. xvi. 31.*

All along God promises to bring his people into a land flowing with milk and honey, a land of vineyards, *Deut. xxxii. 13, 14.* Brooks of honey is an expression as old as *Job. xx. 17.* “ He made him to suck honey out of the rock, drink the pure blood of the grape. *Psal. lxxxi. 16.* “ with honey out of the stony rock. And that as he upheld them for 40 years in the wilderness, with all necessities of life in a supernatural method; so
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in the land of *Canaan* he would bless them more than usually, in the ordinary product of the land by his common providence, as long as they remain'd good. This he did in a still more extraordinary manner in the sabbatical years, *Levit. xxv. 20, 21.* and so he does toward all good people at this day. Tho' they must not expect a mere earthly *Canaan* here, but lift up their eyes and hopes to blessings of a higher nature, all along meant by his whole transactions with the jewish people. *Joel iii. 18.* the prophet speaking of Christ's kingdom, "And it shall come to pass in that day, that the mountains shall drop down new wine, and the hills shall flow with milk, &c. The like *Amos ix. 13.*

'Tis very remarkable what *Pliny* relates N. H. XXXI. 2. from *Mutianus*, 'that in *Andros* is the fountain of *Bacchus*, and that at every seventh day period, which 'pertains to the god, wine flows.

*Fas & beatæ conjugis additum
stellis honorem.]*

I find there are in the antient mythology several remarkable footsteps of things not deduc'd from historical matters of fact, such as we have been discoursing of chiefly hitherto, but mere matters of revelation of things that were then future. Among many other in story, this seems to be one. We cannot pretend to set bounds to the communications of God's holy spirit, who certainly did think fit sometimes to bestow the gifts of prophecy, on those that were out of the pale of

In the Egyptian sacreds
Isis wails for her child Osiris: so in the Eleu-
sinian mysterys Proserpina for
Lactant. I. 21. on the 6th day of the Eleusi-
nian mysterys they produce Iacchus: for this rea-
son, that day is call'd Iacchus.

The holy city of Ierusalem descending from God out
of heaven Revel. XXI. 2. is the church adorn'd for a
bride to the Lamb, with a crown of 12 stars, Revel. XII.
1. meaning the 12 ensignes of the Israellish camp,
wh were the 12 asterisms of the zodiac.

SACRATAE APVD ELEVSINAM
DEO BACCHO CERERI ET CORAE

an old inscription. Mourfius. These were women
initiated into the Eleusinian mysteries, priestesses; called
Molisee BEES, from weaving hangings for the tabnacl.
Anticloides in Plutar. J. O. J. says Isis is wife to Bacchus.
She is the da. of Prometheus. & that still the Egyptians
make Bacchus the son of Isis.

X Tully III. de nat. d. reckons this the only true Dio-
nyfus. in VI. ag. Varro he says Sicily is dedicated to
Ceres & Libera.
apollodorus says Bacchus went down to fetch his
mother from hell: others to fetch his wife ariad-
ne.

his church. The antients had a notion of the Messiah, the God-man, immortal hero, *Bacchus*, the most perfect of human race, the god of wine, conformably to scripture, *Zach. ix. 17.* but they knew likewise that he was to be born of a virgin; and will it not seem strange if we add, they had some notion of her name? further, that they were apprized even of the patronymic or family-name? these things are so new, that I chuse at present to give but short hints of them, as they pertain to the present argument. If it be well receiv'd by the learned, I shall next give the intire history of *Bacchus* in a regular series. *Diodorus* says, *Bacchus* was born of *Jupiter* (meaning the supreme) and *Ceres*; or, as others think, *Proserpina*. As they confound father and son together, so they confound mother and daughter. Both *Ceres* and *Proserpina* were call'd *Kopn*, which is analogous to the hebrew *עלמה*, *Virgo*, *παρθενος*, *LXX.* *Isaiab vii. 14.* "Behold, a virgin shall conceive, &c. It signifies eminently the virgin. *Αἰνυμένη Διωνυσίου ὁ Διός ὁ Kopns σεβαστή, Arrian. Alex. II.* The *Egyptians* call'd this same person *Bacchus*, or the son-deity, by the name of *Orus*, which is the same as the greek word *Knos* aspirated. The heathen fables as oft confound *Bacchus's* mother and wife. *Ovid. Fast. III.* makes *Libera* the name of *Ariadne*, *Bacchus's* pretended wife, whom *Cicero I. nat. deor.* makes to be *Proserpina*, *Bacchus's* mother. The story of this woman being deserted by a man, and espoused by a god, has somewhat so exceedingly like that passage, *Matth. i. 19, 20.* of the blessed virgin's history, that we should wonder at it, did we not see the parallelism

parallelism infinite between the sacred and profane history before us.

Ariadne was translated into heaven, as is said of the virgin, and her nuptial garland was turn'd into a heavenly crown; she was made a queen of heaven.

Testis fidereæ torta corona Deæ. Propert. III. 17.

Ovid Met. There are many similitudes between the virgin and the mother of *Bacchus*, in all the old fables; as for instance: *Hyginus*, fab. 164. makes *Adoneus* or *Adonis* the son of *Myrrha*. *Adonis* is *Bacchus* beyond controversy.

Ogygia me Bacchum vocat,

Osirin Ægyptus putat,

Arabica gens Adoneum.

Auson.

Adonis is the hebrew אֲדֹנַי *Adonai*, which the heathen learnt from the *Arabians*, one of the sacred names of the deity. *Mary* or *Miriam*, St. *Jerom* interprets *myrrha maris*: *Mariamne* is the same appellation, of which *Ariadne* seems a corruption. *Orpheus* calls the nurse of *Bacchus*, *Leucothea*, a Sea-goddeß.

Nonnus in *Dionys.* calls *Sirius* star *Mæra*, Μαῖρα. *Hesychius* says Μαῖρα ὡς πρὸς ἄστρον. Our *Sandford* hence infers this star to mean *Miriam*, *Moses's* sister. *Vossius de idololat.* approves of it. *Maia* by *metathesis* is *Mæra*.

As to the patronymic of the *Messiah*, I shall only mention this hint. *Oppian* in his *Cyneget.* IV. and elsewhere says, Panthers were the nurses and bringers-up of
Bacchus

Lactantius Div. Inst. lib. 22. writes, Molissa is the first priestess of mater deum, wherein much is couched. Molissa is Miriam sister of Moses who worked the sacred lapistry of the tabernacle, in an honeycomb form. mater deum is the holy virgin whose name was Miriam, of wh. they had some notice.

Plutarch says Isis was wife of Bacchus.

I. Kings II. 26. אֲדֹנָי יְהוָה adonai jehovah my lord jehovah. thus the Rhodian oracle

Magnū atton placato Dōu, qui castus Adonis,
Eius est largitor opū, pulcher Dionysus.
thus the Clarian Oracle in Macrobius Saturn. I.

Cunctorū dicas supremū munus Iao.
hic tibi vero novo sit Iupiter, Hōhis est
Dis cū fovit hyems; autumnō mollis Iao.

So Orpheus

Unus e idem Dis, Iovis, Hōhis, Dionysus.

Myrrha the mother of Adonis, of who Ovid largely Met. X. born in Arabia.

Philostrophus writes. a panther is symbolic of deity. fable tells us Bacchus's muses were turn'd into panthers. i.e. goddesses.

africa was compar'd to a panther by old authors. Bochart.
one reason why panthers are companions of B. is to mag-
nify the power of the God, who can thus tame the
most untamable animal. for the poets could ex-
press nothing wilder, Hyrcanæq; admovent ubera tigres.
Virg. non genitrix Europa tibi, sed inhospita Syrtis.
Epiphanius Her. 78. Damascen. de fid. orthod. IV. 15.
^{nec vult panthera domari.}
Euripides in Bacchis says the sisters of Demeter were
turned into panthers, who educated Bacchus.

my silver coyn with a panther & demigoat upon
his neck puzzles the antiquarys. I may venture
upon equal grounds to fancy it might regard the
notion of Saturnian times to be brought about at
the return of Dionysus, the Messiah. just as Isaia
describes it, XI. 6. 7. the leopard shall ly down with
the kid &c. Virgil uses the same method to paint
out his Saturnian reign. Eclog. V. 8
Ipse lacte domum referant dissenta capelle
ubera: nec magnos motuunt armenta leones.
occidet & serpens & fallax herba veneni,
occidet. of like import are

Isai. LXV. 25.
the nephew of R. Josua ben Levi had a quinsy. there came
one & mumbled over him, in the name of Iesus the son of
pandira; & he recovered. again, when R. Eliazor ben
samah was bit by a serpent: there came one James from
Capharsamon, in the name of Iesus Pandira to cure
him. but R. Ismael w.^d not permit it, & he dyed.

Bacchus. In all heathen antiquity this animal is his symbol and inseparable companion. *Philostratus in imag.* 'Tis remarkable that *Panther* was the fir-name of *Joseph's* family, our Lord's foster-father. Thus the *Midrashkobeletb*, or gloss upon *Ecclesiastes*: 'It happen'd
' that a serpent bit *R. Eleasar ben Damab*, and *James*,
' a man of the village *Secania*, came to heal him in the
' name of *Jesus ben panther*.' This is likewise in the book call'd *Abodazara*, where the comment upon it says, this *James* was a disciple of *Jesus the Nazarene*.

But to return to our poet. As *Bacchus* represents our Savior, so *Ariadne* is his spouse the church, which in *Rev. xii. 1.* has upon her head a crown of 12 stars, exactly like the constellation of *Ariadne's* crown, as drawn in *Mr. Flamsteed's* asterisms, consisting of twelve stars.

- - - *teſtaq; Penthei*
disjecta non levi ruina,
Thracis & exitium Lycurgi]

Here *Horace* celebrates some vindictive instances of his hero's power, in punishing those that despis'd his religious ceremonies. There may be many particular judgments done in the old world not recorded in scripture, or names of persons not mention'd where the histories are; and preserved in heathen stories. For instance, in that most remarkable judgment of the five cities of the

salt vale, *Sodom*, *Gomorrab*, &c. not all the names recorded; and this most probably is the story the poet hints at, for *Pentheus* and his house was destroy'd by fire and thunder. As to *Lycurgus* a king, he is said to have persecuted *Bacchus* an infant, and his nurses, in mount *Nysa*, that he was forc'd to pass the sea to escape them. *Diodorus III.* says from *Antimachus*, that *Lycurgus* was a king in *Arabia*, and laid snares for *Bacchus* and his followers in *Nysa* of *Arabia*. *Nonnus* in *Dionys.* 20. writes, *Lycurgus* is said to overthrow the forces of *Bacchus* with no other weapon than an ox-goad, and that this happen'd about mount *Carmel*. 'Tis notorious that two scripture histories are here confounded; the passage of the *Israelites* over the red sea, and that of *Shamgar* judge of *Israel*, who by the spirit of *Jehovah* slew 600 philistines with an ox-goad, *Judg.* iii. 31.

Here permit me to hint at a criticism of the learned *Mr. Baxter* in his posthumous glossary, p. 406. Speaking of the story of *Shamgar*, he says, our translation insipidly renders it an *ox-goad*, he thinks it ought to be the *plow-share* or *plow-foot*. *Mr. Maundrel* in his journey to *Jerusalem*, thinks to mend the matter, by his observation of the greatness of the ox-goads in that country, and of the terrible execution that may be done with one of them. Alas! neither have a just idea of the spirit of *Jehovah* actuating a man. *Samson* tore the lion like a young lamb with strength of arm. "And the spirit of *Jehovah* came mightily upon him, and he rent him as he would have rent a kid, and he had nothing in his hand, *Judg.* xiv. 6.

Thus

Catullus calls Silenus (Moses) Nyfigona.

Homer in VI. Iliad, makes Bacchus driven
by Lyncus, to be roed by Thetis, & Lyncus
punished by blindness.

Nysiados

Ov.

Ecclus XLVII. 3.

Thus *Homer* represents the story of *Lycurgus* in english, *Iliad* VI.

Nor would I combat with the heavenly deities,
for *Lycurgus*, the valiant son of *Dryas*,
lived not long after such impiety.
He in old time pursu'd the women of enthusiastic
thro' the sacred country of *Nysa*, (*Dionysus*
and they all threw their *thyrsi* upon the ground,
smitten by the ox-goad of homicide *Lycurgus*.
Dionysus afraid, went down into the sea,
where his mother *Thetis* receiv'd him in great conster-
But the son of *Cronus* blinded *Lycurgus*, (nation.
and he liv'd not long after. - - -

So *Phurnutus* says, *Thetis* sav'd *Bacchus* from *Lycurgus* in the sea.

The story of *Lycurgus* was this: He cut down all the vines in the country, to hinder the people from sacrificing to *Bacchus*, as they were accusom'd, with wine; hence, thro' scarceness, they were forc'd to mix water with their wine. This is taken from *Pharaoh*, who would not suffer the children of *Israel* to go to sacrifice to *Jehovah* their God. Thus *Mr. Pope* translates it.

But if from heaven, celestial thou descend,
 know, with immortals we no more contend.
 Not long *Lycurgus* view'd the golden light,
 that daring man, who mix'd with Gods in fight.
Bacchus, and *Bacchus's* votarys, he drove
 with brandish'd steel from *Nyssa's* sacred grove.
 Their consecrated spears lay scatter'd round,
 with curling vines and twist'd ivy bound:
 while *Bacchus* headlong fought the briny flood,
 and *Thetis's* arms receiv'd the trembling God.
 Nor fail'd the crime th' immortals wrath to move.
 (Th' immortals blest with endless ease above)
 depriv'd of sight by their avenging doom,
 chearless he breath'd and wander'd in the gloom,
 then sunk unpity'd to the dire abodes,
 a wretch accurst and hated by the Gods.

Lavaur in his history of fable thinks *Lycurgus* a
 name forg'd out of greek, signifying a wolf enrag'd,
 λυκοργος.

Thus *Nonnus* in *Dionys.* in latin.

*Arabiam ascendit (Bacchus) & bene odoratas ad arbores
 Nyfiacæ frondosum admirabatur jugum silvæ
 & urbem excelsam teliferorum nutricem virorum,
 ubi quis Martis sanguis, cæde pollutus, habitabat vir
 valde furiosus Lycurgus - - -*

Tu

Phitarch mentions old songs ^{among the greeks} called the flights of
Bacchus: φῦγαι Διονυσος.

Poulthorpe's ancestors came from Tyro,
qui longa & pueri

qui longa p[er] equora vocati
a Tyro hac p[er] fugos posuistis p[er]o p[er]onatos

Or. M. VI. 539.

Dacior says Ethiopia was India, the red sea was
the Ethiopian sea, therefore the Indian.

Paufanias mentions an ancient tradition of B. being
drawn out of the water.

an eminent report of the red sea being dry in *Diodorus*
do concerning the Ithyophagi.

— hic Bacchus ut undis
abluit oos, rorandos sanguine Myrso.
illū post acios, *Rubriq* novissima claustra
Aquoris &c. *Flacci* Argonaut. V.

Tu flectis amnes, tu mare barbarum.]

Mare barbarum means the red sea, as Mr. Baxter hints in his notes on this Ode. *so mons.^r Dacier.*

Nonnus mentions *Bacchus* going into the red sea thus in latin. XX *Dionysiacôn.*

trepidantibus vero pedibus fugiens incomprehensibilis viator flavum rubri subiit fluctum maris.

Amnes means the river *Jordan*, which the *Israelites* pass'd over dry-shod, the holy ark preceding, under the conduct of *Joshua*, as the history is related in the grandest and most magnificent manner possible, a manner worthy of the subject, *Josh. iii. 4.* So the stories of *Elijah* and *Elisha*, 2 Kings ii. 8, 14.

Nonnus in *Dionys.* says, *Bacchus* touch'd the rivers *Orontes* and *Hydaspes* with his *thyrsus* and dry'd them up.

*Tu separatis Uvidus in jugis
nodo coerces viperino*

Bistonidum, sine fraude, crines.]

The *Bacchic Orgia* were celebrated on the tops of hills and desolate wild places, in imitation of mount *Sinai*, which abounds with *pyracantha*, what we call *holy-thorn*, the same our Savior was crown'd with; and in the medal upon which this discourse is founded, *Bac-*
chus

cbus is crown'd with the same. *Schini* is the hebrew name of the plant, and it gives name to the mountain. On a bush of this plant the divine *Melech* first appear'd to *Moses* in a flame of fire, *Exod. iii. 3.* This hill has another close adjoining, but more barren, call'd *Horeb*; in imitation hereof the devil placed his oracle on two-headed *Parnassus*.

The poet uses the word *Uvidus* because *Bacchus* was reckon'd the God of wine. I could shew in a very long deduction why the antients characteriz'd the Messiah under the notion of the God of wine. I shall at present but give a few hints.

1. The most antient learning consisted much in symbols and figurative expressions; we see them very frequently used in the scriptures: the grandeur of the eastern style consists much in them, and is preserv'd there to this day. Wine is the symbol of joy, pleasure, and life, both earthly and heavenly; it causes that fine and agreeable vibration in the nerves and animal fibrils, wherein consists pleasure; like the tone of musical strings in harmony. Pleasure or happiness is the great aim and purpose of all beings; and that deity who was the creator, is the dispenser and administrator of it. In this sense *Jehovah* or the *Messiah* is the God of wine.
2. From his promises to the *Israelites* of temporal blessings, of which wine is a principal. Thus, *Deut. vii. 12.* "If ye hearken to these judgments, and keep and do them, that *Jehovah* thy God shall keep unto thee the covenant and the mercy which he sware to thy fathers. He will love thee, bless thee, and multiply thee:

Religious eating & drinking Judg. IX. 27.

The drinking of wine became famous among the first & simple people accustomed only to water, at the religious festivals of the Jews: hence they made the god of the Jews, the god of wine. & the exclamation of Jahveh, Jahveh, was imitated by the greek Evoh, Evoh: softning the first letter & adding the last & to softning it more, it became the Evohe of our poet. This was in the time of the Judges, when the Egyptians knew only the drinking of ale, & the greeks that of mead, methelin as our old Welsh who learnt it from them. I suppose Imolus, the person deified under the name of Bacchus son of Demeter in Cadmus's time carryd the use of wine to the greeks.

The oldest jewish coyns after the captivity had a vine leaf, a bunch of grapes: so the great coyn had a bunch of grapes.

Judges IX. 13. and the vine said unto them, should
I leave my wine which cheereth God & man?
i.e. used at religious feasts.
Judg. IX. 27. the Bacchic merriment.

X Joel III. 18. Amos IX. 13. the kingdom of Messiah is
as new wine running down the mountains, in the pro-
phetic descriptions.

Ps. XLV. 3. Thou art fairer than the children of men.

Ps. L. 2. out of Sion hath God appeared, in perfect
beauty.

Isaia XXVII. 2. 3.

In feasts it was customary to drink the last cup to the
honor of Bacchus, in a religious way, calling him a gallie
demon, the good deity.

“ thee: he will also bless the fruit of thy womb, the
 “ fruit of thy land, thy corn, thy *wine*, and thine oil,
 “ the increase of thy kine, and the flocks of thy sheep,
 “ in the land which he swore unto thy fathers to give
 “ thee.” In very many places in scripture in this sym-
 bolical sense the Messiah is describ’d as the giver of wine.
Gen. xlix. 10. before quoted. “ The *Shiloh*, or *qui mit-*
tendus est, shall wash his garments in wine, and his
 “ clothes in the blood of grapes: his eyes shall be red
 “ with wine.” So in that magnificent chapter of *Isaiab*
 lxiii. which is a prophetical description of our Savior
 crown’d with thorns, and wearing the purple robe, co-
 ming from *Herod*. “ Wherefore art thou red in thine
 “ apparel, and thy garments like him that treadeth in
 “ the wine-fat? I have troden the wine-press alone. I
 “ will tread down the people in mine anger, and make
 “ them *drunk* in my fury.” So *Zach.* ix. 17. “ For
 “ how great is his goodness, and how great is his beau-
 “ ty? corn shall make the young men chearful, and
 “ new *wine* the maids. X

In *Matth.* xi. 19. our Savior, but injuriously, is made
 a wine-bibber. In *Psalms* lxxx. *Isaiab* v. Jehovah is
 made a planter of vines. *Israel* is compared to a vine-
 yard. *John* xv. 1. our Savior calls himself a vine. *Isai.*
 xxvii. 2, 3. Jehovah calls himself a keeper of a vineyard
 of red wine. No doubt but in these passages there is a
 distant view to his own suffering, shedding his blood for
 us, and to the commemorative perpetual sacrifice, his
 last institution and covenant in the Lord’s Supper.
St. Matth. xxvi. 39, 42. his passion is call’d a cup. *Ver.*

28. he says, "I will not drink henceforth of this fruit of the vine until that day when I drink it new with you in my father's kingdom." Here the sacramental covenant and wine is made symbolical of heavenly joy, life and happiness.

3. The poetic expression *Uvidus*, what we call *mer-ry in drink*, is taken from the festival of the *Jews* afore-mention'd, celebrated after vintage, when they drank new wine. This was imitated by the heathen. His name *Sabus* is from *שֶׁבַע*, *Saba*, *שְׁמֵעִי*. The Scholiast of *Aristophanes* says *Bacchus* his priests were call'd *Sabi*. Lastly, *Atheneus* L. XV. says *Bacchus* carry'd vines from the red sea into *Greece*.

nodo coerces viperino

Bistonidum, sine fraude, crines.]

Sine fraude means without cheat or legerdemain. For the devotees of *Bacchus* pretended to handle snakes, tye their hair with them, tye them around their waists, and the like, without harm. A snake, as ever reckon'd a sacred and divine animal, fail'd not to make part of the *Bacchic* mysteries. Among reptiles it was sacred to *Bacchus*, says *Plutarch* in *problem.* and in *sympos.* *Cle-mens Alexandrinus* and others tell us, in the *Sabazian* mysteries of *Bacchus*, a serpent transmitted thro' their bosom was a method of initiation. He says too, the *Bacchics* crown'd with serpents ran about making exclamations, *Euan, Evan, &c.* In *Egyptian* monuments innumerable sculptures of this kind, and generally upon the heads of their *deastri* are snakes, asps, &c.

pinge duos angues, sacer est locus.

says the satyrift.

The

4. The Vine is a symbol of our Religion. Jo. XV. 1.
Our Savior says he is the true vine, his fa^r is the
dresser of it. one would think this regarded the an-
tique greek heads of Janus, where the young face
is garnish'd with vine leaves & grapes: the old one
Saturn with his pruning knife. our Savior carries
on the comparison, the branches are we christians
the grapes the fruit of good works. &c. Amos IX. 13.

5. the people of the Jews planted by Jehovah
are oft call'd a vine. Jerem. II. 21. Ps. LXXX. 8.
Isai. V. 1.

all the commentators miss the true sense interpreting
it sine noxa, sine damno, periculo &c.

Nonnus in his Dionysiaca says Bacchus cast his
thyrsus on the ground. it began to creep as a for-
pent, & wound its self about an oak. taken from
two actions of Moses done by the power of Jehovah,
his casting his rod on the ground, before Jehovah,
afterwards before Pharaoh & the magicians. Exod.
IV. 3. VII. 10. & from his elevating the salutiferous
image of the snake on a pole. Numb. XXI. 8.
from this came Esculapius's wand or caduceus.

The serpent is a matter of utmost and inmost antiquity. I have discours'd of it very largely in a work concerning the *British Druids*: but in this and all other matters of religious antiquity, we should remain in absolute darkness without the sacred history. Briefly, the serpent had the worst and the best meaning in old learning. The devil made high account of the animal, as being the species under which he triumph'd over unhappy mankind. Hence he labor'd to introduce it into all his profane sacreds. The occasions he took, from God's transactions with the *Jews*, as usual. *Exod.* iv. 3. God gives *Moses* a proof of his divine assistance, by converting his rod into a snake; by reconverting it into its pristine form. *Exod.* vii. 10. he does the like before *Pharaoh*. Again, from the brazen serpent in the wilderness, which by *Jehovah's* virtue and power cur'd all those that were bit by fiery serpents, *Numb.* xxi. 9. This, as all other matters of God's dealing with the *Jews*, besides the present fact, respected somewhat of still greater excellence future. Our blessed Savior scruples not to compare himself and his greatest mediatorial act, his passion, to the *Mosaic* serpent in the wilderness, *Joh.* iii. 14. this was to cure the deadly wound of the first serpent, to disarm the old dragon of his sting. The children of *Israel* were to look on the brazen one and be saved. We are to look on him who was pierced, *Psal.* xxii. 16.

In *Euripides Bacchæ* they crown'd themselves with snakes.

Clem. Alexand. admon. ad gen. says the same.

G

Arnobius

Arnobius satirizing upon the *Bacchinals*, says, you wind your selves round with snakes.

pars sese tortis serpentibus incingebant.

Catull. nupt. Thet.

This rite among the heathen, of tying snakes around their waists, was taken from the sacred girdle of *Aaron*, the girdle of the ephod, *Exod.* xxix. 39. it was called אֲבִנֶט *Abbnēt*, which *St. Jerom de vest. sacerdot.* describes to be like the skin of a snake; it was a costly shash made in network, imitating the scales of a serpent, chiefly of blue, as in *Ezek.* ix. 2. where the hebrew copy ought to be corrected by the LXX translation, by the *Syriac* and *Arabic*. "And one man among them was clothed in linen, with a writer's inkhorn upon his loins, and they went in and stood by the brazen altar." A writer's inkhorn is a very absurd reading, it is in reality a blue girdle, the pontifical cincture. This was the high-priest with the blue girdle upon his loins. The like in the next verse, וְשֹׂמֵן אֲבִנֶט עָלָיו וְהָיָה עִוָּן אֲדָמָה. The *Persian* high-priests are so girded in the sculptures of the temple at *Persepolis*, in imitation of the *Jewish*.

*Tu cum parentis regna per arduum
cohors gigantum scanderet impia:*

Rhæcum retorsisti leonis

unguibus, horribiliq; mala.]

The battles of the Gods, the most antient of all stories, was a report of the overthrow of the arch-traytor *Lucifer*.

See Superi Harpocrator p. 82.

Servius on *En. III.* makes *cortina* (meaning the oracle of Apollo) to come from *corium*, the skin of the snake python. in truth from the scale like form of the tapestries, like the snakes skin.

Numb. XIII. 24.

the giants of Canaan conquered by the Israelites under
12 banners, by the power of Jehovah, gave occasion
for that ancient fable of the Gods changing them-
selves into the form of animals, in the battle be-
tween the gods & the giants. Jupiter turned himself
into a ^{ram} goat, Bacchus a lion, Neptune a horse, Pan
a goat, Juno an ox, Venus a fish,

© so by Phæbus conquering the serp^t. Python.

— ἀνὰ τὸν Ὀφίωνος Ἰππὸν. Lycophron
Cassandra.
of B. bimat see Hygin. fab. 167.

Matt. XIV. 33. of a truth, thou art the son of god.

Matt. XXVI. 63.

John I. 49.

John XX. 31.

Lucifer. *Job* xxvi. 5, 6. "The rephaim groan under
 " the waters, and their armies. Hell is naked before
 " him, &c. The LXX. translate it *ῥαῖναι*. *Prov.* ii. 18.
 The dead (*rephaim* in the original) is render'd, *hell with*
the devils; by the LXX. *ἀδὴν καὶ τῶν ῥαῖνων τῆς ἑλίου, πταῖναι,*
ῥαῖναι, *rephaim* are all one. So *Prov.* ix. 18. xxi. 16.
Isaiah xiv. 9, 10. "Hell from beneath is moved for
 " thee, to meet thee at thy coming; it stirreth up the
 " dead for thee, even all the great giants (*rephaim*.)
Ezek. xxxii. 18, 21. "The strong among the giants
 " shall speak to him out of the midst of hell, &c.
Gibborim is the same.

The overthrow of the devil before the creation, is re-
 member'd among the heathen by the notion of *Ophion*
 (the old serpent) reigning before *Saturn*, and being
 ejected by him; in *Lycophron*, *Aristophanes*, and both
 their interpreters. ☉

Our poet compliments *Bacchus* with a part in de-
 fending his father's throne.

Parentis] It was part of the character of Messiah that
 he should be the son of God. *John* vi. 69. "We be-
 " lieve and are sure that thou art that Christ (Messiah)
 " the son of the living God." *Acts* viii. 37. The Eu-
 nuch made profession of his faith to *Philip* before bap-
 tism, "I believe that Jesus Christ is the son of God."
 This we find the heathen had some knowledge of, by
 making their *Bacchus* the son of *Jupiter* (meaning the
 supreme) and *Semele*; which, as we observ'd before,
 is one of the divine names. Their fancy of making him
 born in thunder and lightning, is owing to Jehovah ma-

king his first most glorious appearance in that manner, on mount *Sinai*. *Ovid* gives us a poetic description of his birth in *Met.* III. a mere lambent flame in comparison of the terrific pomp of mount *Sinai*, in the *Mosaic* description, *Exod.* xix. than which nothing can be more astonishing, except the real sight. In reading it we fear and we tremble at the wonderful appearance of fire that seem'd to reach the arch of heaven, the shakings of the mountain, the smok, the clouds, thick darkness, thundrings, lightnings, the sound of a celestial trumpet waxing louder and louder; at length God spake himself. All this in the sight of 600000 people, beside women and children.

Hence *Bacchus* call'd *Ignigena*, *Ovid Met.* IV. v. 12. *πυρρῆς, πυρσπῆς, &c.* 'Tis pretty enough here to remark, the near approach they had to a knowledge of his real nature, divine and human; tho' the son of God, yet was born of a woman. They hence call'd him *διπυρς*, as in *Orpheus's* hymn to *Dionysus*; and *διμορπος*. So *Diodorus Sic.* III. *Dithyrambus*, *Thriambus*, and *Lythirambus*, names of *Bacchus*, are but various inflexions of the same word דִּיתֵרֵי אַבְחָן. *dithere abban*, which signifies διπυρς, twice born, as by others he is call'd διμυρταρ in the same sense, as shown by the great *Bochart*, *Canaan* I. 18. The fancy of his coming out of *Jupiter's* thigh is mere scripture language, meaning divine seed, *Jove satus, divino semine natus*. Thus, *Gen.* xvi. 26. "All the souls that came with Jacob, which came out of his thigh. And the excellent *Mr. Mede* is of this opinion,

Jupiter was not the supreme.

— hunc Dii quoque magnos
quesivere Deos — Mamil. I. q. str.

Mamilius v. speaks of the altar in heaven at which Jupiter acted the part of the priest & sacrificed, when the Gods conspired together to fight the giants, taking an oath.

Ara forens illuris stellis imitantibus ignem
In qua devoti quondam cecidero gigantes,
noe prius armavit violento fulmine dextram
Jupiter, ante Deos quam constitit ipse sacerdos.

So Horace

undo Saturni vultus

contremuit domus —

hence his claim, they took Jupiter to fight for his father Saturn. & tho' the heathen often mean the Supreme by Jupiter, as the Jews, & we christians often do by Jehovah, yet they own, he was son to Saturn.

tutaq; his gemi sunt in cunabula Bacchi. Ov. M. III

Son of God, in Dan. III & in Job
in the Babylonian table

Pausanias says, that Policletus a famous sculptor in Arcadia, made a statue of Jupiter, with all the ornaments of Bacchus.

Numbers V. 22. the womans belly & thigh was to rot, i.e. uterus.

○ Bacchus being persecuted by Juno wandered about the world till tired. he slept

* is remarkable, that the fablers sh. make it a double headed serpent, wh. has a meaning in it, by way of opposition to the first images of the deity. Demetrius Chorus says this animal cant be killed, but by the wood of the vine.

In the story of Bacchus unwillingly carryd aboard a ship, he turn'd himself into the form of a lyon & frighted all the mariners into the sea.

Numb. XXIII. 24.

Numb. XXIV. 9.

Isai. XI. 10.

opinion, *B. I. disc. 8.* Again, *Exod. i. 5.* Thus *Orpheus* in his hymn,

‘ ἀρρητοῖς λεκτέροισι τεθνωδῆις, Ἀμβροσιε Δαίμον.

‘ begat in an unspeakable manner, immortal deity !

Take this story of the notion among the heathen, of the first promise God Almighty made us of sending the Messiah, upon the devil’s tempting our first parents. ☉
 ‘ *Bacchus* sleeping under a tree was bit in the heel by
 ‘ an *Amphisbena*, or double-headed serpent, most dead-
 ‘ ly; but he awaking slew the serpent with a wand or
 ‘ stick made of a vine branch, which he had in his
 ‘ hand.’ This is an extraordinary assemblage of all the
 idea’s pertinent to the great work of mankind’s redem-
 ption. Here is the serpent with human voice, as in
Gen. iii. Here the great prophecy of his bruising the
 Messiah’s heel; the Messiah slaying the serpent with the
 salutary wood; the character of *Bacchus* and the Mes-
 siah mix’d, as we have been all along treating on. And
 in memory of the famous curse of the serpent at the
 fall, “On thy belly shalt thou go,” *Jupiter* was wor-
 ship’d under the name of *Σερπαστες*, i. e. *serpentarius*,
 particularly by the *Tianians*, as on old coins.

The Messiah, under the name of *Bacchus*, is said to
 defeat *Rhæcus*, one of the principal giants, in the form
 of a lion. This is undoubtedly deriv’d from the lion of
 the tribe of *Judah* in scripture, from whom in the flesh,
 our Savior was to descend. *Gen. xlix. 9.* “Judah is a
 “ lion’s whelp; from the prey, my son, thou art gone
 “ up. He stooped down, he couched as a lion, and
 “ as an old lion, who shall rouse him up?” This is ex-
 plain’d

plain'd *Rev.* v. 5. "When no man in heaven, nor in
 " earth, neither under the earth, was able to open the
 " book, neither to look thereon: the lion of the tribe
 " of Judah, the off-spring of David, hath prevailed to
 " open the book, and to loose the seven seals thereof.

1 *Chron.* xii. 8. The *Gadites*, associates of *David*,
 men of might, men of war, fit for the battle, that could
 handle shield and buckler, are said to have faces like
 the faces of lions.

Bacchus hence was call'd Γιγαντοκτετής, the slayer of the
 giants, meaning the fallen angels. And *Virgil* in his
 poem call'd *Ætina*, after the battle of the Gods, writes
 thus:

— *tum pax est reddita mundo.*
Tum Liber celsi venit per sidera cœli,
defensiq; decus mundi nunc redditur astris.

horribiliq; mala] One may be apt to suspect that this
 image was taken from the remarkable story of *Samson's*
 jaw-bone. *Judg.* xv. 16. "When the philistines caught
 " *Samson* (as they thought) and shouted for joy, the
 " spirit of the Lord came mightily upon him, he broke
 " the two new ropes with which he was bound, took
 " up a jaw-bone of an ass, that accidentally lay there,
 " and slew 1000 of them therewith.

Quanquam choreis aptior & jocis
ludog; dictus, non sat idoneus
pugnæ ferebaris. —]

Our poet here is scarce just enough to his hero, for
Bacchus was always look'd upon as a great warrior, con-
 queror,

a lyon was the symbol of majesty says Caesari.
obs. hence commonly sculptures of them on the
doors of temples.

It regards the lyon in the banner of the tribe of Judah.
II. Kings XVII. 25.

Hyginus post. astron. II. says the ram assisted B. in
refracting his army. therefore he placed it the first
in the 12 signs, bec' he himself was a consummate
general. he means his commanding the host of
Israel consisting of the 12 tribes.

Plurnutus says he was the greatest commander in war.

Exod. XIV. 14. C

Habac. III. 11.

Numb. XXI. 14.

x Elohim Iehovah (the deity Iehovah)

Prælis audax neq³ te silebo
Liber —

Hor. I. od. XII.

II. Sam. V. 24. Iehovah went out before David to
battle.

Ierem. XXXII. 18. X. 16.

O magna vasti Crota dominatrix frohi
cujus q³ omnis littus innumera ratos
lenuere pontum: quicquid assyria lonus
tollere, norous p³rium rostris locat. soneda.

queror, and triumpher; and hence his name of *Sabazius*, as we mention'd, deriv'd from the great name of the deity of the *Jews*, יהוה *tsabaoth*, "*Deus exercituum*, the Lord of hosts. *Exod.* xv. 5. "Jehovah is a man of war, Jehovah is his name, says *Moses* in his hymn. So after *Joshua* had conducted the *Israelites* in a miraculous manner a-cross the river *Jordan* dry-shod, *Josh.* v. 13. "he looked, and there stood a man over-
"against him with a sword drawn in his hand. *Joshua*
"boldly went to him, and demanded, Art thou for us,
"or for our adversaries? And he said, Nay, but as captain of the host of the Lord am I now come. And
"Joshua fell on his face to the earth, and did worship.
"And he said unto Joshua, Loose thy shoe from off thy
"foot, for the place whereon thou standest is holy."
This was Jehovah himself, *Jehovæ Saba Sir: princeps exercitus Jehovæ*. *Joshua* ador'd him, being the real Jehovah. Thus an inscription in *Gruter*, p. 22. n. 5.

Q. NVNNIVS ALEXANDER DONVM DEDIT
JOVI SABAZIO.

Another n. 4. it is Jehovah Sabaoth. See *Deut.* xxxii. 41. 1 *Chron.* xvii. 24. *Josh.* xxiii. 35, 9, 10.

It is to be remark'd, that the *Greeks* of old call'd all countries to the east of the mediterranean sea, *Arabia*, *Palestine*, &c. by the name of *India*; for they knew nothing but the sea-coast of it. Therefore *Dionysus*, the *Arabian Jupiter*, is represented as making his military expedition into *India*, as we before observ'd; and from
thence

thence he return'd in great triumph, and was the first that practis'd the ceremony. The Bacchic rites for this reason imitated a triumphal procession, and they cry'd out in their pæans, or triumphal songs, *Eleleu Je, Eleleu Je, Jou, Jah*, and the like; which are nothing but the jewish exclamations in their triumphs, אל מלוא, *el, eloah*, and הללויה, *allelujah, laudate dominum.*

We read in the *Mosaic* books that Jehovah order'd the manner of incampments, the order of marches, the different signals of trumpets, &c. all matters of highest import in the office of a General. He was the author of those grand regularities in the art of war, that he might fitly train up the people for the great work they were to perform. *Numb.* ii. iii. iv. x. 5, 6. *Vid. Nonnus Dionys.* iii. 25. and 48. where he is said to defeat great armies.

- - - choreis aptior
ludoq; dictus. - - -]

The antients made *Bacchus* the institutor of all festivals and rest of labor; *Aristotle* particularly, and thence his names, *Lyæus, Methymnæus.* *Athenæus* IX. hence all kind of dramatic and scenic performances dedicated to him. Of which see the excellent *Casaubon* treating largely *de satyrica poesi.* *Athenæus* V. gives us the *Dionysiac* pomp of king *Ptolomy.*

The feasts of *Bacchus*, or *Dionysiacs*, are famous in all heathen antiquity; they were celebrated in the vernal Equinox; they were call'd the most antient feasts, and every third year held in a more extraordinary manner

Plutarch in his disc. ignis an aqua says the wine
was brought out of India into Greece.

hence the story of prince Memnon & his arabs
assisting Priamus at the Trojan war.

The Panathenea celebrated at Athens in the spring &
to which the whole people of Attica came, both taken
from the Jews. Orpheus thought by some to be the
author of them. it was celebrated in March or at
the vernal Equinox. the Quinquatrus of the Romans
analogous to it. on the 20 of Thargelion, the day
after the Bouididia.

Deut. XII. ^{7.} 12.
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Bacchus was call'd πολυσεφανος from the festival
garlands & he is always represented as crown'd
with vine leaves, ivy leaves &c. Βοτροχαιτος
another name. Κισσοσεφανος & Κισσοχομος & Κισσο-
φορος. Pliny says ivy is call'd Bacchica among
the Thracians, & apply'd to his sacreds. They adorn
their helmets, thyrsi & shields with it. The origin
of it is a fable of Bifous a companion of Bacchus
dancing till he dy'd: in reward to his zeal, the
god turn'd him into the plant. The truth is Bif-
sus is Cuthous, Chusous, an Arabian, Jupiter
Bifous analogous to Iacchus. Pliny XVI. 4. says
Bacchus invent'd garlands i.e. festival dresses.
φιλοπαιγεων a lover of game, another surname
of Bacchus.

Bacchus says to Penthous in Euripides all the Barbarians
frequent these feasts.

x Supra Magonium, Larysium.

philochorus in II. Atticis, writes they painted Liber of
a delicate & feminine body; bec' he had women that
fought in his army. Euseb. chron. p. 27.

ner among the *Athenians*, says *Suidas*; in order to make a certain reckoning of time; which was the occasion of founding the olympiads. These were taken from the jewish passover instituted at the vernal equinox. *Cadmus* in *Euripid.* commends the worship of *Bacchus* for its antiquity. *Diodorus Sic.* III. says from the most antient memory, 'fanes and groves were consecrated to *Bacchus* in several *Greek* nations. Hence in the same book *Bacchus* is said to be the inventor 'of panegyres and festival meetings, of music and dancing'. His priests, priestesses, and dancing fraternities, *Curetes*, *Corybantes*, *Salii*, *Panes*, *Satyri*, *Mimalones*, *Sileni*, *Bacchæ*, *Lenæ*, *Thyadæ*, *Thyæ*, *Najades*, *Nymphæ*, *Tityri*, and the like, as recited by *Strabo* X. are all to be deriv'd from sacred occasions and names too tedious to be here specify'd. *Pausanias* in *Lacon.* mentions a mountain^x where in the beginning of spring, they celebrate a feast to the honor of *Bacchus* for several days, probably for eight days, as was the jewish custom. And thence the *Greeks* made their week consist of eight days, mistaking the true and most antient sabbatic cycle, renew'd by the jews. So in their *trieterica* and olympiads they mistook the true number of years, which ought to have been seven, in imitation of the jewish sabbatic years.

I know your sciolists in learning and antiquities will be willing to fancy the jews borrow'd these customs from the heathen, not *e contra*. To such I recommend this consideration only at present, that the so much celebrated olympiads, the eldest æra of history among the

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greeks,

greeks, are later than *Solomon's* time by even 200 years, at which time the history and transactions of the Jews were grown old. And this, in few words, is the general occasion of mistake in the learned concerning these matters. Because in old classical or heathen history they find no celebrity of the jewish nation, no great account made of them, like the magnificent things rehears'd in their own most true history, they are apt to conclude the jews have been too partial in telling their own story; that 'tis hyperbolical. But alas! these authors do not reflect, that at the time when the *greek* learning, history, empire, and other famous matters among the heathen, became conspicuous and glorious, the affairs of the jews were absolutely in the wane, their glory set; they were become a most wicked, miserable, and contemptible nation; Jehovah had cast them out of his hand.

Herodotus, in whom *greek* history is not got out of the leading-strings of fable, is but coeval with the last of the prophets; yet in even heathen history there are scatter'd eccho's of the principal personages and facts in the sacred, sufficient to secure the veracity of the latter, could any one be foolish enough to question it. I need only mention a few names of authors: *Sanhoniathon*, *Berosus*, *Manethon*, *Hecataeus*, *Abydenus*, *Polybistor*, *Nicolaus Damascenus*, *Diodor. Sic.* *Strabo*, *Justin*, *Pliny*, *Plutarch*, *Tacitus*, many more.

Strabo X. calls *Bacchus Musagetes*, and applies the invention of musick to him; this is from the musical instruments invented and practised by the Jews, from
Jehovah's

The heb. poetry was lost when the greeks took it,
before the time of the LXX. version.

The greeks celebrated the great festival called Dio-
nyfia from the 16 to 20 of the month boedromion,
beginning at the full moon all plainly from the jews.

Strabo says the Bacchic music was famous thro'out
asia, & that the names of many musical instruments
were taken from the language of the barbarians.

Such as jumbia

jambuke

Barbitos

magados

all of hebr. origination, & consequently the things too.

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Plato says nothing is more commendable or worthy
of a good legislator than to regulate & fix the matters
of mirth, dancing & songs in their festivals &
sacrifices; & all such matters as pertain to plea-
sure, musick especially. As a work says he, either
of a god or a divine man. So all their dances,
all their poetry all their songs must be sancti-
fyd, & they must not suffer the least thing which
does not answer to the design of the ~~law~~ established
religion, & proper for the feasts which they ce-
lebrate.

by all this Plato can apply mean no other than
the Hebrews.

*nivea rotata corpore vesto
primicias frugū dant spīcia sorta suarū. Ov. M. X.
rejoyced Deut. XVI. 14. 15.*

how hardly were the jews usd by Antiochus Epiphanes
when he constrained them crown with ivy to sacrifice
to Bacchus. Maccab. II. VI.

Jehovah's direction, in their religious celebrities, *Amos* vi. 5. 'Tis tiresome to quote particulars. So I could shew at large, that most or all the other famous religious festivals among the heathen of all nations, were mere imitations of the jewish. 'Such the *Canephoria* among the *Athenians*, when from the most antient times (as they call it) some mature virgins us'd to carry the first fruits in golden baskets upon their heads, to be offer'd to *Bacchus*, of all kind of ripe fruits.' Who sees not this to be the jewish feast of pentecost? *Exod.* xxii. 29. xxiii. 16. "The feast of harvest, the first-fruits of thy labours, which thou hast sown in the fields; the first of the fruits of the land thou shalt bring into the house of Jehovah thy God.

Again, the *Athenians* celebrated another feast to *Bacchus*, call'd *Lenæa*, which was a time of the greatest mirth imaginable; and well it might be, because in autumn, at the time of vintage. This is from the judaic feast of in-gathering, at the end of their year: "when thou hast gather'd in thy labours out of the field." And now it might well be, that the similitude was so strict between the jewish feast of tabernacles and this Bacchinalian jollity, that *Plutarch* could not help seeing it, and ignorantly fancy'd the Jews borrow'd it from the heathen, as we afore observ'd. Tho' he and all the world knew and remark'd, that the Jews were a people separated from all the world, were so obstinate to their own law, that they would not mix with the gentiles in trifling customs, much less borrow religious observances from them.

Among other imitations of the Jews at festivals, they had the *thyrsophoria*, poles twisted with vine-branches, palm-branches. In their processions too they carry'd a mystical *cista*, or chest, mimicry of the glorious and wonder-working holy ark of the covenant of Jehovah.

Pars obscura cavis celebrabant orgia cistis.
Orgia quæ frustra cupiant audire profani. Catull.

- - - *tacita plenas formidine cistas.* Val. Flacc.

They paid first-fruits and tenths upon a victory to *Bacchus*; pretendedly, as *Bacchus* did to his father: really, from the institution of Jehovah.

Te memorant Gange, totoq; Oriente subactò,
primitias magno seposuisse Jovi. Ovid fast. III.

So the *Phoceans* having a temple of *Bacchus* without a statue, shows the highest antiquity. *Pausan. Phocic.* 10. But enough on this head.

- - - *sed idem*
pacis eras, mediusq; belli.]

Under this notion of the poets is couch'd that most illustrious character of the Messiah, a Mediator. *Orpheus* hence calls *Bacchus* ΜΙΩΝ, mediator, the same as *Mithra* of the *Perfians*. *Plutarch de Iside* says, the *Perfians* call ΜΙΩΝ, ΜΕΩΤΩΝ, mediator. *Phurnutus de*
nat.

Sponcor III. 1.

Plutarch takes notice, that in the sacreds of Osiris, the Egyptians on a certain night go down to the sea, & the priests there bring out the sacred chest which has a golden boat within it. among the Babylonians in the temple of Apollo was found a golden chest of extraordinary antiquity.

a fable of Somol & Bacchus shut up in an ark.
Nat. Com. p. 471.

Isa. XXVIII. 29.

OMNIPOTENTI DEO MITRAE
APPIVS CLAVDIVS TARRO
NIVS DEXTER V.C. DICAT.

Isaia XXVI. 12.

Micah IV. 3.

Psaln XLVI. 9.

by the word peace in ps. human blessings in general is
meant. so Jacob in his vow at Bethel

Ps. LXXXII. 7.

Zach. IX. 10.

Euagrius hist. eccl. IV. 17. gives an acc^t of their being
taken out of the temple of peace by Gisoric the
Goth.

Jo. XIV. 27.

nat. deor. concerning *Bacchus*, says, for some hidden reason, *Dionysus* deserv'd the name of *Peace*. Therein too he pretends to give a reason why a goat is sacrific'd to *Bacchus*, because he himself is a goat. This seems to mean the scape-goat of the *Israelites*, which no doubt was typical of the Messiah, *Levit.* xvi.

In *Isaia* ix. 6. Peace is made the characteristic of the kingdom of Messiah. After the total dissolution of the jewish oeconomy, *Vespasian* built the temple of peace in the city of *Rome*, the first of that kind; and laid up therein the golden candlestick, ark, shew-bread-table, trumpets, and vessels, the spoils of the temple of *Jerusalem*; and there they remain'd till the *Goths* took them away upon sacking the city. We see and admire the whole conduct of providence, in raising the warlike republic of the *Romans*, to fight the Lord's battles, to be his instruments for preparing the way of the gospel, to civilize all nations, to unite them under one head, to make roads from the *Euphrates* to the *Irish* ocean; to render the globe permeable. Now wars were to cease, and the halcyon days of universal peace to favor the propagation of christianity. The *Romans* having finish'd what they were rais'd to do, and having ruin'd the jewish state (doom'd to fall by the greatest power that ever was on earth) their empire then dwindled, and the spiritual kingdom of the prince of peace succeeded, which is to last for ever, *Haggai* ii. 9.

Hence we conclude, 1. Christianity was no nursling of earthly politicks, an engine of state; because all states were leagu'd against it. And tho' it is the truest sup-
port

port to government, it reciprocally requires the protection of government. All government since the creation was made to defend Religion, and when that is neglected, a kingdom must fall to ruin by natural causes, as sure as ice must melt when expos'd to heat.

2. We conclude, 'tis egregious folly and wickedness for princes vainly to hope or attempt any great and universal monarchy, like that of the *Romans*; it is out of God Almighty's purpose to admit of such thing. But every one has it in his power to raise a greater monarchy, and arrive at higher glory than the *Romans*: by subduing the inordinate passions in his own breast, by endeavouring to secure and promote the peace and happiness of mankind, in bringing people to a true sense and practice of Religion; *that* would be the real golden age, aim'd at by the gospel.

There are many additional comments to be made upon the present words of our author, showing that *Bacchus* by the heathen was esteem'd a great instructor in arts, merchandize, and other works of peace and government. *Liber* is said to teach merchandize, to buy and sell. *Pliny* VII. 56. N. H. The *Egyptians* mean God, when they tell us *Thoth* or *Mercury* was the author of traffic. *Jupiter* on old coins is call'd *Εργαστης*, *the workman*, as particularly of the *Tianians*.

All agreeable to the character of the God of the Jews in scripture, who gave his spirit to cunning workmen, that perform'd those incomparable works of the *Mosaic* tabernacle, the holy vestments, and services thereto pertaining: and to *Solomon's* workmen, in the stupendous edifice

By Horace he is coupled thus

Romulus & Liber pater & cum Castore Polluce
post ingentia facta Deorum in templa recepti.
dum terras, hominumq; colunt genus, aspera bella
componunt, agros assignant, oppida condunt.

Ep. II.

I observe, 'tis a comon thing for the heathen to give
Bacchus the honor of inventing things wh were done
by the sacred patriarchal family. Thus he is said to
find out the method of gathering honey. Jacob sent
a present of a little honey into Egypt.

Corniger est Bacchus convivia læta frequentans,
aurea iustitiamq. Thonis, rectūq. iustur
Sol est mox idem contorquens spicula Apollo
Eminus & poragons & divinator & Augur
Morborum expulso^r deus est Epidaurius. ista
Omnia sunt unum, sint plurima nomina quamvis.
Orph. crater minor.

Jupiter est idem, Pluto, Sol & Dionysus. Plato.

Sol, Orus, Osiris, Dionysus, Apollo, the same: says the
oracle.

377 By the chaldeo int^{er}pt rendered sometimes אֱלֹהִים
regnum.

The reason why the first oracular deity among
the heathen was called Apollo or god of the sun,
was from the appearance of the shechinah
among the jews a central glory, & flaming
fire like the sun, incircled with a dark
cloud. This looked like the sun, & in their way
of thinking the god, or genius or deity of the
sun made it. Further it had a rainbow
which they knew was made by the sun.

Jupit aristos of the Arcadians, Apollo Nomius,
Bacchus agros allens.

Macrobi. S. I. 12. mentions the dissection of
B. & coming whole again.

edifice of his temple, *Exod.* xxxi. 2, 3, 4, 5, &c.
1 Chron. xxviii. 11, 12, 19. *2 Chron.* i, 12. But I fear
 being tedious.

*Te vidit infans Cerberus aureo
 cornu decorum - - -]*

From this, as well as other stories, it is plain the
 heathen had a notion of the death of the Messiah. Not-
 withstanding *Horace* brought off his divine hero in the
 battle of the gods, yet here he confesses his descent into
 hell. *Isacius* says, '*Bacchus* was slain in the battle be-
 ' tween *Jupiter* and the *Titans*. *Origen* against *Celsus*
 IV. writes an antient report among the heathen, ' that
 ' *Bacchus* the son of *Jupiter* falling from his father's
 ' throne, was torn in pieces by the *Titans*, and his mo-
 ' ther composing again his members, he ascended alive
 ' up to heaven.' This is somewhat like the *Egyptian*
 story of *Osiris*, the *Phœnician* of *Adonis*, the *Greek* of
Apollo banish'd his father's kingdom, of *Æsculapius* be-
 ing slain by his father for restoring people to life again,
 and many more of this sort which I could rehearse. But
Bacchus, and *Osiris*, and *Adonis*, and *Apollo*, and *Æs-*
culapius, with most other heathen deities, are only di-
 vers names of the same person, meaning Messiah under
 different characters.

- - - *Tibi se mortalia sæpe
 corpora debebunt: animas tibi reddere ademptas
 fas erit - - -* Again,

Et,

*Eq; Deo corpus fies exsanguis, Deusq;
qui modo corpus eras: & bis tua fata novabis.
Teq; ex aeterno patientem, Numina, mortis
efficient: triplicesq; Deae tua fila solvent.*

Ovid Met. III.

Orpheus says, *Bacchus* was discerp'd by the giants. *Diodor. Sic. III.* writes, 'that among all the gods, ' *Dionysus* only attain'd to a fix'd immortality, and ' that for the excellence of his vertues and invincible ' patience he threw off humanity, says *Plutarch*.

I could shew likewise, that the antients had a notion of his suffering by a cross, of his remaining three days and three nights in the place of death, with other particularities of that sort; but we are chiefly to follow our poet.

The heathen customs of mourning for *Osiris*, or *Thammuz*, or *Adonis*, or *Mithras*, as practis'd by the *Egyptians*, *Amathusians*, *Byblians*, easterns; as mention'd by many heathen writers, such as *Stephanus*, *Lucian*, *Marcellinus*, *Diodorus Sic.* *Plutarch*, &c. By many christian writers, *St. Augustin*, *Arnobius*, *Lactantius*, *Jul. Firm.* By the scriptures, *Ezek. viii. 14*, &c. These are all instances of the suffering state of the *Messiah*, ultimately meant thereby.

- - - aureo cornu decorum - - -]

Diodor. III. IV. makes *Bacchus* horned.

- - - caput aurea rumpunt

cornua

Under the name of Hercules the ancients had a notion
of Jonas living 3 days and 3 nights in a whales belly
or of the Messiah being in hell so long, which was
prefigured by the other. Sex. Empir. adv. mathem. says
Hercules became bald after he had been swallowed by
the whale. Lycophron in initho capsand. mentions it. calling
him thoneo Τριεπρος five trinoctius. upon whom thus
comments Iliacus Tzetzes. he calls Hercules Trinoctius
bec' he past 3 days or 3 nights in the whale. S^t. Cyril
mentions it in Iona cap. II. & Theophylact & others.

another obscure notion of the Messiah is couched
by antiquity, under the banishment from heaven, of
Cupid: of which Aristophan in Pythagorists.

Orpheus recites Bacchus sleeping 3 years in Pro-
serpina's territory & awaked by the nymphs.
Terrestrom canimus Dionysum &c.

Iliacus calls him Dionysus Zagreus & that he was
put in pieces by the giants & his heart still beating
was brought to his father Jupiter by Pallas. These
are surprizing hints of the immense love paternal,
so often mentioned in S.S.

Servius in III. Aenid, says Apollo is the same as Sol
& Liber Pater who went down into hell. the Delphi think
the reliques of Bacchus are deposited among them, just
by the oracle of Apollo.

Saturn swallowed the stone Betylus, insted of his
son Jupiter. a mixt notion of the Patriarchal religio
to be changd into the Mosaic, & of the suffering of the
Son of god.

karan corau, koron lucoro.

Euripides makes Bacchus have a golden face. χρυσοφ.
an image taken from the divine Shechinah.
hence they painted the faces of the statues of their
gods, with vermilion.

purpureo bibit oro nocturno
says our poet of Augustus deified.
so the heathen notion of Jupiters thunder.

Quod superest vite, per te tua cornua, vivam,
virtutisq; tue, Baccho, pota ferar. Propert. III.
Horace calls him bicorniger,

— Elin, Mossoniag arva colobas. (Apollo)
illud erat tempus, quo te pastoris gressus
vixit: onusq; fuit baculum sylvestro sinistra:
altorius, dispar septonis fistula cannis.

ov. M. II.
lugote Liborum, lugote Proserpinam, lugote attyn
lugote Osirin, sed sine nostra contumelia dignita-
tis. Dul. Firm. all these are the four deities.

Adonis was a shepherd too. Theocr. Idyl. I.
the horn signifies a prophet, priest, anointed. touch
not mine anointed, do my prophet no harm. ps. CV. 15.
meaning Abraham &c.

Mithras was called Mithras, triplaxius. & mysterys cele-
brated about it. Golden Plegom. p. 31.

cornua & indigenam jaculantur fulminis ignem.

Sidon. Apoll.

ubi corniger Lyæus

operit superna Gauri. Symmach.

accedant capiti cornua, Bacchus eris. Ovid.

There is not in all antiquity a more noble disquisition than that of the notions affix'd by the antients to horns; the origin and history thereof. We might be exceeding copious therein, but I shall only mention a few strictures. *Diodorus III.* says, that both *Bacchus* and his father *Ammon* were adorn'd with rams horns. The whole arises from the same notion of the Messiah's suffering, of his being the great sacrifice; join'd with the other notion deriv'd from his name Messiah, which means anointed. So that calling *Bacchus* horned, is but equivalent to the scripture expression, "Behold the lamb of God, which taketh away the sins of the world." The whole affair of sacrificing must needs appear to all mankind but as vicarious; that one dies for another's faults. The heathen altars were frequently adorn'd with rams horns and heads, taken from the jewish, and as well understood by the heathen as Jews. The blowing on rams horns at the proclamation of jubilee, whence the very name of jubilee, and multitudes of other matters, were prefigurations of this great truth.

For the second sense (anointed) it was customary for the Jews to put the sacred anointing oil into a ram's horn, or a golden vessel made in form thereof: hence it became symbolical of the Messiah or Anointed, in the

most eminent sense; or imported a king, priest, prophet, who was anointed by oil; which operation was commonly accompany'd with an extraordinary communication of God's holy spirit.

This explains the following passages, which have been thought not a little difficult. *1 Sam. ii. 10.* "He shall exalt the horn of his *Anointed*," means Messiah. *Ver. 35.* "He shall walk before mine *Anointed* for ever, meaning Jehovah the Messiah, the Shechinah, or visible presence of the deity upon the ark. In this same sense it is used *Psal. cxxxii. 10.* "For thy servant David's sake turn not away the presence of thine *Anointed*." No wonder then from this high idea of unction the name of *Ammon*, or the horned deity, meaning the anointed deity, became so famous, so mysterious. All authors mention it with awe, but none understand it. *Curtius* could not help being obscure in describing his statue. What we can gather is, that it was like a ram. *Ammon*, *Amûn*, by *Philobyblius* translated *Amynus* in *Sanchoniathon*, had been one of the divine names, and imports consubstantial, of the same substance as the father. *Gen. xix. 37.* υἱος γαρος μου, *filius consubstantialis*. For that reason it was affix'd to *Cham*, the first deify'd man, in imitation and conformity to the notions which the old world had of the true deity.

I have a large brass coin, in appearance and in reality antique. On one side the profile of a face, bearded, which has much of the heroic aspect, at the same time venerable. On the collar of his garment is משיח, which is the *Syriac* mode of writing *maschiah unctus*, anointed.

From

Thofens in his feftival danc'd round the coratoman
altar, made of horns. a notion taken from the horns
of the great brazen altar of the jews.

I. Sam. XII. 5. the Lord is witnefs ag^t you, & his anointed
is witnefs this day. & is a conjunctive particle of syno-
nymous words as the eastern ufage is. the answer gives
it, here. he is witnefs. & fo understood by Syr. & arab.

The Phrygian Attos or Atins^{yns} fays Baxter glos.
v. Hefus is pater filius quod idem Romanorum
est Liber pater. he makes our northern Odin
the same, of kind, pater filius. tis in a manner equi-
valent to jehovah.

Baal or Bol in the Chaldee ^{chob.} & our old British signi-
fys lord, left off as a sacred name, after polluted
by idolatry. tis equivalent to Adonai. Hof. II. 16.

V. Baxter. glos. Amon.

The Egyptians p^rfer'd the divine name Am^{un}, & turn'd
it, as all the rest, into idolatry. hocatous fays amoun
in that language is the word of thofe ~~that~~ that in-
voke god. & that they meant somewhat very myfterious
by it. Pherécides calls it amma.

I saw another of those coyns in the hands of my fr.
Mr Byrom 14. July 1738.

Eccles. XVII. 6. 11.

Solomon had a vineyard in Baalhamon Cant. VIII. 11.
Plutarch in Agide mentions a report of Pasiphae a
daughter of Atlas who bore Ammon to Jupiter.
Others say Bacchus was born of Amalthoea to Ammon.
These are Greek & foreign fables mixt.
See Pugio fid. p. 408.

From his temples proceeds a lock of hair turn'd like a ram's horn. On the reverse is this legend, in what is call'd the *Chaldee*, square character, *non erunt tibi dii alieni coram me*. The learned commonly suppose this to be the effigies of *Moses*; some take it for our blessed Savior; all reject it for spurious; with others of this kind. I my self have well consider'd the affair, and think otherwise, for many reasons too tedious to be here inserted. I take it to be the head of king *David*, and not inferior to his own time; whether struck by himself, by his son *Solomon*, or in his *Syrian* conquests, I shall not stand here to dispute. The horn refers to the legend of the collar, to his anointing, which is equivalent to the calling him king, as is known from innumerable places of scripture.

In imitation of this, the antient *Lydian* and *Armenian* priests wore a lock of hair twisted up in a horn-like form on one side. And among *Egyptian* antiquities we frequently meet with it in sculpture. I suppose, when *Sesostris* plunder'd the temple of *Solomon*, he carry'd away these, and many other jewish customs, and engrafted them upon the antient *Egyptian* idolatry, 1 *Kings* xiv. 25. Hence the coin with *Jupiter Ammon's* head on one side, the *Silphium* plant from *Cyrene* on the other, reckon'd the most antient coin. The *Jews* to this day wear a lock of hair on their temples, which they nourish particularly. Probably this gives a better reason for it than any they themselves pretend. See *Isaiab* v. 1. in the hebrew.

The coin in the title page of this work is in the excellent collection of my friend Dr. Kennedy, in brass. He has another large one in silver, with the head of *Bacchus* crown'd with ivy, a *vitta* or *infula* over his forehead; and besides the curls of his hair that hang downwards upon his neck, one large lock twisted backward into a horn-like form. On the reverse are two symbols, as in the ensuing print.



The Dr. has another large silver coin of the *Thasians*, with this very same head of *Bacchus* on the obverse: on the reverse the figure of *Hercules*, ΗΡΑΚΛΕΟΥΣ ΣΩΤΗΡΟΣ ΘΑΣΙΩΝ.[†] No doubt but this manner of dressing *Bacchus* is deriv'd from the most antient notions concerning him. The *vitta*, the crown of greens, and the curling-lock, seem to denote his initiation into the priesthood by anointing. X

- - - leniter

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On the coyns of Euboea island the head of Juno
or her priestess with a lock of hair in a horn-like
figure. Juno is said to have been nursed in this isle.

† I have one of the same given me by Mr Braco
collector of the excise at Northampton.

Jupiter is pontiff in that quotation from Manilius, p. 46.

x agreeably to Strabo's calling him ΑΡΧΙΥΕΤΗΣ ὁ μυσταγωγ.
e hence as Strabo says, Bacchus sometimes wore a long
garment of fine linen e a miter, with sweet oint-
ments e flowers: alluding no doubt to the habit of
the high priest. so Pausanias mentions Bacchus in a den
with a longvestment meaning the pontiff in the adytum.

Thus Synesius in sacred hymn 8. speaking of our
saviors descent, seems to copy from Horace.

Descendisti sub tartara
animarū ubi plurima millia
mors tenobat agmina
horruit le sonex lunc

erces antiquus
Cpopuli vorator canis
retrocessit a limine.

The Egyptians in their hieroglyphical learning paint
a dog in a watchful posture to signify that
power which preserves our bodies against the
resurrection. hence a dog the janitor of Hades
or Hell in the greek fable. the devil added
three heads to it, in order to put a slur on
the ancient patriarchal notion of the persons
in the deity.

Adonis was restored to life again, returning from
Hades. Hygin. 251. fab.

Julius Firmicus relates, in the phrygian sacreds
of the Mater domini they fasten an effigies hu-
man, on a pine tree: once a year. The Druids
did the like. Moses with the same view pronounces
every one hanged on a tree accursed before god: i.e.
a type of Messiah who was the curse, or sin for us,
the sacrifice, or scape goat.

- - - *leniter atterens*
caudam & recedentis, trilingui
 - - - *ore, pedes tetigitq; crura.*]

Our poet ends with the glory of his divine hero, in not being detain'd in the gloomy regions below, but ascending therefrom, the infernal *janitor* fawning and dreading his power, agreeably to the sacred history. I shall conclude with observing that audacious affront retorted by the devil towards the deity, in that fiction of the three-headed *Cerberus*: But neither his malice, nor the dark clouds of fable and monstrous fiction, thro' so many centuries of heathenism, could totally obscure the truth. How much then does it become us and behove us to adore our triumphant Messiah, and his love towards us, when the devils themselves believe and tremble? And let us imitate his divine love in that universal philanthropy, which is the highest ornament of our nature, our glory here, and will entitle us to accompany him in his last triumph.

By reflecting upon what has been said, I conceive the whole mystery of *Bacchus* lies open; and we understand all that the poets and writers say of him as fast as we read it. For an exercitation of the reader's curiosity that way, I shall recite a like hymn, as we may call it, of *Ovid's Metam. IV. 11.*

Thuraq; dant, Bacchumq; vocant, Bromiumq; Lyæumq;
Ignigenamq; satumq; iterum, solumq; bimatrem.

Additur

*Additur his Nysæus, indetonsusq; Thyoneus,
 & cum Lenæo genialis, confitor uvæ:
 Nycteliusq; Eleleusq; parens & Iacchus & Evan.
 & quæ præterea per Grajas plurima gentes
 nomina Liber habes. Tibi enim inconsumpta juventas,
 Tu puer æternus, tu formosissimus alto
 conspiceris cælo. Tibi cum sine cornibus adstas
 virgineum caput est: Oriens tibi victus ad usq;
 decolor extremo quæ cingitur India Gange.
 Penthea, Tu venerande, bipenniferumq; Lycurgum
 sacrilegos mactas. - - - &c.*

There is nothing in all this but what we have explain'd in the foregoing discourse, except the word *Nyctileus*, a title here given him; it is deriv'd from the jewish festival of lights, or *Purim*. This was that feast mention'd by the satirist to be celebrated by the Jews at *Rome*, as it is at this day here.

- - - unctaq; fenestrâ
Dispositæ pinguem nebulam vomuere lucernæ. Perf. V.

Herein I have observ'd a most excellent chronological character, for settling the æra of the death of *Herod* the great, which is of good use in determining the time of our Savior's birth. I shall not think much in giving it to the reader, both as it is not impertinent to this discourse, being an approximation to the time of the advent of the Messiah in the flesh, which happen'd really but three years after *Horace's* death; and as it shews the
 true

The fine greek statues of Bacchus represent him in
the flower of youth. a face & limbs between masculin
& feminin, long hair hanging down in locks curled
like womens. yet Diodorus says the Indian Bacchus
(who is ours) has a beard. however his face is ever
beautiful. *Ἀγλαόμορος* in *poeta in corhus in florilegio*
Epigr. I. 38. 11. & I. 38. 1. Myelothus he is calld.

true uses to be made of heathen literature, one of my principal purposes in this discourse.

Many are the contests of the learned in settling precisely the time of the death of *Herod* the great; and deservedly, because of its excellent use in determining the æra of our Savior's birth. The dispute, I think, may be very easily brought into the compass of one year, the *Varronian* AVC. 750. the second year of our Savior's real birth, the undoubted year of the eclipse of the moon mention'd by *Josephus*, which is one principal character in fixing the matter. On that night *Herod* burnt the Rabbi's for a sedition; and it happen'd on the 10th of *March* in the then *Roman Julian* kalendar, as it was under the correction of *Augustus*; on the 12th of *March* in the true *Julian* kalendar. Mr. *Whiston* has given us the calculation of it in his astronomical tables. The question then will only be, at what time of this year *Herod* dy'd? *Kepler*, *Allix*, *Langius*, and other great names, assert it to have been in this same month of *March*. *Usher*, *Noris*, *Whiston*, *Abendana* in his jewish kalendar, and others, fix it in the end of *November*, where the jews celebrate a festival in memory of his death the 7th of the month *Chisleu*, our *November* 25. as in the then *Roman Julian* kalendar under the correction of *Augustus*; *November* 27. in the true *Julian* kalendar.

Josephus says that he dy'd at nearly the 70th year of his age. In another place he says *Herod* was 25 years old the year after *Cæsar* the dictator conquer'd *Pompey* at *Alexandria*, viz. AVC. 707. So that he was born

AVC.

AVC. 682. All the characters taken from the years of his reign, mention'd by *Josephus*, have been examin'd thoroughly; and he specifies them, both as reckon'd from his being declar'd king of *Judea* by the *Roman* senate, and as reckon'd from the death of *Antigonus*. There seems nothing wanting to give us entire satisfaction in this point, but to know *Herod's* birth-day; this would inform us at what time of the year, he might properly be said to die at near his 70th year.

Tho' the learned have not observ'd it, yet this character is luckily given us by *Persius* the satirist V. above quoted; the whole runs thus:

*Herodis venere dies, unctaq; fenestrâ
dispositæ pinguem nebulam vomuere lucernæ,
portantes violas. Rubrumq; amplexa catinum
cauda natat thynni, tumet alba fidelia vino.
labra moves tacitus, recutitaq; sabbata palles.*

where he informs us, as plainly as words can make it, that *Herod's* birth-day coincided with the feast of lights or *Purim*.

Herod was a most magnificent prince, in great favor with *Augustus*, and had been three times at *Rome* in person. His children were educated in the imperial court, his ambassadors and residents were constantly there: he knew full well the use of the *Roman* favor, and *that* he chiefly cultivated. There were a sect of the Jews who call'd themselves *Herodians*, from their attachment to him. They would needs have him the
Shiloh

* Epiphanius *heres.* 10. Theophylact on Matt.
XXII. 16. & many more affirm it.

X Horace himself hints at it the last v. Sat. I. 4.
— ac volui
Iudæi cogentus in hanc concedere turbam.

Shiloh or Messiah; * for they saw evidently the completion of *Jacob's* famous prophecy. As the Jews were exceeding numerous at this time in *Rome*, *Herod's* creatures must be so too, and they would make no small stir in shewing their zeal to their prince, more particularly on his birth-day. And this is the reason that it fell within the cognizance and observation of our poet; otherwise the ordinary celebrity of the jewish feast of *Purim* would have been as little regarded at *Rome* as it is now with us, tho' the observation of it is constantly kept up.

Hence we may assuredly conclude, that this birth-day and this festival are one and the same thing. For had the *Herodians* celebrated his birth-day on any other time, with the like ceremony of lighted lamps, as at the *Purim*, which there is no reason to imagine, no shadow of in writers; the poet would absurdly have made this the remarkable and distinguishing part of his description. But both falling together, he who knew not, and car'd not for the intrinsick and original meaning of jewish ceremonies, takes notice only of the more modern, obvious, and noisy occasion of it, and which no doubt was attended with much tumult by those zealous, who never could be moderate in any thing. *

The feast of *Purim*, or 14th of *Adar*, that year of *Herod's* death 750. fell on the 13th of *March*, a day or two after the eclipse of the moon afore-mention'd; then it was that *Herod* enter'd the 69th year of his age. Now had he dy'd in that month, or soon after, as is the opinion of *Kepler* and his followers, he could not be

faid with any propriety to die nearly at his 70th year, according to *Josephus*. But if he dy'd at the end of *November*, as set by the jewish kalendar, by *Usher*, and his followers, he might with strictness be said to die nearly at his 70th year; for the *Purim* feast was on the second of *March* the year following.

All this reasoning is much strengthen'd by a piece of the history of *Philip* the tetrarch of *Iturea*, *Herod's* son; which proves that *Herod* could not live to 751, as the most excellent Cardinal *Noris* would have it, *Cenotaph. Pisan*. *Josephus* tells us, this *Philip Herod* rebuilt *Bethsaida* in form of a city, and call'd it *Julias*, in honor of *Augustus's* daughter. We have no more time to allow for the building of this city than the year 751. and the beginning of 752. For in 752. *Julia* was banish'd, and then it would be no compliment to the emperor to call a city after her name. Therefore as the eclipse in *March* 750. fixes the year of *Herod* the great's death, and the whole of 751. must be allow'd into *Philip's* reign, we may conclude that *Herod's* birth-day must be set as early as possible in the year 750. so that dying in the year, he may be somewhat near his 70th year: and that he dy'd the *November* between, according to the jewish kalendar.

This *Bethsaida* is not *that* mention'd in the gospel, for the town of *Peter*, which was on the west side the sea of *Galilee*; but *Bethsaida* on the east side that sea, which country only was under the jurisdiction of *Philip*. *Bethsaida* is analogous to our english word *Fisberton*. In 751. *Philip* coming to his government, began the rebuilding

no Iudeus quidē tā diligētē jejuniū servat sabbatho
quā ego hodiē servavi. Jays Aug. 10^{to} Ti. in duoton.

x The Romans did not call Agrippa, by the name of Herod but Agrippa.

The festival of Encenia is call'd $\Phi\Omega\Sigma$ & celebrated with lights: but that is not a proper time for violots.

Herod consecrated his new temple on this birthday of his kingdom, no doubt, at the latter end of the year, soon after its finishing, in the summer.

rebuilding it immediately, that spring, the more early to shew his gratitude to the emperor. He could not well give it the appellation till the beginning of 752. the year of *Julia's* banishment.

Again, we gather no mean a confirmation of our character from the poet's words, *portantes violas*, intimating, that the lamps, branches, or chandeliers (as we now modishly call them) were adorn'd with the flowers then most in season, violets, which is in the month of *March*.

There is no objection that I know of to all this, but that the celebrity mention'd in the poet may relate to the commencement of the reign of *Herod* the great, the birth-day of his kingdom, rather than to his natural birth-day. But this is a mere supposition, founded on no good reason or proof, and is contradicted by the last argument taken from the season of the year. For it is abundantly shewn in *Noris's Genotaphia*, that *Herod* obtain'd the kingdom of *Judea* in the latter end of the year, far distant from the *Purim* feast.

Again, *Casaubon* in his notes well argues, that the reason why the learned have sometimes apply'd this to the birth-day of *Herod Agrippa*, then reigning in *Judea*, rather than to *Herod* the great, then dead, is not valid. For the sect and name of the *Herodians* was not ceas'd. X And he brings *Epiphanius* his authority to his aid. The *aprici meminisse senes* in the preceding verse confirms the poet's mind, that his thoughts are not too strictly to be bound down to the present time. He well rests on the strength of the antient scholiast's interpretation of the

place in decision of the contest. "He shews, says the
 "scholiast, the manner how *Herod's* birth-day was ce-
 "lebrated by the *Herodians*. For some of their festi-
 "val days were observ'd with mirth and feasting, others
 "with sorrow, fasting, and various instances of sadness.
 "An example of both kinds is here put from the jew-
 "ish rites. The *Herodians* therefore on *Herod's* birth-
 "day practis'd all methods of gladness, as in solemn-
 "ties instituted on joyful occasions." Which the poet
 rehearses, &c. The sorrowful ones he means in

labra moves tacitus, recutitaq; sabbata palles.

as instances of the fancy'd superstition which he is
 inveighing against. *Lubin* in his notes is of our opi-
 nion, and *vetus glossator*. But enough of this final di-
 gression.

Thus have we finish'd this celebrated Ode of *Horace*
 as concisely as necessary, and put it into a new light,
 a religious view. It must be own'd beautiful in its
 original. I hope it loses nothing in the new garb, but
 discloses more graces than commonly remark'd. But
 after all, as to the original Ode itself, it comes far short
 of some of the sacred hymns to *Jehovah*. I will men-
 tion but one, that of king *David*, a thanksgiving for
 victory from his enemies. 2 *Sam.* xxii. *Psal.* xviii. "I
 "will love thee, O Lord, my strength. *Jehovah* is
 "my rock and my fortress, my deliverer, my God, my
 "strength, in whom I will trust, my buckler, the horn
 "of my salvation, and my high tower, &c. His de-
 scription

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The first of the year was a very dry one, and the crops were much injured by the drought.

The second of the year was a very wet one, and the crops were much injured by the rain. The third of the year was a very dry one, and the crops were much injured by the drought. The fourth of the year was a very wet one, and the crops were much injured by the rain. The fifth of the year was a very dry one, and the crops were much injured by the drought. The sixth of the year was a very wet one, and the crops were much injured by the rain. The seventh of the year was a very dry one, and the crops were much injured by the drought. The eighth of the year was a very wet one, and the crops were much injured by the rain. The ninth of the year was a very dry one, and the crops were much injured by the drought. The tenth of the year was a very wet one, and the crops were much injured by the rain.

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Well says Dacier in his preface to Horace, that Moses's
song has a magnificence, a genius, an enthusiasm
to which neither Pindar nor Horace can come up
to. & he quotes a large parcel of it. he says Ho-
races gravest & best odes are like the songs of
David & Solomon. he admires the great beauty of
the ~~holiest~~ lyrics, the majesty of their expression &
images, the grand freedom & simplicity withal.

scription of the advent of Jehovah is the greatest that words ever compos'd, what we can't read without a sacred *tremor*. I have taken the pains to give it here more correct, and to translate it into verse. A better poet would easily do it incomparably better, and open its beauties the more. But I thought it not impertinent to compare this same manner of writing between the heathen and the scripture authors.



2 Sam. xxii.

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Verse 8. Then the earth shook and trembled; the foundations of the ^a hills moved and shook, because he was wroth.

9. There went up a smoke *in* ^b his anger, and fire *from* ^c before his face devoured: coals were kindled by it.

10. He bowed the heavens and came down: and darkness was under his feet.

he 11. He rode upon a cherub, and did fly: he ~~was~~ ~~seen~~ upon the wings of the spirit.

12. He made darkness his secret place: his pavilion round about him was a circle of black and thick clouds of the skies.

13. Thro' the brightness before him the thick clouds passed: hailstones and coals of fire.

14. Jehovah thunder'd in the heavens, and the most high utter'd his voice: hailstones and coals of fire.

15. He sent out his arrows and scattered them, he shot out lightnings and discomfited them.

16. Then the channels of the sea appeared, the foundations of the world were discovered, at the rebuking of Jehovah, at the blast of the breath of ~~his~~ anger.

17. He sent from above, he took me, he drew me out of the great waters.

18. He delivered me from my strong enemy, and from them that hated me, for they were too strong for me, &c.

The

volitavit super ponnas yal canpo vont, aoris,
Spiritus. hinc canopus Aegyptiorum.

1 quite around him

The Egyptian gods were call'd canopi from the
sacred globus alatus upon them.

The Advent of JEHOVAH, *sung by*
DAVID, *Pfalm* xviii.

Then shook the solid earth's convexity,
from its fix'd center seeming to retire:
the hills from their deep bases trembling flee,
glad to avoid the great JEHOVAH's ire.

Volumes of smoak rowling before his face,
the anger of the deity proclaim.

Devouring fire shoots with impetuous blaze,
and kindled coals send forth their crackling flame.

He bowed heaven's empyreal arch on high:
swiftly descending from the realms above.

Beneath he treads on thick obscurity,
and sable clouds his solid footstool prove.

He rode up-lifted on a cherub bright.
On airy wings of seraphs he did fly:
whilst darkness palpable (tremendous sight)
encircling form'd a pitchy canopy.

But clouds and darkness palpable retire
at his most glorious presence, opening day:
while mingled hail and flaming coals of fire,
(heavenly artillery) before him play.

Along with mingled hail and coals of fire
loud peals of thunder too JEHOVAH sent
rowling to heaven's extremity: still higher
the voice divine the spacious welkin rent.

Thro'

Thro' all the ætherial field in pointed showers
soon he discharg'd the arrows of his wrath
victorious. And the subtle lightning pours
around, the sure ambassador of death.

The sea (its secret channels high up-rear'd)
convulsive, at JEHOVAH's fury shook.

The reeling globe's foundations then appear'd,
struck with the terror of his fierce rebuke.

From high he sent his saving messenger,
he took me from my enemies among,
from wicked men: to serve him void of fear,
and praise my great deliverer with a song.

^a The foundation of *heaven* in the *hebrew* and LXX. copies ought to be amended here from *Psalms* xviii. *hills*, as in the version of St. *Jerom* in the former chapter, the *Syriac* and *Arabic*, as in all the versions of the latter.

^b Out of his *nostrils*, ought to be translated in *his anger*, from LXX. the *Chaldee* and *Arabic* versions in the former place: from LXX. the *Vulgate*, the *Chaldee*, *Syriac*, *Æthiopic* and *Arabic* of the *Psalms*.

^c Out of *his mouth*, ought to be read *from before his face*, from the *Chaldee*, *Syriac* and *Arabic* in the former: from the *Chaldee*, *Syriac*, *Vulgate*, LXX. *Æthiopic*, and *Arabic* of the *Psalms*.

The beauties of this piece are inexpressibly great, the conduct of it truly admirable, the imagery altogether sublime, and worthy of the subject; the whole undoubt-

the boldness of the figures, the magnificence of the
expressions, the grandeur of imagination

so when Jehovah appeared to Elijah at m. Horeb. I.
Kings XIX. 11. & beheld the Lord passed by & a great
" & strong wind rent the mountains & brake in pieces
" the rocks before the Lord, but the Lord was not in
" the wind. & after the wind an earthquake, but the
" Lord was not in the earthquake. & after the earth-
" quake a fire, but the Lord was not in the fire. &c.

edly deriv'd from the spirit that dictated all the sacred writings. And thus in few words might we in some sort describe this inimitable picture.

The earth, from whence the scene is fix'd, is first declar'd sensible of the great advent; it is said to shake and tremble, and the foundations of the mountains to be moved: and we find somewhat like it in the heathen poets, but more forced and low.

*terrificam capitis concussit terq; quaterq;
cæsariem, cum qua terram, mare, sidera movit.*

Ovid. Met. I.

A smoak and a fire are the harbingers, with this extraordinary circumstance, that coals were kindled at it, and that twice used. I doubt not but the author had in his eye the Shechinah, or divine presence on the ark of the testimony, which was then in the royal palace in the city of *David*. By the coals, he means the coals on the brazen altar of sacrifice before it. Sometimes a fire from Jehovah kindled the wood, and burnt the sacrifices thereon. This same image we find in *Ezekiel's* famous vision, as I have corrected the verse in a particular discourse upon it. *Ezek. i. 13*. "In the midst of the living creatures was an appearance like burning coals of fire." This was before the divine presence. The same is meant *Rev. iv. 5*.

We may observe, he describes the Shechinah descending from heaven and resting on the ark, between the two cherubims standing on the ends of the cover of the

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ark,

ark, and supporting a kind of chair of state, whereon the visible glory rested. The Shechinah itself was (according to what discoveries I have been able to make about it) a central glory, encompass'd by a circular cloud. And this is meant in the original, where we translate it, 'He made darkness pavilions round about him, a circle of dark and thick clouds of the skies. In the *Hebrew* thus: "*Posuit obscuritatem circuitus suos; opertoria colligantia aquarum, nubes ætherum.*" "He made darkness to encompass him around, a circular continuity of obscurity and clouds." None of the translators seem to have understood it.

First, we may observe, he describes the Shechinah coming down from heaven, *ver. 10.* "Darkness was under his feet." For then the lower part only of the encompassing cloud was visible. After his descending upon the cherub, the whole circle appear'd, "with a brightness before him, *ver. 13.* meaning, the central glory, which *Ezek. i. 4, 27.* makes to be like the colour of *Chafmal*, or *Electrum*, a metal made of gold and silver, such as our old *British* coins, and that encompass'd by a circular fire. This fire is said to kindle coals before it, meaning, on the altar in the court before the tabernacle, wherein was the ark.

After the appearance is describ'd, the effect succeeds, the power of God, *ver. 14.* Jehovah thunders; but above that, he added his voice, prelusive of his terrors, toward his enemies; he sends forth his arrows and scatters their troops, he sends forth his lightnings and effectually overthrows them.

But

nubo caudentes humeros amictus
augur apollo. Hor. 1.2.

Pf. xcvi. 2. clouds & darkness are round about him.
righteousness & judgm^t are the habitation of his throne.
Pf. civ. 2. who coverest thy self with light as with a
garment.

& this is not poetical enough. thus he made darkness
his pavilions or hangings quite around, like those of
the tabernacle, & thick clouds of the sky his ca-
nopy of state.

Apollo was call'd Nomius, the shepherd for
some notion of the afflicted state of Messiah.
Isaia XL. 9.

Gen. XLIX. 24.

Apollo Nomius was truly JABAL.

But the Psalm in *Samuel* is not so perfectly deliver'd as in the *Psalms*; the very first paragraph is wanting: "I will love thee, O Jehovah, my strength. *Ver. 12.* in *Psalms* is fuller and more significative than in *Samuel*, where hail-stones is wholly omitted. The like in the next. That elemental contrariety is a high beauty, a fine display of almighty power; and that repeated again in the next verse heightens it. The whole is finish'd by the renversement of the order of nature, the channels of the ocean, the foundations of the earth torn up (where the scene is laid) as the effect of the divine displeasure against *David's* enemies.



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Bacchus, Jehovah the son of God.	11, 45.
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Bacchus's descent into hell, from Messiah suffering.	57.
Bacchus horned from Messiah.	59.
means anointed	60.
Hence an antient coin of king David horned.	61.
Bacchus return'd from hell, from Messiah.	65.
Bacchus call'd Nyctileus, from the purim feast of the Jews.	64.
That feast is Herod's birth-day, whence a character in chronology deduc'd.	65.
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Bacchus wore the long hair of the Nazarite. from SS
Penthous in Euripido threatens to cut off his delicate
long locks. Dionysus answers
sacer capillus est: Deo ipsum nutrio.

Ornatus viridi tempora campino
Siber vota bonos ducit ad exitus. Hor.

Pausanias says Nephuno fought the giants in a horse. \times

Diodorus Nephthali ^{Diana} Hercules a hind ant. Lib.

Horodotus - Vulcan M

- Ceres M

Eusebius - Vesta II

^{ichneumon} Latona a mouse ant. Lib.

Ovid Met. V. says - Jupiter became a ram. γ Ovid

Hyginus says Pan became a goat, Bacchus rs

^{in Ovid ant. Lib.} Dan Eagle ^{crane Hygin.} - Apollo a crow Ov. a hawk ant. Lib. N.

Minerva an owl - Diana a cat, Ov. ant. Lib. M Hygin.

Vulcan. ant. Lib. - Juno ^{white} a cow Ov. Ephraim γ West

a dove, plutarc. - Venus a fish Ov. de

Hygin - Mercury the ibis ^{or dog} Ov. ant. Lib.

Mars Judah Bacchus a lion Horat. α East

Reuben - Mars a wolf - Virg. martius a stabu-
lis rapuit lupus - IX. ^{epidonus fish} ant. Lib.

M - Minerva a snake. dragon plutarc.

These ensigns seem to have been laid aside by the Jews
upon the tradition translating them to the heavens, or
at least after they lost off images.

Imitations of the jews

The Babylonian monarch use to carry a phylactery on his forehead, the 10 words of the Mosaic decalogue s^t. Jerom on matth. XXIII. 3. at this day the Indians persians & Babylonians doo it. says Bullinger de magia p. 447. he supposes they had it from the Jews carryd captive by Nebuchodonosor. Josephus says the jews led the Babylonians into their religion.

If in those later days, the gentiler nations followed the jews, now almost deserted by Jehovah; much rather in their first & glorious times, when mankind were rude & wanted ceremonies in religion. If the elegant Romans could scarce refrain from the ridiculous religion of the Egyptians; can we wonder that nations in their primordia sedulously endeavor to copy after the jews, among whom they plainly perceived the present deity?

Eusebius says the Phoenicians began the worship of serpents, from the Egyptians.

Bochart p. 785 quotes a passage from the Jews, that God alm. first lov'd the stone at Bethel of wh^{ch} Jacob made his altar: but afterwards he hated it bec^{ca} the Canaanites converted it into idolatry. what I argue from hence, is, that God alm. would by no means adopt any heathen rites into the Mosaic system. nay he forbid the jews the former rites, which their ancestors piously use, because perverted to idolatry. Such as Bethlia, high places, groves, open table.

Tertia post Idus lux est coluberrima Baccho.

XVI. kal. apr. Liberalia.

ov. fast. III.

Plutarch. Is. Osir. says the animals wh the Egyptians
worshipped were the ensigus of Osiris's army,
he means Sesostris, in imitation of the Israelites,
S. Jo. in apocal. retains 4, V & 8 ⁱⁿ

12 chief gods. Aristides ap. Phot. bibl. Elian VIII.

12. Dion. hal. VII. Pausan. Attic. p. 40.

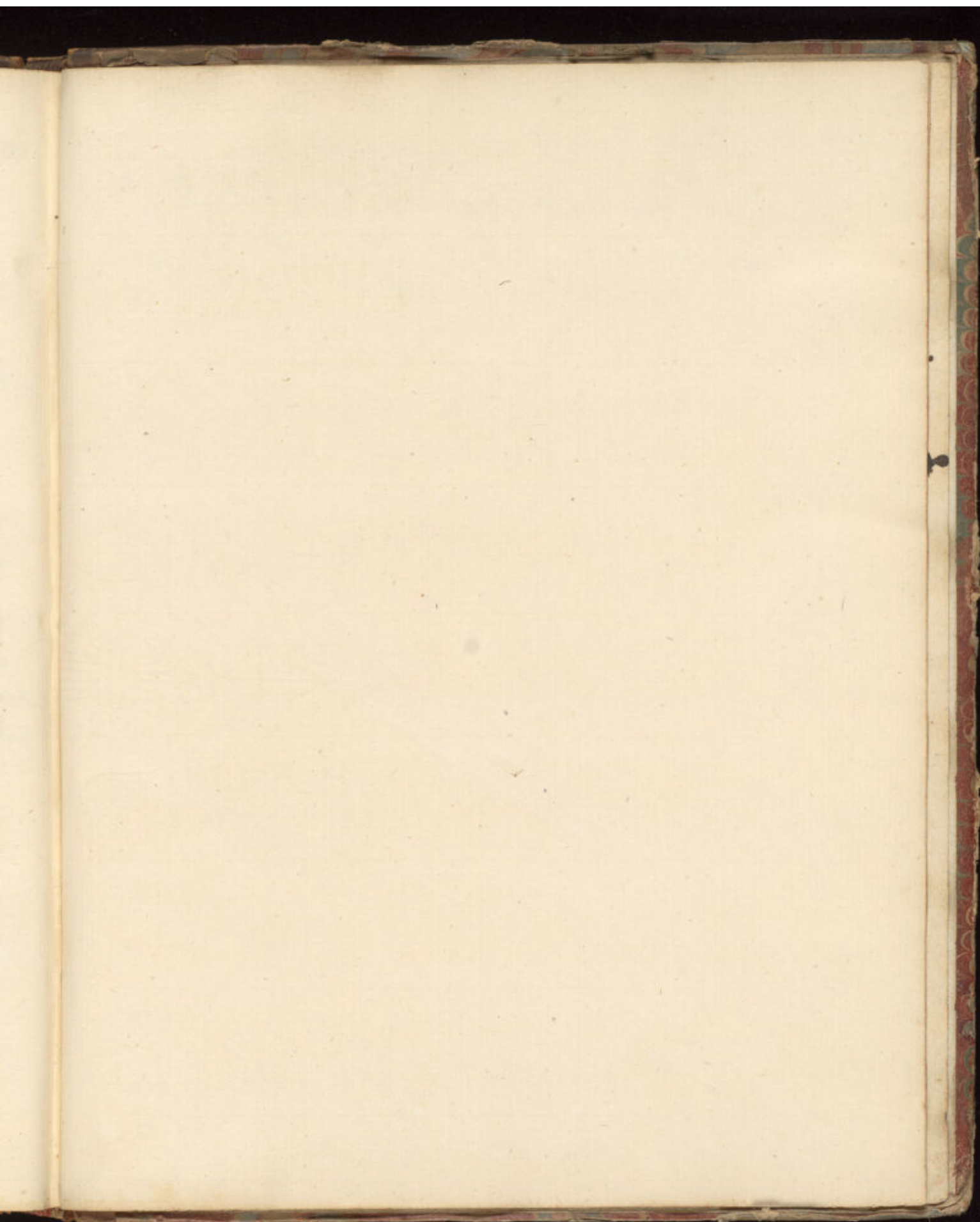
a god to every month Cal. Rhodig. XXV. 30.

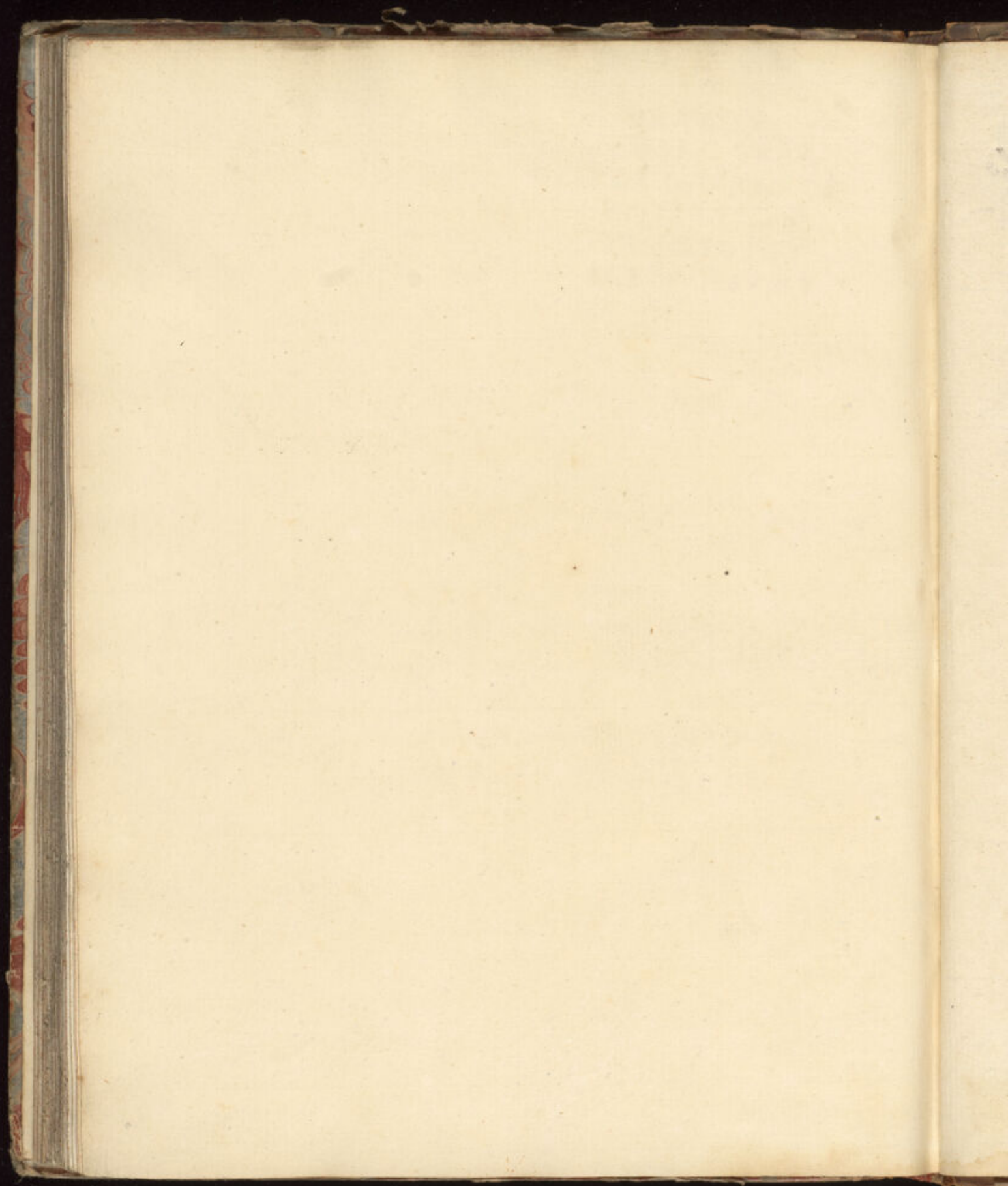
Elian VH. V. 6 shows us how holy a regard was had
by the ancient for the no. 12. Salmas. upon Plauti
Epid. V. 1.

in the Brumalia feasts, at midwinter, or Satur-
nalia, every one brought their own meat & drink,
they were feasts of Bacchus who was then born,
hence he was called Brumus, Bromus, Proclus
on Hesiod says Dios was called Bromus.

SILVANO
SANC. SACR.
ET LIBERO PAT.
A. CAEDICIUS
THEOPHILVS
EX VISO D. POS

Cuperi Harpocrates p. 57.





In the sacrifices to Bacchus, they sat all the
morning inactive, or sabbatized; plainly al-
luding to the Jewish sabbath.

Names of Bacchus.

Alys, attos, means. Thou by way of omninoce אלה
atta. Oh Thou!

Zagrou a wild man, Arabs.

Dis from די di or dai in shadai, sufficiens, Δις.

Iolius from Elohim. אלה of ιωχυπος, fortis.

Adonis, Adonous from אדני adonai, lord, אדם adam.

Briſaus from poucing lakes of honey בריוש אש

Bicornis from the horn of unction.

Nebrades covered with skins. נברד pardus.

Nomius, the shephord.

candido Bassarou. Flor. from the badgers skins that X
Iacchus, Bacchus from יח כוש jah chus.
Dionysus from יהוה נסי jehovah nissi. Janus, jahnyssi.
Liber, Eleuthereus, liberator, Sotor, Salvator.
Sabus, Sabazius צבאות sabaoth, כבא saba to get drunk
Euis, Euan, Iluos, from יהוה
Elohus, אל אלוה ol-eloah
Bromius, bruma born at midwinter.
Lysius, Lycus, Mithymneus, merry maker.
Bromius,
Nyctilus, nocturnal revels. X covered the tabernacle Exod.
 XXV. 5.
Ignigona, from Shochinah.
Bimater, Bipater, Dithyrambus, } divine & human.
Diphyes, divinus homo, Floros, }
Nysus, m. Sinai.
Thyonous, sacrificer.
Theomorphus, legislator,
Musagetes, leader of Miriam the p. prophets & her
Joins,
Indotonsus, Nazareus,
Misos, mediator, Mithros.
Didaxaxos, Doctor. Rabbi.
Lenus from the wine press.

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