

GENESIS:
ITS AUTHENTICITY AND AUTHORITY
DISCUSSED.

THE FIRST ELEVEN CHAPTERS.

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“Had ye believed Moses ye would have believed me; but if ye believe not his writings, how shall ye believe my words?”—John v. 46, 47.

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and arts cultivated, immemorially, nor is it unreasonable to suppose that some of them found their way from the eastern isles into Mexico and Peru, where traces were discovered of rude literature and mythology, analogous to those of Egypt and India.

3. "That the old Chaldean empire being overthrown by Cayamens, other migrations took place, especially into India, while the rest of *Shem's* progeny, some of whom had before settled on the Red Sea, peopled the whole Arabian peninsula, pressing close on the nations of Syria and Phenicia.

Lastly, that from all the three families were detached many bold adventurers of ardent spirit and a roving disposition, who disdained subordination, and wandered in separate clans till they settled in distant isles, or in deserts and mountainous regions. On the whole, some colonies might have migrated before the death of their venerable progenitor, but states and empires could scarcely have assumed a regular form till 1500 or 1600 years before the Christian era. For the first thousand years even of that period we have no history unmixed with fable, except that of the turbulent and variable, but eminently distinguished nation descended from Abraham." (Sir W. Jones' works, iii. 201.)

The name of Sir W. Jones and others in this section, remind one of those sceptics among us who have recently had the hardihood to make

infidel appeals to our laymen. A story is told in connexion with the Indian mutiny of a tame old Rhinoceros, who might be driven and guided by a twig, and who even became angry when it was applied too smartly. Surely it is to be hoped that, here and there, one or other of those appealers may be thin-skinned enough to feel even a twig, which would guide him frankly to renounce his error, to his own everlasting honour, should he ever come to see it. In the infidel controversy of a former day, these islands have seen not only our bishops buckle on their armour, but stoutly supported also by our laymen; by such a lettered soldier as Sir Walter Raleigh, by such a learned lawyer as Judge Hale, and such a scientific physician as Sir Nehemiah Grew, who brought into action all their heavy artillery—"The history of the World," "The Primitive Origination of Mankind," "The Cosmographia Sacra,"—all to demonstrate the truth of the Bible, and that the universe is God's creation and kingdom: and so long as we have still among us such learned knights as Sir John Herschel, and Sir David Brewster, Sir Gardener Wilkinson, and Sir Henry Rawlinson, we may confidently hope and trust that our God will continue, after his wont, always to watch over and to bless "his Englishmen."