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VVorlds Catastrophe,

OR,

EUROPEs many Mutations
untill, 1666.

The Fate of *Englands* MONARCHY
untill its Subversion.

Government of the VVorld under
GOD by the seven Planetary Angels; their
Names, Times of Government.

An exact Type of the

THREE SVNS

Seen in *Cheshire* and *Shropshire*, 3. April 1647.

Their Signification and Portent,

ASTROLOGICALLY handled.

By *William Lilly* Student in ASTROLOGIE:
Who is, *Amicus Patriæ, & veritatis Amator.*

To which is added, A Whip for *Wharton.*

London, Printed for *John Partridge*, and *Humphrey Blunden*, and
are to be sold at the *Cock* in *Ludgate-street*, and at the *Castle* in *Cornhill*, 1647.



To the READER.

Had private thoughts of publishing these three succeeding Treatises, some moneths since, but my continuall imployments, and stedfast desire of perfecting an Introduction to Astrology (now in the Press) silenced my further Notions: But one day, happily complaining of my want of convenient time, to Translate these three succeeding Treatises unto Elias Ashmole Esquire, my noble Friend, and what pretty pieces they were, and how desirous I was, my Country men of England should be made partakers of them: This worthy Gentleman no sooner heard my complaint, but offered Balsom to the wound, and most humanely and curteously proferred his learned indeavours to make Catastrophe Mundi, and Merlini Prophe-tia, render themselves in the English tongue.

A work I assure you, both painfull; and full of intricate Labo-rinths, well becoming that sharpness of wit, wherewith he is naturally endowed: Which Version of his into our mother-tongue he hath excel-lently performed in significant Language, and terms of Art corres-pondent to the sence of the first Author: In Astrologie he is well versed, and in Antiquities no mean Student; for who shall read Merlin in the Latin Copy, shall wonder at the dexterity and sharp apprehension of this Gentleman, that being in years so young, should understand and distinguish terms and names, so obsolete, and not frequently vul-gar; and yet hath he rendred them in our mother-tongue in so com-pliant and decent Phrase, as might well have become an Antiquary of double his years.

Motor eram, suatorq; operis: mihi satq; superq; est,
Interpres meritum si ferat ipse decus.

The Author of *Carastrophe Mundi*, was Spineus, Physition to the Duke of Mantua, it was Printed 1625. and is since translated into many Languages; if well understood, it's a piece of excellent Learning, and comes close to the times; and tells Princes their own, and what they shall expect, as you may read in the three last leaves compared with other places of his book. He saith, he wrote a Book of great Conjunctions, which I could not attain, though I have sent to all parts of Europe for it, &c.

Ambrose Merlin, lived in the time of Vortiger; these are the Prophecies, for which amongst the learned he is so renowned; they were never in the English before: They were Printed at Franckford 1608. and Commented on, by one Alanus de Iufulis a German Doctor, who hath taken much pains to explain them, &c. But when he came to the last sixteen lines, part whereof is now in fulfilling, and beginning thus: The splendour of the Sun shall languish by the pateness of Mercury, &c. and so to the end, which part of the prophecy cannot be understood, but by those who have judgement in Astrologie, these predictions being grounded upon the more secret Caball of that Art, wherein Alanus was nothing versed; he herein failed exceedingly.

Its true this Age is near to the very end of the Prophecy (and so we may fully expect a grand Revolution) and to that part thereof, which begins, Jupiter shall leave off his appointed course, &c. The Key follows: Monarchy & Kings are signified by the Sun: The Law & the Pen by Mercury: War by Mars: Commotions, cruelty, and bloodshed by Orion: Religion and Episcopacy by γ Jupiter. Courtship, Treaties, Queens, Women, by Venus: Famine, scarcity, and Mortality, by η . The Commonaltie by the 12. Houses: Absence of the Planets predicts the want of Gentry, and their hard fates: Twins signifies London: The Scales intimate Justice: and the Austrian family: The Ram intends France, and some parts of England: The Virgin portends the Norman Race of Kings in England, and a particular King besides: Scotland is deciphered by the Crab: Sagitary, means an English King.

The tail of the Scorpion, hath relation to a familie declining, &c. Author of much mischief in the world, but especially in this Nation: The Scorpion was the Father, the tail his of-spring.

The Zodiack signifies Order, and Government, &c. Pleiades, relates as to mutinies, seditions, and tumults occasioned by the vulgar.

Offices of Janus, point out Courts of Justice: they that abound with more leisure; let them study for a further Key to unlock these

Mysteries: to the Learned it may suffice; with the illiterate, or envious it sounds as a fable, but the Key is true.

The Government of the world by Angels, my self Englished; the Author thereof was a learned Abbot of Germanie: The subject being not vulgar, or ever before this time; being much spoke of amongst us English, will draw the enmity of some upon me: I intend, God sparing me life, to write an especiall Treatise hereof; wherein from the beginning of the World to these times, and some hundreds of years succeeding, I shall endeavour to manifest such Mysteries involved in this learning, as yet have not appeared; wherein I shall go near to give every Common-wealth of Europe, a smart conjecture of the continuance, or destruction of their State and Government.

From some malevolent, churlish, and envious Clergie, I must expect blows, which I assure them, shall be well returned: Oh men of envy! that for so many Ages, have envied mankinde the knowledge of learning, that formerly Cloistered up Books, and suffered them to perish in your Closets unopened, because all should be ignorant but your selves. Had not some Gentlemen of Divine souls, and many worthie, and gallant Physitions preserved Arts, and published their admirable conceptions: I am confident to this very day, the Fraternitie of Clergie-men would have kept us at a distance, and without the knowledge of many learnings we now know; for which, at sometimes they snarl at the Authors. Vpon the Government of the world by Angels, you shall hear the modestie of that reverend, and knowing Scot, the Lord of Marchilton: In pag. 6 of his exposition of the Revelation: There are Books (saith he) of the Jews, containing (as they alledge) Doctrines proceeding from the mouths of the Patriarchs, affirming every great Angel of seven to rule the world, 490. years, which we wanting (the warrant of Scripture) can neither affirm or condemn.

A modest and noble censure; far from the virulency of some Junior Divines now living, that assume a faculty to meddle with what they understand not; let them be forgiven now, its hereditary.

*The discourse against Wharton, (who lurks like an obscure scurrilous Traytor to his country now at present in this City, and hath the curse that God bestowed upon Cain hanging upon him) came seasonably to my hands, from one that it seems loves me, though he was yet never within one hundred miles of my face. It speaks the Gentleman learned, and I thank him for it, I have no leasure as yet to answer that Asinego Vagabond in minutes and Crotchets, which the Renegado Viper well knows, breeds no error at all in point of Judgement, and which all Au-
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thors except upon Nativities do usually reject: and were he not foolhardy and frivolously malicious, he could not expect I should be ignorant in erecting a Scheam by Regiomontanus, the use whereof, I have taught many years since, to sundry Gentlemen that have learned Astrologie from me. Having two names, he runs into the censure of Ignoramus, who saith Duplex nomen, Duplex nebulo, A double name, a double knave; I think it is well englished, perhaps not well translated. I call to the vain fellow for an answer, or to collect the errors of the Starry Messenger, or the Postscript attending it: I require from him and all his friends one Astrological prediction of his, ever verified, or deduced from the principles of Art: and I require from what principles of Art in his Naworths Almanack 1645. he called our Parliament, and their valiant souldiery Rebels above 100 times? Or why in his other Trotting Progg, wrote under the mock-name of Wharton, (he being the silliest of all Astrologers) in his own simple name should pronounce victory to those ingaged for his Majesty: Cujus contrarium vidimus? Or why in his Wharton 1647. he pronounces a good journey to his Majestie, and calls our Parliament abusively Kings? Or why he having the benefit of those liberall and generous Oxford-Articles, hath traduced the Parliament with perjury concerning the death of the Earl of Strafford? Or why (the mungrell Irish Wolfe) should promise victory to his brethren the inhumane Irish, and maintain their murdering of our poor countrymen? Or why he so vilifies & curses the noble City of London (& the whole Nation of Scotland) w^{ch} gives this sneaking fool protection by some of her Malignant children, who print & publish his curdities?

Or why the envious snarling simpleton so lavishly and lyingly traduces Mr. Booker, who for so many years maintained the reputation of the Art, almost then utterly decayed, by his own vertue and abilities?

Or why the senceless Ideot calls me Whelp, or makes me a sometimes-Taylor's boy, or a Scriveners man; when as it is known I was never of any profession but what I now study? I have both my ears, but whether Wharton being formerly a needy Scrivener in Newcastle have one, I know not. I have wrote upon the three Suns sparingly, rather to satisfie the importunities of the country then otherwayes.

The generality of people perhaps may expect I should speak a little of his Majesty; No, being not in Arms, I have no one word to write; had my writings been observed or credited, he had not been (Statu Quo:) That God who orders all Monarchies, & whose blessed Angels under him moderate our humane affaires, bless this Kingdome with so much happiness, that it may behold a reunion betwixt his Majesty and two Parliaments

liaments of England and Scotland, and render unto him his just rights, and unto us our native and proper liberties & priviledges: many fear our present Army, and traduce those now, that gave us (instrumentally under God) our quiet and being: from men that adventured their lives so freely, and in their actions and deportments have been of so great civility, shall we expect acts dishonourable? God forbid, any modest English heart should harbour such an uncharitable opinion against the Army in generall: I do not, I cannot. From the Configurations of heaven, I find no evill intentions in the Army (Flattery and witchcraft are equally odious unto me) did I not see a Lying Angell amongst us rayising fears and jealousies causelessly, I would have been silent in this: having performed their work, I think they well merit their wages. Happy are they that begun with victory, and end in unity, I am confident our gallant souldiers will so do.

I said publikely as much of the Scots, when most laughed at me and thought otherways: as the Scots deceived those that imagined ill of their demeanour, so do I say, will our Army delude the vain thoughts of all such as detract from their honour and Actions, or labour to convert whatsoever they say or do, into unjust Queries: those vertuous souldiers have fought, and such as honest Mr. Booker and myself have wrote, it were pity we should lose our lives in cold blood, and by a tame sentence, and after all our service performed for the liberty of this Commonwealth.

Meliora spero.
William Lilly.

Corner-house over against
Strand-bridge without Tem-
ple-bar.

May 7. 1647.

THE Worlds Catastrophe,

OR,
The Miraculous CHANGES,
and ALTERATIONS, (probably
to happen) in the several Kingdoms, and
Common-wealths of *Europe*, until the Year of
our Lord God, 1666.

ASTROLOGICALLY Predicted.



THE continuall motion of sublunary things, and their variable Flux, hath astonished the understandings of wise men, and in a manner constrained them to profess, or affirm little or nothing at all. Hence it was, that amongst the ancient Philosophers their chief Tenet was, that *they knew nothing*. Wherefore *Hipocrates*, the wisest of Physitians, professed it a very hard thing to judge aright; with whom agrees the Author of the Astronomicall Segments, who in the first Segment, and first Aphorisme saith, That life is short, Art long, experience deceitfull, judgement difficult.

Aristotle (in his *Posterior*. 2. Book *de Anima*, Text 6.) affirmed, that Sciences did touch only upon Universals, whereby afterwards particulars were somewhat imperfectly known, of which, as they are ranked under Universals; general Propositions are compounded. And *Ptolomy*, that Master of Astrologers, in the first of his *Centiloquy*; beholding so great variety of matter, and the sundry influences of so many and great stars, thought it a hard and difficult thing, to con-

sider throughly, and exactly the *Cælestiall Mixture*, saying, *Abste,*
& *a scientiâ*: for, it is impossible that a man, though never so know-
ing, should distinguish the particular forms of things; like as sense
also receives not a particular, but a certain general form of sensible
matter; and he that treateth of these things must only conjecture,
for none but such as are inspired from above can foretell particulars:
And in the 1. Segment, and 22. Aphorisme; There is something su-
per-cælestiall that assisteth a man in foretelling of future events; for
then, by the *Synderesis* of the Stars, and of the Intelligences, we
are able to prophesie of things to come, according to that divine
sentence, *O Lord upon us is sealed the light of thy countenance, &c.*

Wherefore it is manifest, that only those, who have the knowledge
of future things, through the better part of the soul, come nearest
to the truth: And in the 8. Proposition, the same *Ptolomy* teacheth,
that none can deliver his judgement according to the complection of
the Stars, unless he be such a man, as hath well considered the natural
complexion of the soul, that deservedly he may be called a Wiseman;
For the soul doth assist Cælestial operation, even as the best Husband-
man doth Nature in Plowing, and Weeding the earth: and *Propos. 7.*
No man can teach the mixtures of the Stars, who hath not first learnt
their Naturall differences and tempers.

By which we learn, that although there be infinite Astrologers, and
that they all study the same books; yet they do not all collect the
truth of things; yea, one more then another, even as also from ma-
ny signs in Physick, when the Physitians do observe signs of divers
diseases, of recovery, and of death; there happeneth contrariety a-
mongst them, though all of them read the same Authors. For this
choice cannot be found written in books; but ought to be selected
by the discretion of a fortunate Physitian, who was born under a
good Position of the heavens, that so he may know how to finde out
the truth in Physick, as we have it from the experience of *Hippocrates*,
and other Physitians: A Physitian ought to be fortunate and wise by
nature, sc. that he be produced from heaven, and the whole con-
course of Nature, so as he may confer health upon men: *viz.* When
Mars and *Venus* shall be in Conjunction, or behold one another by
some aspect, they make a good Physitian, and even Natures master
by the testimony of *Hieronimus Manfredus*, Physitian of *Bononia*,
Propos. 3. of his *Centiloq. de medico & infirmo.*

In like manner, when *Mars* Almuren of the profession, shall have
naturall participation with the Moon, we judge a Physitian; and if

Venus

Venus behold him, he shall be a Phlebotomist, or a Preparer and giver of Medicines by the 31. *Aph.* And if *Saturne* shall behold him, he shall have skill in making of *Glisters*, so also in curing of the lower parts of the body, Sc. by cutting of Tumors and the Hemoroides to the well liking of the Physitian: and if *Mercury* shal aspect him, he shall be cunning in words, having the force of healing, and by applying medicines with words.

Neither ought this to be wondered at, for the imaginative faculty fortified by Heaven, and the influence of *Mercury*, he may by words uttered heal those that be diseased: which thing if another with the same words, should indeavour to do, it were to no purpose, becaule his words having no force, as not proceeding from the Cælestiall spirits, nor quickened by their influence, can neither convey health, nor ease: which Doctrin we have taught at large from the opinion of *Avicenne*, *Com. 3. lib. 1. Prog. Hipocrat.*

To the end therefore that we may foretell future contingencies with some certainty, we will not relie (only) upon our own judgement, (for by the 3. *Segment, Aph. 158.* he that promiseth much of himself, is the Author of many errors, and therefore (so much as we can) we will adhere to a divine spirit; for those things which to the eye of the world, seem to be matters failing, or incertain, to a minde that is Divine, and invariable are firm and sure: For *Socrates* did acknowledge, that he knew nothing by a proper and naturall light, but he confessed that his knowledge was derived from, and assisted by a divine light. Wherefore by adhering to Divine truth, we may be able to prognosticate many true things: For like as a man that loves riches (*Segm. 1. Aph. 100.*) findes riches, and that in some sort alone: so findes he truth that loves truth.

Upon the contemplation of these things, it hath been our indeavour to transcend the sphears of Actives, and to apply our self to the other sphears, and lights; and to lift up our eyes to the first Mover, and to behold and consider the beauty and harmony of the sphears: Whereby our minde begun to be ravished, and to be delivered from darkness, by contemplating upon their Creator, whom for his infinite wisdom, we acknowledge to be the Maker and Lord of the Heavens, and of all sublunary things, and do adore their Mover, at whose will and command all the Intelligences do wheel about the sphears; himself being environed on every side (as it were) with an infinite multitude of Angels: from whence making our departure, (being rowsed from humane drowsiness) let it suffice that we

descend to the consideration of a future Catastrophe. For God hath so fram'd us, that in our aspect toward heaven, we may behold his divine Majesty, as *Ovid* hath it, in 1. *Metamorph.*

*Os homini sublime dedit, Cælumq; videre
Jussit, & erectos ad sydera tollere vultus.*

He with a lofty look, did man indue,
Commanding him the Heavens and Stars to view.

Where he hath made impression of the formall vertues of all things, as being derived from his divine spirit; so that in Heaven (the great Book of God) we may (as in a glass) foresee and know the pleasure of the most High: For, (by the 1. *Aph.* 57) *Cælum est instrumentum, quo inferiora agit, impellit, regitq;.* The Heaven is Gods Instrument, whereby he worketh, enforceth, and governeth all things. Whence (following the custom of wisemen) we may be forewarned of, and prepared against future evils; flying (as he said) many things between the Cælestial Globes, and we need not be ashamed of it; for, 1. *Aph.* 24. *Stulti negligunt, & contemnunt Astrologiam; qui contradicit Ambitiosus est, qui Maledicit, Fatuus.* Fools neglect and despise Astrology: he is ambitious that gainsays it, and foolish that slanders it: For it is a Divine Mystery; for which if any neglecting Naturall causes, shall adhere to it only, he is but of shallow judgement: Therefore it is requisite, that it be otherwise assisted, especially, for that Astrology (by 1. *Aph.* 20.) is the most transcendent of all Sciences, both because it treateth of things Cælestiall, and also of future: the knowledge whereof, is not only Divine, but most profitable: Therefore to calumniate it, or any other Sciences, is a meer vanity, for (3. *Aph.* 146.) *Qui Artem aliquam destruit, longe deterior est imperito, nec vacat mens illius malitia, desidia, & ignorantia.* He that destroys any Art, is far worse then he that is unskillfull, neither is his minde empty of malice, deceit, and ignorance. We will make inspection into such things, as have been lookt into (but by a few; and if we intend to proceed methodically) it behoves us to search out, and consider the principle, and coadjuting causes.

The principall causes are the great, mean, and lesser Conjunctions of the superiour Planets, concerning which we have said much in our books of great Conjunctions; yet we will here mention some things, which elsewhere our occasions did not extend unto, for many things, for some cause, were wrapt up in silence.

The other principall causes are mock-stars, which not long since sparkled for some years space, and then by little and little vanished away;

away; the changing of the Abisides of the Planets, Eclipses, and the like: So likewise the Genitures of Kings, according to that Adage of Horace, and Segment. 7. Aph. 166. *Genitura valida regna mutant*; strong Genitures do change Kingdoms; yet it is nothing, *Ponere o in Cœlum*, yet it availeth not to gaze upon the Heavens only.

Causes Adjutant, are Revolutions, the Progressions of the great Orb, of great Conjunctions before the flood, the birth of our Saviour, Mahomet, and the like; which things being rightly considered, may not only enable us to foretell the end of the world, but perhaps the time also: for in the bosome of the heavens (as we noted in our second part, *de vita propaganda et morte retardanda*) there is a Seminary vertue, to be infused upon any for so often as conveniency is bestowed by the sundry Complexions of the Planets, and Ascensions of the Signes: from this Inferiour matter, it raiseth the Form, from Potentiality to Action.

And in the first book and 6. Chap. *de Max. Conjunct.* We said that the Cœlestiall bodies do operate, according to the matter disposed; which matter, if at any time it be found unapt, we must endeavour to prepare, and fit it for to receive the Cœlestiall form; for according to Aristotle 2 de Anima. Text 26. *Agens Naturale, non agit in passum nisi secundum materiam dispositam*: A naturall Agent worketh not upon a subject, but according to the matter disposed. Wherefore if the effects foretold, shall not happen to be verified in that year, not only in those Universall changes, and conjunctions; but also in every year, by the particular Revolutions of years, and particular Constellations; yet in the subsequent years, they shall be verified, after that the Inferiour bodies suscitated by the precedent influences, shall be made ready: Even as wise men by preceding great Conjunctions, have shewed that the effects thereby signified, were manifested a long time after; as *Albumazar* acknowledgeth in his Tract. of great Conjunctions, but especially in his first difference cap. 3. viz. That the conjunction which gave signification of the Flood, happened 379 years before; and that which fore shewed the birth of *Moses*, did precede 80. years, before the effects thereof shewed themselves. The like may be said concerning those Starrs, w^{ch} suddenly appeared in the heavens, and afterwards were dispersed: As that w^{ch} was observed in the time of *Hypparchus*, w^{ch} signified the transferring of the Greek into the Roman Empire, produced not its effects, till after 63. years: for *Hypparchus* flourished 105. years before Christ; and the Roman Empire (translated from the Greeks) begun Anno. 42. before the birth of Christ. The

The Starr also that was seen in the time of *Augustus Caesar*, did premonstrate so many Exiles, and Martyrs, that many took it to be the cleare Comet which should establish the Kingdom of Peace: Others, as 'tis reported, did conjecture it to be the tarr, in which *Sybilla Tyburtina*, shewed *Augustus Caesar* the Image of a beautifull Virgin, holding a Boy in her bosom and saying, *This childe is greater then thou, worship him.* To which *Mantuan* sufficiently alludeth, speaking of the afore-named ybill.

*Hæc (cum Divinos vultus, & sacra pararent
Augusto cum Plebe patres) citò Tiburis Arcem
Liquit, et ingentes veniens ad Cæsaris Aulas,
Fulgentem nitido monstravit in æthere circum,
Irideq̃, inclusam, parva cum prole parentem
Atq̃, manum tendens, vultuq̃, ad Sydera verso
Ille puer quis est? (inquit) tu de Jine Cæsar
Velle Coli, pueroq̃, Aras, ac Tempia relinque,
Ille regit Cælos, atq̃, immortalis Olympi
Possidet imperium, et fatalia temperat Astra.
Pone precor Cæsar, fastus Auguste superbos.
Teq̃, (licet tractes vasta telluris habenas)
Esse sub immenso positum reminiscere summi
Principis imperio, cui rerum æterna potestas.*
*Augustus with the Senate, People, All
Fitting themselves for holy mysteries,
Shee hast's from Tiburs Tower, comes to the Hall
Or Court of Cæsar, pointing to the Skies,
Where in a most clear ayr, shee them did shew
A mother and her Babe, wrapt round about
In a bright Iris, or most fulgent Bow
Upward her face, and both her hands strecht out,
(Viewing the childe, and poynting with her hand)
Who is that Boy? (says shee) O Cæsar peace,
VVorship thou him: The heavens he doth command,
The Altars and the Temples now must cease.
Leave them to him, he rules the Firmament,
The immortall heavens he orders, and doth guide
The fatall Starrs, under his Government
Are all subjected in the world beside.
Augustus Cæsar let thy haughtiness
Be laid aside, what though thou rul'st the earth:*

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that thou art much less,
art his Vassall, bragg not of thy birth.

His power is infinite, and rules on high,

All things are under his Authority.

Yet the effects thereof, (*viz.*) Preaching of the Gospel, the promulgation and publication of the Law, the sedition of the people, the troubles, persecutions, banishments, bloodshed, deaths, warrs, &c. had their beginning (God so pleasing) after many years.

The same we are to understand of other Conjunctions and Mock-starrs, signifying their effects after many years ; and the reason hereof is two-fold ; the first Metaphysicall, which we have elsewhere often repeated ; the second Physicall (by the first *Segm. Aph. 55.*) for *Quacunq; lentius operantur diutius, protrahunt effectus suos*, All such things as operate slowly do protract their effects longer. For neither can the force of a Star lye hid, nor be abolished. Thus also the Cloud about the *Asses* plainly sheweth. Much indeed might be said concerning these things, yet because we have spoken thereof in another place, we will therefore (for brevity sake) omit them, only declaring that in this Age, there was a great Conjunction of ν and ζ in the first face of Sagittary, now finished and perfected in the Watery Triplicity : concerning which, mention was made in our books of great Conjunctions ; notwithstanding we will here add something more, for further explanation.

Seeing therefore that the great Conjunctions of the weightier Planets are wont to produce great effects, as the changes of Monarchies and Kingdomes, the coming of Prophets and the like ; by them also the dead shall be changed, and all things shall be renewed, and now shall those Sciences be revealed, which in ancient time Kings and Princes found out : and regard shall be had to the Doctrine and Congregations of Learned men. But in our Age new sciences are not only found out, but in some measure, men seem to oppose the inventions themselves.

Indeed from these great Conjunctions, and happy significations of the Planets, (with respect had to the Lord of the Ninth house,) shall flow Doctrines and Sciences ; and wise men shall be elected, who shall invent new learning : for like as the causes are, so shall the effects be ; for good Conjunctions are wont to bestow goodness and good Magistrate ; but evill the contrary, criminall customs, and conditions ; hence also shall wicked rulers be produced for the sin of the people ; deceipts, warrs, and Tyrants shall arise, and shall oppose themselves to peace, tranquillity, and learning.

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For these causes (in ancient time) Learned and wise men were chosen to be Kings and Princes, and such as were skilfull in all Arts and Sciences, and amongst the Persians, none was elected King, who was not versed in *Magick* and the *Mathematicks*, (whence those Kings were called *Magi*, and wise men) that they might govern the people rightly. But now adaies as well the unlearned, as learned, are admitted (by inheritance) to the government of Kingdoms.

Besides, in *Egypt*, *Chaldea*, *Persia*, and *Greece*, where the inventors of Sciences, and all learning flourished; those that addict themselves to the study thereof shall now be severely punished, and those Regions at this present are in a manner quite dispoiled of all Sciences: And it is evident that these things happened after the great Conjunction in the Fourth house, and false sign *Scorpio*, having great force over those Countreys.

Which Scorpionisticall Conjunction, and decay of the learning of the *Egyptians* being foreseen by the most wise *Trismegistus* to his unspeakable grief; he was constrained with a sorrowfull and bewailing soul thus to exclaime:

○ *Egypt!* There remains only the Stories of thy wisdom and learning: For behold, the divinity of Sciences is returned into Heaven, and only perverse, and ignorant men shall abide on earth. In-somuch that he that would apply himself to the true study of learning shall be punished with death:

Thus *Trismegistus*, with how much truth no man is ignorant.

The Roman Empire also, which had been accustomed to elect its King amongst the valiant Captains of War, stoops now to Clerks, that be strangers to War: wherefore the great Conjunctions do not only foresheew that; but Kingdoms also and Cities are governed by the great years of the Planets, which are described by Wise men; some whereof be 1460. others 520. others 480. others 465. others 428. others 264. and the rest, 260. and the Cities and Kingdoms are in the height of their Government according to these years: and first they begin to decline their Government, and then fall into servitude and destruction: so that it is no wonder, if Cities, and Kingdoms, and Monarchies do change their manner of Government, and as it were a thing deserted of its presiding Planet, flyeth to another nature of other Planets: and so alwaies Kingdomes and Cities, when they have finished their years, they proceed to worse, and alwaies decline, and the stars do ruinate and destroy their government and custome, and by that means the conditions of men become contrary;

ry; whereby Seditious, and hatred, vices, and evill behaviour are raised in Cities; and when those things do reign in Cities, the Portents of the Planets are destructions of government, and so by those vices flowing from the Planets, Cities and Kingdoms are destroyed, and led into Captivity, or transferred to a strange Government.

We finde also that so oft as the Creator of all things hath any new Law to establish in the world, or any other good, for the benefit of man, or any evil as a scourge for sin; it is his pleasure to admonish all the faithfull that such things are to succeed, yea long before they happen, and this in such manner as that they should truly acknowledge him to be God, and adore him: The truth of which is affirmed by so many holy books of the Old Law, wherein the Prophets foretold all things which were to befall the Hebrews; yea, it was evermore designed in the Universall Book of Heaven, and demonstrated by the great Conjunctions, As that Conjunction under the Constellation of *Andromeda*, did the Circumcision: The Conjunction in ♄ under the image of *Cassiopeia*, did the Mosaicall Law; the Conjunction in ♃ under the image of *Vexillus* the first Emperour: The Sect of the Chaldeans in the Conjunction of ♃ ♀ and ♂: Whereupon the Chaldeans did begin their burnt Sacrifices, and worshiped the Divinity beleaved by them to be mixt with the fire, and supposing that the fire was changed into God, it's former accidents still remaining.

So the Sect of the Ægyptians by the Congress of ♃, ♀, and the ☉, wherefore they worshiped the Constellations of Heaven, and the Host of the Sun.

But the Sect of the Sarazens was premonstrated by the application of ♃, ♀, and ♁ who grew in luxury and concupiscence.

So God before the coming of our Saviour shewed a sign in heaven by the great ♂ of ♃ ♀ and ♁ in the first decade of *Virgo* with change of Triplicity; concerning which sign of *Virgo*, *Albumazar* in the 6. of his *Introduct. Virgo Signum sterile, tripartitum, biforme, in prima ejus decade, in qua facta fuit talis Conjunctio; ascendit Puella munda, corpore decora, vultu venusta, habitu modesta, crine proluxo, manu geminas cristas tenens, supra solium aureatum residens, puerum nutriens. Virgo* is a barren sign, tripertite, double-bodied, in the first decade whereof (wherein such a Conjunction happened) ascendeth a beautifull Virgin, of a comely body, pleasant countenance, modest attire, long hair, holding two Plumes in her hand, sitting in a golden Throne, and nourishing a boy.

The very same did *Abraham* affirm in his book, called *Principium sapientie*: where he saith, *Ascendit quoque in prima facie ejus virgo pulchra, & sui capilli longi, habens in manu sua duas spicas, ipsa q̄ sedet super sedem unam, & nutrit puerum parvulum, ipsum lactando ad comedendum q̄, incitando.* There ascendeth also in the first face thereof a fair Virgin, having long hair, holding two ears of Corn in her hand, and she sitteth upon a seat, and nourisheth a little boy by giving him suck, and inciting him to eat.

The Sect also of *Mahomet*, was premonstrated by the Stars; and we noted *lib. 2. cap. 3.* of great Conjunctions, That the \odot of h and v in m with the \odot of the v , and the warlike irradiation of m in the year of the world 4271. signified the Law of *Mahomet*, and the Turks, and seeing that m wherein that \odot happened (by the 2. *Quadr. com. 54.*) is the house of c , with the \odot of him, and the v , for this cause, untill this present time he retaineth warlike and Lunar manners, and that Law of his enjoyns all kinde of rude, gross, and popular things, Pleasures, Vices, Wickedness, Luxuries and Rapes, Wars, Conflicts, and Effusion of Blood: and for that the new place of the \odot is Cancer of which the v is Lady, therefore we conclude the Law of the *Mahometans* to be Lunar and Martiall (by the Authority of *Albunazar, Lib. 1. Differ. 3. and 4. Mag. Con.*) and when the Moon shall signifie a rude People, which are secluded from all skilfulness by the judgement of all Astrologers. Therefore that Law is rude, and gross, popular, and an enemy to learning, even as the Common people are, for (by reason of the dominion of *Mars*) it enjoyneth it self to be protected, not with Arguments, but Arms: hence it is, that whosoever shall but in the least degree scandalize their Law, shall be slain with Iron: And because the v is exceeding swift in comparison of the other Planets, therefore shall it vehemently under-value all other Laws; Nor will it be said to be presided by another.

In like manner the bringing in of Religion, Letters, and Discipline were signified in heaven, and men that were excellent in Arts, as we may read 3. *Quadr.* So likewise the coming of such men, as should oppose (and wrest things from) the truth, as *Luther, Calvin,* and the like, which for brevity sake we omit, affirming only (and daily experience sheweth it) That God the Creator of all things, hath written all things in his Universall book of Heaven, notwithstanding they be hidden from many.

In the interim, we will declare whatsoever we can (darkly) read
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in that great book of Heaven: We say [Darkly] because we ought to assure Contingencies, indeterminate, and by no means with certainty, for by the 1. *Segm. Aph. 3. Artes, quæ propriis subjectis inhaerent, nihil certi polliceri de futuris possunt.*

An Astrologer ought never to pronounce any thing absolutely; concerning future events, and it is worse for him to beleieve that he knoweth those things, which he does not know, then to be ignorant of such things as he should know, (by 1. *Segm. Aph. 78.*)

Therefore we will say concerning the corroboration of things, as we have done in our books of great Conjunctions, and as we have before noted: but before we come to the great Conjunction of the year. 1603. and to the Mock-star, which appeared in the fiery Triplicity, Anno 1604. which lasted also for one whole year, we will first handle the Comet, that appeared Anno 1572. and the great σ that happened Anno 1583. in the third Decade of \times , when there was a change of the σ from one Triplicity into another, viz. from the watery into the fiery: VVhich Comet and great σ have not hitherto manifested their effects, by reason of their gravity, magnitude and slow motion: For the elements and mixt things are not presently to assume the magnitude of Form, but are disposed in a certain space of time, and with the time also the form is introduced: so that both by reason of great Conjunctions, Mock-stars, Comets, Eclipses, and other by-past causes being almost disposed, the form begins to be introduced, and the effects begin to manifest and lay open themselves, and now we shall begin to tast the first offerings of great Revolutions.

But before we proceed any further, we conceive this one thing worthy our notice: that like as the faithfull in Christ (laying aside the opinion of *Aristotle, Ptolomy*, and others, as well Philosophers, as Astrologers) all those causes, (which the Philosophers and Astrologers call no causes, but signs of the mighty and supream cause) we will enjoyn our selves to ascribe for signs, and will attest the same as formerly we have declared: Therefore we say, that as well the great Conjunctions, as Mock-stars, Comets, Eclipses, and the like, ought not to be called the causes of future events, but signs sent from the Supream Cause, and from our Saviour Christ, for the abomination of the world (and the same is strongly maintained, in the sayings of Astrologers: especiall by *Ptolomy* in his *Centiloquy*, and *Apoth.* but chiefly in his *Apoth.* and *Aph. 3.*) Because that Arts, which remain in their proper subjects, can affirm nothing for certain concerning

cerning future events: Therefore, an Astrologer ought not pronounce any thing absolutely concerning future accidents.

But because the hidden secrets of God are impenetrable, therefore we intend (not as speculators, and screwers out of the secrets of God) to prognosticate any thing, but (with the Philosophers and Astrologers) it is lawfull and requisite, that we conjecture somewhat about the signs according to the effects of the Stars, and like one that is purblind seeing a thing a far off, discernes only a certain confused shadow, resembling many things, without knowing certainly what it is. by 2 *Apot. Com.* 5.

The case standing thus, we will come in the first place to the Mock-stars, which appeared *Anno* 1572. and 1604, which remained immoveable: The first in the Chair of *Cassiopeia*, not far from that star in the erection of its seat in the Milky way, whose Longitude, was *degr.* 16. 54. of γ : Its Latitude North *degr.* 53. min 45. Its Magnitude exceeded not onely the stars of the first light, but also ψ and ϕ in the beginning of its appearance: therefore, we may conclude that this Mock-star, did exceed the bigness of the earth more then 500. times, and that this is truth, it is the testimony of *Tycho*: for although the stars do seem but very little to us, and appear not unlike little faces in heaven, yet by the ingenious observations of Mathematicians it is found out that they are not only equall to the whole Terrestriall Globe, but far exceed it by their greatness, so that scarce any so little a Star can be seen in the Firmament, but it exceeds (at the least) 18. times the bigness of the earth; as (not to speak of others) those Stars that be of the first magnitude, exceed the earth 500. times in bigness: And though this may seem incredible to many, yet will it not admit of any doubt in any man that rightly considers their unspeakable distance from us. Therefore if these little Stars appeared but small to our sight, yet certainly they were of a huge magnitude.

Wherefore from the beginning, when it farr exceeded the Stars of the first Magnitude, he exceeded the Earth by an incredible quantity: For, if the fixed Stars of the first magnitude, as 'tis said, exceed the earth according to Mathematicians, 500. times, even so this new Star, so much as he was removed from the Earth had a far greater visible Diameter. It will likewise necessarily follow that from the beginning it exceeded that quantity which the earth and water make, much more then 100. times but in progress of time it diminished by little and little, that at last it vanished to nothing.

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Whereby it appears that the opinion of us and others, hath hitherto been erroneous, whilst we thought Vapours to be transmitted into heaven, and generated Comets, and new Starrs: For if this Starr exceeded the earth more then 500. times, from whence should so many Vapours arise? Therefore we say, that the matter whereof new Starrs are made, is a transparent substance of heaven, and a Diaphanous or perspicuous corpulency of the heavens; and that it may be reduced to form: we say, that a new Starr, is the Condensation of the thin parts of heaven; which indeed is a transmutation of the Diaphanous parts of the Sky into lightness, of which, here is no place to speake.

As touching the light of the Mock-Starr, *Tycho* said, it was more fulgent and radiant then the rest: insomuch, that in the beginning, it was sometimes beheld in the day time, about noon; the heaven not being obfuscated with the thickness of the Aire. It twinkled also as the other fixed Starrs, and for the most part (but not alwaies) it retained the same colour, which was observed from the beginning, to wax white, and inflamed with a Joviall splendour, but in process of time the light being pressed together, and thickened: it degenerated into a fiery red, and *Mars*-like brightness, like to *Aldeboran*, or that which shineth ruddily, in the right shoulder of *Orión*: yet it was not so fiery-red as this on the shoulder, but came neerer the colour of *Aldeboran*; yet afterwards having lost its *Mars*-like colour, it changed into a pale whiteness; so that in the end, it became somewhat Saturnine and Venereall.

Another Mock-Starr *Anno. 1604.* about the beginning of *October*, untill the moneth of *February 1606.* was likewise seen from the most remote and sundry Climates of the Earth, in the South part of the heavens, in the signe of γ viz. *Degr. 17.* of the same, with North Latitude, concerning which, *Kepler* said that the Starr was less then *Venus* according to its visible quantity; exactly round, casting no hair, nor beard constantly to any part, like to the fixed Starrs, shooting with beams on every side, like the beams of the fixed Starrs, with a most clear twinkling, with such Glistering, or brandishing so suddain, that some said they never observed any thing in the heavens, in all their time, to have so swift a Motion.

The colours changed at every moment, like to a many-angled Diamond, by which turning the Sun beams upon the eyes of the beholders, will reflect with a variable brightness; for from a bright Yellow, anon it became Croceall, in a moment like unto Purple and Reddish:

For the most part it was seen White : after it was elevated a little higher from the Vapours, it was bigger then the Starrs of the first magnitude, η ψ and ζ easy to be distinguished by an amiable and fair stillness of light, from the turbulent Corruscation of a Starr.

All Astronomers placed it amongst the fixed Stars, because it still kept the same distance from them : From ψ and ζ it was so much distant every day, as was their diurnall motion under the fixed Stars, so that this Starr moved not from them, but they from it ; whatsoever point it toucht in the rising ; it still moved in the same parallel : wherefore it was not only above the Moon, but even in the high Orb of the fixed Starrs, because it had no sensible Parrallax, and for that also it wanted a proper Motion distinct from that of the fixed Starrs. It remained not all the time of its continuance in the same place, and nigh to the same Schematismicall Starrs, with the Starrs in the foot of the Shank; and in the right Knee of the Serpent, and with the Triangle in the sting of the Serpent ; and because also it had a most pure light and suddain twinkling, which the Planets have not, according to that of *Aristotle* in *Post*. For that there he affirmeth, that higher Stars have a purer light, and greater twinckling.

Therefore we conclude with *Tycho*, that those New Starrs were such: as never appeared before from the beginning of the world, and that they continued in the same places of the heaven above a whole year, and were at length successively dispersed : And therefore are to be accounted miracles in the expectation of all men. but more in their understanding ; and amongst those things which have been seen since the beginning of the world, in the whole nature of things, and which be recorded in History, are spectacles to be wondred at, if not the greatest at least, in respect of those which were prepared ; such as was the inhibition of the Suns course in the time of *Joshua*; or of the Sun returning 10 degrees backward upon the Diall of King *Achaz*, whilst *Ezechiah* King of *Judah* lay sick. Or then the Eclipse of the Sun, which happened the day and houres when our Saviour Christ the Son of God offered himself upon the Altar of the Cross, a sacrifice to his eternall Father for the Redemption of mankinde : The Sun then hiding his face, and sorrowing for the light and beams upon earth; as by which all things, as well the Sun himself, as all other bodies of the whole world, both Cœlestiall and Terrestriall were made, disdainig to see him made man for mankind. and to undergo an ignominious death ; a thing so unworthy, and hiding his face for pity and shame. That this Eclipse of the Sun happened a-

about the full Moon, when the Pasſeover of the Jews was celebrated, is not to be doubted: And that then the Sun could not be naturally Eclipsed in regard the ☽, then was near diametrically opposed to him, and ſo could not be removed to betwixt the Sun and our ſight, what is he ſo meanly instructed in the knowledge of heavenly things, that is ignorant hereof? Wherefore *Dionysius Areopagita* being then at *Athens*, and beholding this miraculous Eclipse of the Sun, Cryed out, *Aut mundi Authorem pati, vel Machinam ejus diſſolutum iri*, That either the God of nature ſuffereth, or the Fabrick of the whole world ſhall be diſſolved: as himſelf witneſſeth, writing to *Policarpus*.

After ſuch Prodigious wonders (I ſay) and miraculous works beſide the accuſtomed order of Nature, which the holy Scriptures do teſtifie to have happened of old: we hold it requiſite, that we demonſtrate to the world theſe new Stars which appeared in our Age; for that they were truly and indeed ſuch, we will ſo certainly manifeſt that none ſhall have ground to queſtion it.

For that ſome Stars like unto the reſt, yea, ſometime more refulgent, and which twinkle more, do newly, and ſuddenly appear unto us, and remain long unmoveable in the higheſt Region of the Cœleſtiall world, is no leſs miracle then that the Sun ſhould ſtand ſtill, go backward, or ſuffer any Eclipse without the preſence of the ☽: becauſe that any thing which was not before ſhould appear in heaven (*ex improviſo*) like as the reſt of its moiſt vapours; is altogether as ſtrange, as for thoſe things which were lights from the Creation, to be affected againſt cuſtom and conſtant Order.

But what may the great Portents of theſe Mock-stars ſignifie, (like as alſo *Tycho* ſaid,) ſeeing that it is unuſual, and that we can have but little or no knowledge therein, for (by the 3. *Aph.* 129.) *Sine exemplo artem condere temerarium, cum uno vel duobus leve, cum pluribus autem negotioſum, ſolum aliquam conjecturam univerſalem indiſtinctam, & indeterminatam, & qualisq; ſit, in medium afferre non pigebit.* To make an Art without any example were indiſcretion, with one or two were of ſmall value, and with many it is painfull, but of ones ſelf to bring ſome univerſall, indiſtinct, and indeterminate conjecture (of what kinde ſoever it be) into a medium it grieveth not to declare. For firſt of all we ſay (ſo God illustrating our Intellect) that before the change of the great ♂ was compleated from one Triplicity into another, *viz*, from the watery into the fiery, from which the mutations of the world were wont to proceed eſpecially, for ♃ and ♀ do change and convert things, and the be-

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ginning of the change, shall be when they are changed from one Tri-
plicity into another in Conjunctions, and from one figure into an-
other (according to *Almanzar Aph.* 127.) Wherefore seeing that in
the watery Triplicity (as hath been said) the Congregation of the
Turks, and that now every Law shall be dissolved by its contrary,
(by *lib. de Supplem. Almanach cap.* 22 and 20 *Apot. Com.* 17.) Upon
good grounds therefore do they confirme the observations of the
heavens; especially because the Conjunctions in the fiery Triplicity,
as being contrary to the watery, shall dissolve the Laws that were
made in the fiery Triplicity, (as we have said in our books *de Max.*
Con. Where also we have declared, both the extirpation of the Em-
pire, and the end of the Turkish Law. I say, that before the imbra-
ced Circumgyration of great Conjunctions in the watery Triplicity,
the first Mock-Starr appeared; which (besides what may be said
hereafter) doth signifie some false Prophet that shall appear in the
world; whose gesture, manners, and power, we shall by and by de-
monstrate, so often as we shall consider his scite, immobility, colour,
and light, and the Applications of the Planets, which being had, we
shall look to satisfie in some measure that 1. *Aph.* 13. because that the
principles of the Art, are three; Reason, Sence, and experience, but
the principles of the operations be four; the Planets, the parts of
Heaven, the fixed Stars, and the Scituation.

But before we will give a reason for what we do (for to such
things as are not according to reason, we must not give trust) nor as
they may be of long continuance are they to be hoped for, therefore
(by the 1. *Aph.* 5.) we say with *Abraham, lib. Conjunct.* who writeth
concerning the world, or an Age *cap.* 2. That a great Conjunction
hath signification upon a Prophet that shall arise to elevate some Na-
tion, if so be the ☿ happen in the 9. or 3. House in respect of the
sign ascending in the Revolution of the year of the ☿, for these two
Houses do signifie even wonderfull Accidents.

Nevertheless, seeing that we cannot have the precise Horoscope
of the great Conjunction, (because of the slowness of their Motion)
nor of the Revolution, for the reasons alleaged 2. *de Max. Con.*
wee will take (according to *Bonatus, Albumazar,* and other skilfull
Astrologers) the great Conjunction it selfe for the Horoscope, and
according to the order of the Signes, we will seek out the other Hou-
ses with their Signes; and doubtless we shall finde that wonderfull
Mock-Starr, to fall out in the third Mansion of the heavens. Or if
we will consider the Signe ascending at the time of the Revolution

of the year 1583. In *Italy*, when that great Conjunction happened, the Signe *Virgo* ascended according to *Copernicus*; and the Mock-Starr was then in the ninth House, and the Signe *Virgo* was in the Horoscope of the great Conjunction which preceded the coming of our Saviour, as formerly we noted.

Moreover, if we rightly consider, that this Mock-Starr was found not only in that great Conjunction of the year 1583. in the third House; but that also in other former great Conjunctions it fell in such Houses, as have signification of a false Prophet, and change of Laws: and that this is truth (before we come to the handling thereof) the foundation is laid *Seg. 2. Aph. 206. Cometes mutant Leges si in 9 vel 11 loco apparuerint, seditionem in lege &c.* Comets that appear in the 9 or 11 Houses do change Laws, and cause sedition therein. And the same thing they signifie in the opposite places; and it is reported, that in the great Conjunction of the year 1583. It was observed to be in the third House, in the other of the year 1563. in the 11. in that of 1544 in the seventh. Diametrically opposed to the first house according to that assertion *Seg. 2. Aph. 204.* In the other *Anno. 1524.* It again happened in the third House; and in the year 1504. it fell out in the eleventh.

And that the Mock-starr was neer unto the *Æquinoctiall* colour, none ever doubted, seeing that also its right Ascension 0 *Degr. 26. min.* of *Aries*, and the Mid-heaven *Degr. 0. 29. min.* of the same signe in the place of the Conjunction, was of the eighth and ninth Orb, which is in the Intersection of the *Ecliptique* and *Æquinoctiall* circles: Which also, in regard that the head of *Aries* of the little circle of the eighth sphere, is in the same Longitude with the head of *Aries*, which is the Center of the little circle of the ninth sphere, at the time of our Saviours coming, doth also confirm such a signe, signifying religion, as we are rightly taught of *Ptolomy, 2. Apot. Text 37.* Who affirmeth, that the *Æquinoctials* have signification of holy things, and the Tropicks of divine worship, the Mutation of the Air, and of Laws and customs in publique affaires. And *Haly* in his Comment, declareth the cause thereof, saying, that in such *Æquinoctiall* signes, is made an increase of the daies and nights, like as when the Sun is in *Aries* he increaseth the day: and whilst he is in *Libra*, the night. Therefore he saith, that forasmuch as an agreement of men may be signified by the *Æquinoctiall* signes; even so also here: But Laws do more evidently consist by the change of opinions, which is signified by the *Æquinoctiall* signes, because while the Sun is in the

Æquinoctiall signes he sometimes makes 24. minutes of declination in one day; wherefore he produceth the less change in humane affaires: But there is no greater alteration then the Promulgation of the Law, which for the most part is made against the constitutions of Princes, and the pain of death, and the accord of Senators and Magistrates; so that its like to a burning Torch in the mindes of men which is carried with a mighty force, like to one gasping with a despised breath for the fear of death, and favour of Princes, and for the civill Laws (in their peculiar benefits:) so that some, contrary to all humanity, and for the love they bear to the Law, (now they submit themselves constantly) rejoyce to have them tormented by the Executioners.

And there is another reason of the similitude, because the beginning of the Æquinoctiall signe is Common to both Hemispheres: So also those Laws are Common amongst all humane kinde. Therefore are the Laws rightly assimilated and attributed to the Æquinoctiall signes.

But the Tropicall signes are the chief promoters of the change of Laws; because the Tropicks are furthest distant from the Æquinoxes, and for that when the Sun is in them, he changes his course: for if he first go towards the south, when he enters *Capricorn*, by the contrary reason he returns Northward when he enters *Cancer*. For the change of customs is performed by the same reason that the change of Laws is: because the change of Laws and customs are equally necessary. Therefore this Mock-starr being in the Æquinoctiall colour and point, signifieth some great man that shall alter Laws.

Seeing likewise, that it was of the complexion of ♀ or ♁ and somewhat exceeded the clearness of the Comet called *Milax*, at whose appearance, such men as changed Laws, and offended Kings and Potentates appeared: (for Comets that be very clear and conspicuous and also moveable, and of long continuance, presignify a change of Empires by the 5 *Aph.* 15.) much more may this Mock-starr signifie the same thing, in regard that it was bigger to our thinking, of longer continuance, and more fixed then any other Comet; and the end thereof Tragically, violent, and with much effusion of blood, imprisonments, and exiles, because the same Mock starr was composed of a Ruddy, and afterwards of a Pale white.

Because in the exaltation of the Moon, which helps much in signification of false Prophets, like as *Albumazar* teacheth *Tract.* 1. *Differ.* 3. And at the time of the great Conjunction, there was in *Ge-*
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miny a square aspect, beholding the Conjunction applyed to the south Node, running through the 3 and 4 Mansion of heaven, signifying the worst conditions of a false Prophet. But of these afterwards.

Because the last Lunar Religion, even as also (as we have it from *Ovid* in his Book *de Vetula*) the years number from the beginning of the world, until the consummation thereof, is divided into 6 parts or ages, the government of every one of these ages, is attributed to one of 6 Planets, for ψ is excluded. as being the peculiar significator of Faith, by the doctrine of *Albumazar Tract. 1. differ. 4. viz.*

The first Age of the world was attributed to *Saturn*, because that ψ (the significator of faith) was first imbraced by him, in the 24 *degr.* of ♋ , and at that time the Jews prevailed; for as *Saturn*, who applyeth not to the σ of the other Planets, but all of them to the Conjunction of him; so that Law would acknowledge no other; but all that succeeded beleaved it: and because ♄ is of a dry nature; and for that the great σ was in ♋ a fixed signe, therefore must that Law needs be constant and permanent, because that when any impression is made in that which is dry, it is of a difficult extraction: This the Complexion of the *Hebrews* especially sheweth. And for that ♄ is of profound counsell (as hath been said) therefore they uphold their Laws by their stedfastness, prudence, wisdom, and counsell: And in regard he is the first amongst the Planets, therefore they reverence one only independent, insociate, first mover; and in respect of ψ complexion, and ♋ the signe of Justice possessing the ninth House from the Conjunction, it foreshewed them to be a fruitfull people, an honest Linage, and all certain things, as Fortitude, Temperance, Patience, Wisdom, Justice, and Prophecies, Temples, and Divine Ceremonies, righteous dealings and Laws.

Other 3 Ages were also finished in the daies of *Ovid*: And (as we have formerly noted) in the σ of ψ and σ was the originall of the sect of the *Chaldeans*: So likewise the σ of ψ and the \odot began the sect of the *Aegyptians*: and ψ with ♀ that of the *Sarazens*.

Moreover, *Ovid* was of opinion; that two other Faiths (*viz.* of *Mercury* and the Moon,) were to succeed, and he flourished in the 5184. year of the World, that was *An. 15.* before the Nativity of our Saviour, which Law of *Mercury* is hard to be believed, by reason of its so many ebbings and flowings, changes, and doubtings, which may be confirmed by any Arguments, and reasons, speeches and perswasions: And for that he was assisted by ♀ , therefore it

beautified the Temples with Tombs, Images, Muscally Instruments, and Harmony: And because ♀ hath signification of Women, and Orations, they therefore worship their bodies, and in regard of the Concession of the Moon, which signifieth the people; she denoted a People that should do much good; But the significations of ♀ and demonstrated of *Ptolomy 3. Apot. 12. 13.* And because that ♀ hath dominion over the Intellect, and wisdom; and that his exaltation and house be in ♃, therefore hath God pointed out by these signs humanity, and annexed Divinity.

But where shall these things happen, may some say? *Albumazar, Lib. 6. of his Introduct.* tells us, *Quod regiones a virgine illustratae, sunt Iudaea, Gallilea, cum confinibus Euphratis, et quaedam Persiae insulae.* That the Regions illustrated by the Virgin are *Iudaea, Galilea* with the Confines of *Euphrates*, and certain Islands of *Persia*.

The last Lunar Law declared by *Ovid*, which was the last, shall endeavour to corrupt and take away all Laws, and shall strive to usurp unto it self, divine worship, because the Orb of the Moon is the lowest, and her motion the most swift, therefore it cannot continue long, by the testimony of *Ovid*, by reason of its agreeableness with the Moon, which quickly and frequently changeth both in her motion and light.

And seeing (as we have said) that in this Mock-star the ♃ may avail much, perhaps she may signifie that false Prophet, for she is Lady of the place of the Tropique, which is of wonderfull vertue and influence, in certain constellations and Conjunctions which have there happened. The Incubi do take the sperm of men, and emitt it into Hystera, a woman, or Virgin, and thereby wonderfull men are generated, (such as they say *Merline* was) and he shall be a false Prophet. So long also as the heart of the North shall Horoscopate the ♃ Lady thereof, and ♃; they shall prepare wise men, working wonders. The Mock-star also which appeared *Anno 1604*, so likewise the Conjunction *Anno 1603*, were scituated in the East, signifying a great man to be born: Therefore (2 *Aph. 204.*) It is said, *Quod Cometes in Oriente maximi exortum significat viri, magni legum latoris.* That a Comet in the East, signifieth especially the appearance of a great man who shall be a maker of Laws.

And forasmuch, as it happened in the Constellation of *Cassiopeia*, and was afterwards reduced into the 7. degree of *Taurus*, therefore his arising may be easily conjectured to pass, under the earthly Triplcity: Or if we will deduce it from the great Conjunction, his arising

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sing shall be in the watery Triplicity : And for that the sign *Scorpio* is the 9. from the place of the Conjunction, it is probable to be in *Assyria* or *Agypt*. And being in the first decade of *Taurus*, he shall be (according to the learning of the *Ægyptians*) rather of a short, then long stature, great-eyed, thick-bearded, thick-necked, whereon also shall be a mark, and another upon his head; a broad fore-head, sharp-nosed, of a black curled hair, and small Members; an eater of an unsatiabable appetite, walking strongly : And by reason that *Scorpio* falls out in the 9 House from the Conjunction (whereof *Mars* is Almuten) he shall acquire Kingdoms by Rapine, Fortitude, and cruelty : for it should have been by Latere and fraud, if it had been *Saturn* (by the 5. *Aph.* 16.) He shall also be terrible to devils, neither shall he fear want; nor shall banishment, or imprisonment affright him, neither shall he dread any grief, or regard to undergo the pains of death; he shall, not only by the power and vertue of words, but even by his own appearance, drive away evil spirits, with Magicall delusions also, either by spels, or the Appellations of certain spirits, and by invocations, he shall attempt wonderfull things. He shall be indued with a most excellent wit, and a fore-knowledge of future events. He shall be brim-full of Hypocrisie, and lies, and shall have a cauterized Conscience, and shall be the cause of much bloodshed : He shall know how to distinguish betwixt true Doctrine, and Heresie; and (if we consider the place of the Mock star,) he shall seem to incline to the Faith of the Turks, and Hebrews.

Furthermore, The Indians say : That in whatsoever place of the Zodiaque a Comet first appears, from that place shall arise a strong man, having a sword in his left hand, but in his right hand a staff, and upon his shoulders, 2. Candles : And in the same manner, a ship shall ascend, upon which shall be a Lion; and upon the ship a naked man sitting, and under the ship is the one half of the body of a dead woman.

What is meant by the Sword, Staff, the Candles upon the mans shoulders? What the Lyon upon the Ship, the naked man, or the dead woman, let the lovers of truth enquire : Notwithstanding if you collocate the star in the 1. and ♃ (the house of ♃ and exaltation of ♃) in the ninth House the dominion of the Malevolents shall be manifested.

But the other Mock-star of the year 1604. which appeared (according to it's visible quantity) less then ♀, changed its colour every

moment, like to a Multiangled Diamond, with which if you turn the un beams upon the eyes of the beholders, it will reflect with a variable lustre: For from a bright yellow, anon it became Croceal, again in a moment like unto purple and reddish; for the most part, it appeared white, and of an amiable, and undisturbed light, and as formerly we have declared; so that notwithstanding it may portend turbulencies, and seditions, yet in the end it may portend the Kingdom of peace; and the rather by reason of the colour, and variety of the colour of ♀, who was Lord of the great Conjunction, which preceded the coming of our Saviour: Wherefore, there must needs be some profound mystery in those 2. Mock-stars.

I. In respect of the distance of time betwixt the appearance of the one and the other; in regard the space of 33. years did intervene betwixt them, measuring the years of our Saviour: Therefore like as by the first we prophesied of the destruction of Monarchy, erected under the watery Triplicity, viz. that of the Turks, because in *Taurus*, which is opposite to *Scorpio*; and the arising of a false Prophet, and of the last Law which is to come: even so also may we prophetic of his coming (by the second,) who disposeth all things without second causes: And seeing that this star likewise remained firm, it demonstrates effects, also long-continuing, and powerfull: The wise Indians say, *Circa illam partem in qua Pseudostella refulxit, ascendere virum aurum visu representantem*: That about the same part of the Heavens in which a Mock-star first appeareth shall a man arise, who will in shew resemble gold.

From all which, we may gather the great changes of Laws, and customs: For seeing that the first mock-star, was observed to be in the Constellation of *Cassiopeia*, it foretold, Imprisonments, Banishments, Tribulations, heaviness, and grief of heart, Anxieties, Oppressions, and losses amongst the people; and being in a fixed sign (viz.) *Taurus*, it threatned sterile and dear years, by the 7. *Aph.* 34. And a stability, and durability of those effects, by the 2. *Aph.* 54. Which is further confirmed by its continuance: For, every Comet or other star was wont to last (at the most) but the space of six moneths (by 2. *Apot.*) except that Comet, which in the time of *Josephus* (as himself reporteth *Bell. Jud.*) appeared for the space of a year over the City of *Hierusalem*, foreshewing her destruction: But this miraculous star lasted more then a whole year; so that it is not to be doubted, but that its effects will extend themselves to many future years: And because it was immovable, and in the 12. a fixed sign, it doth not only

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cap. 10. But likewise Seditions amongst men, (by the 3. *Aph.* 117.) and very much effusion of blood: And this we will prove in the first place.

1. Because (as before we noted) from a white, it changed to a ruddy *Mars*-like colour.

2. Because, untill it had appeared above an entire year and certain moneths, η and ψ in all that time moved through the houses of *Mars*.

3. For that in every great Conjunction in the watery Triplicity as wel the future, as those that are past, mischief is still done unto it by the infortunate aspect of *Mars*: Wherefore it will be easie to pronounce the extermination of the Sect of the Turks, not only from the change of the Triplicity, but also by the stars being opposed to the sign of the great Conjunction: And that the star (as but now we noted) was alwaies hurt by *Mars*, is evident; for, in the year 1583. whilst that great Conjunction happened in the 3. face of \times , *Mars* beheld the star with a \square ; for the star (as hath formerly been said) was in the 3. and ζ in the fifth. So in the year 1563. *Aug* 24. when there was the same great Conjunction in the last degr. of \textcircled{S} . *Mars* was then posited in the place of the mock-star. And in the year 1544. *Sept.* 25. when the like great Conjunction also fell out in the last degree of \textcircled{M} , although then *Mars* did not behold the Mock-star, yet he beheld the great σ with a \ast Aspect, which is accounted for a \square .

Anno 1624. *Febr.* 1. there was the same great σ in the end of the first decade of \times , with the presence of *Mars* in \ast to the Mock-star.

And in the year 1504. *June* 10. was another in the second face of \textcircled{S} . and then the Sun was in σ with φ , *Venus* in \square to ζ ; And *Mars* (for certain) beheld the place of the Mock-star, that appeared 1572. with a Platique square.

By all which it appeareth: That *Mars* did alwaies afflict this mock-star with publique, and manifest enmity, as well before, as after its appearance, so likewise from hence, and from the change of the Triplicity, by the great Conjunctions from the watery into the fiery, from the mock-star in opposition to the sign Scorpio, we pronounce the extermination of the Sect of the Turks, and of *Mahomet*, and the turbulent, and violent birth and death of a false Prophet.

Nevertheless *Albumazar* (*Tract.* 5. *Differ.* 7. *Mag. Con.*) affirmeth

eth that if any of the Stars in an appear in the sign *Libra* hair, it premonstrateth misfortune of Wars, and Rumours of terrible things in the Country of the Romans, & vehement diseases shall afflict the inhabitants of *Babylon*, and a dearth of Corn, and *Altradenen* shall be mingled; and the inhabitants of *Italy* shall sustain much misfortune, and shall undergo captivities, and consequently oppression and mortality: And they shall commit injuries one against another: And men shall incur dry diseases, as the scab, and the itch, and there shall be a great death of Oxen, and a decay of Vines; and some part of the Country shall be made desolate, by a vehement cold, and corruption of their Harvest, and by the destruction of the fruits of their Trees, and through want of Tillage and Plantations in the Countrey, they shall fear the King of their enemies: *Albumazar* foretels evil of men, and a decay of such as be good: injuries and Rebellions amongst them; and when its Declination falls out in the beginning of *Aries* it portends much war in divers Regions, and great effusion of blood, the destruction of great men, and a choice of such as be evil, and infirm, and an *Odiun* shall fall among the Inhabitants; and they (if not more Regions) shall subject themselves to the King of Babylon, and *Haly lib. 8. Cap. 41.* saies the same, affirming that there will be a decay in the territories of Christians, and of Babylon.

Now if these things (by the authority of *Albumazar* and *Haly*,) be signified by a Simple Comet; How much more (then) by this mock star, which was observed to be far greater, and of longer continuance?

And in the year 1603. in the end thereof, was a great Conjunction of η and ζ (as formerly we noted) revolved to the fiery Triplicity in the first face of *Sagittary*, not far from the Scorpions heart, of the first magnitude, of the nature of *Mars*, with the presence of φ in a \square of ϵ and a long $*$ of the δ : we called this a great σ , because by the first *Aph. 67. Maxima Coniunctio dicitur cum permutando se ex aqueo signo Arietem ingreditur*, A great Conjunction is said to be, when by removing it self out of a watery sign, it entreteth into the sign *Aries*, therefore the first is no such one, for another happened in *Leo*, and we conclude with *Albumazar (Tract. 1. Differ. 2.* that the sign *Sagittary* is the strongest of the signs of the fiery Triplicity, *Leo* indifferent, and γ the weakest.

This great σ (as we have it elsewhere) and let the Reader excuse us, if we repeat it often) for, by the 4. *Aph. 85. Repetitio necessaria est*

est in hac scieentia, vel ob difficultatem, vel ob necessitatem, vel ob utilitatem ingentem, vel ob contradictionem) Repetition in this Science is requisite, either by reason of difficulty, necessity, exceeding benefit, or to avoid contradiction: Signifieth the destruction of the Empire of *Mahomet*, then an universall peace, with the universall Empire of Christians, yet not without labour, difficulties, blood-shed, and by infinite infelicities, Rebellions, Discentions, and Treacherousness, by reason of the presence of the Scorpions heart, and *Mercury*, and the Quartile of *Mars*, and because of the appearance of the Mock-star in such a Triplicity; concerning which star, (in imitation of *Albumazar Tract. 5. Differ. 7.*) we say, That if any of the Stars (having hairs) shall appear in the Direct of *Sagittary*; it signifieth the vehemency of a King over his people, and his coveting of moneys, the depression of men, and the taking of things by violence, injustice, and injuries, with the death of such Nobles, as had their honour under the fiery Triplicity, and consequently it foresheweth a drought, and death of the Inhabitants, and the destruction of their Kings son; and that their cattell shall be raised to great rates in many parts, a vehemency of heat, and a decay of fruits, the death of Kings, and Citizens; and much lewdness in sundry places.

And (as we instanced before) If so great effects are signified by Comets, which last but the space of three or four moneths, what shall this Mock star portend, which lasted above a whole year? Moreover, if that moving Mock star of the third magnitude, in the daies of *Hypparchus* did portend a mutation of the Monarchy of the Greeks, into that of the Romans: How much more may these Mock-stars (of the years 1572. and 1604. which remained immovable, and exceeded all the stars of Heaven in magnitude) foreshew not only their changes, but even their destruction?

We must now come to the particular times, when these things shall happen, and in what places; for, in this year, 1625. there beginneth a preparation for War, between the Princes in, and without *Italy*. The Plague likewise rageth in sundry parts of *Sicilia*, and a dearth of Corn. The effects proceed not only (as some suppose) from the annuall Revolution; for the annuall Revolution begins (according to *Ptolomy*) when the Sun enters into the first point of γ , and as well the preparation for wars, as those Pestilent diseases, had their birth in former years: wherefore, such wonderfull effects cannot be produced from the simple annuall Revolution, without the Eclipses of the Luminaries, and some other notable Constellations, as the

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most learned *Ptolomy* hath intimated 4. *Apoc. 2.* Therefore we may
the rather conclude: that these things have arisen from former cau-
ses; for as it hath often been used, *Corpora Cœlestia non agere in in-*
stanti, sed cum tempore; The Cœstially Bodies do not operate upon
a suddain, but with some delay: And, as *Aristotle* attesteth, *Natura*
non facit saltum, Nature works not by leaps.

Moreover, we (in our 2. book *de Max. Con. c. 6.*) foretold this
year 1625. to be infortunate; the words were these [But some may
say, where and when shall these things be? (“These things and the
“former are handled in the preceding Chapter) for we prophesied of
“War, of the dearth of Corn, Plague, and dissentions, which shall be
“manifested in those Regions, which are subject to the sign *Cancer*,
“and such other signs as be opposite, and in Quartile thereunto, and
“those places are mentioned by us, *lib. 1. cap. ult. De mutatione Aeris*:
“As concerning the time when those things shall happen: We say
“they will happen in the end of the second year from the ☿, when
“the malevolents shall come to the Sun; that is, in the end of the
“year, 1624. and in 1625.]

And a little after in the same Chapter, *Pag. 79.* at the end, and in
the beginning of *pag. 80.* we said [But in the year 1625. although
there happen four Eclipses, whereof neither of these horrible ones
of the Sun can be seen of us, nor the latter of the Moon; yet the
former of the Moon may be observed in our Horizon, which shall
happen upon *Sunday* the 23. of *May* according to the New, but the
13. of the same moneth after the old account, not far from the
North Node in the 3. degr. 20. min. of ♋, and the Digits eclipsed
shall be 2 and about 15 min. the beginning at six hours 24. minutes,
the middle, or true ☾, or the full moon at seven hours seventeen
minutes. The end at eight of the clock, and ten minutes of the fol-
lowing night: which eclipse happeneth in the place of the *ship*, and
in the platique square of an infortune: whereby (besides those pestife-
rous diseases now mentioned, from that time, we may easily point
out Ruine, and great alteration of the Aire; and much wars, many
conflicts, sudden deaths, effusion of blood, and assault to be made a-
gainst some King, troublesome, and pernicious seditions.]

And in like manner it may be observed, that such effects are enra-
ged, or put forward by the Eclipses of the precedent year, 1624. (al-
most) in which year, there happened likewise an Eclipse of the Sun,
to the quantity of eleven Points and half, in the nineteenth de-
gree of ♋.

The 12. of *October* 1605. it came to the opposition of the glittering Mock-star 1572. Moreover, in the year 1620. there happened an eclipse of the Moon in the eighth degree of *Gemini*, being 19. points and half, darkened in opposition to the star, that appeared 1604. and (according to *Ptolomy*) it incontinently produced its effects:

Whereby it appeareth, that the future Catastrophe of the world, shall not be this year; for these effects do not arise from the Mock-stars, and great Conjunctions, but from causes that be less universall: And the present Accidents of the world, as of wars, the Plague, and such others, are as it were the first offerings of the great Revolutions of *Italy*, and the world.

Therefore we will conclude, that the Revolutions of sublunary things may be produced in future years, *sc.* when the great Conjunction happeneth in the watery Triplicity; that is, in the end of that Triangle, *Anno* 1583. it shall come to the Mock-star, which appeared *Anno* 1562. And such a direction in the opinion of *Tycho* (according to the Zodiacall degrees) shall fall out in the year 1632. near unto which time the great Conjunction that happened in the fiery Trigon *Anno* 1603. comes to the square sinister of *Mars*, who beheld that great Conjunction by a Quartile Aspect in the Radix. Moreover, the great Conjunction of *Leo*, *Anno* 1623. comes (almost at the very same time) by direction to the Triangle of the Star which result in the year 1604.

Besides in the year 1630. The Absis of *Saturn* is changed from *Sagittary*, the house of ν , to *Capricorn* his proper house: And it is not to be doubted, but that the first point of *Capricorn*, is a place very powerfull, because it is the solstitial point, yet the terms belong to *Mercury*, who augment drought and moisture, the Pestilence, scarcity of fruits, and animals, for ν hath signification of cold and dryness; *Mercury* portendeth dryness, coagulation, and deadly windes (by 7. *Aph.* 69.) and variety of the season: Besides, inundations, Earthquakes, Frosts, and snow, and extream cold, by 7. *Aph.* 67. and when he is near unto the third stars of *Sagittary*, of the third magnitude, nigh to the *Shaft*, or in the shaft it self, he hath greatest force, so that then Traitors, and Man-slayers are produced.

The permutation likewise of the Absides of the Planets (especially of ν) do change Kingdoms, and Regions, and Religions by the 1. *Aph.* 37. and when it shall be translated to an earthly sign, and to

the Tropique of φ in the terms of φ , there shall be great earthquakes by the 7. *Aph.* 124. For, when the Absides of the infortunes shall be in watery signs, especially in ♋ , and ♌ , there will be inundations; But if in fiery signs, barrenness, and Conflagrations: If in Aiery, a generall and great destruction; and if in earthly signs, great Earthquakes shall succeed.

Besides what hath been said, this change also of the Absides of ♌ , do confirm what formerly we have delivered touching the false Prophet by the 3. *Aph.* 136. In the transmutation of the *Angis*, and of the Regall and great Conjunctions, great men are born, although the Genitures do not shew it so expressly.

By the change of the Absides of ♌ in ♋ *Mahomet* had his growth; Therefore by the same mutation of the Absis in φ the opposite sign, he shall suffer detriment, decay, and come to nothing: And this may be proved by the predictions of *Mahomet*, the lying Prophet, in things belonging to the Kingdom of glory; (but perhaps he may have spoken the truth, in many things touching the success of the Empire, of such who should follow his Law, and especially when he foretold the time, wherein the *Mahometan* Laws was about to be destroyed) It is reported by many, that *Mahomet* had the spirit of Divination; of others, that he was Lunatique, or oppressed with an evil spirit whereby he foretelling something, which was to be performed by the Devil, by little, and little, he grew into great esteem amongst the ignorant people, insomuch that from a driver of Camels, he became the husband of an exceeding rich Heir; whereupon the spirit within him grew very haughty; and he begun to prophesie many things, and (by the help of *Serguis Nestorianus* the Heretique, he was made Legislator, and wrote the *Alcoran*; The which (God suffering it) he knew should have a great increase for 1000 years, but those being finished, the Mahometans that succeeded, grew so faint, for the death of their King, that the Law by him established was no longer observed. Wherefore the period of the 1000. years of the Law of *Mahomet* shall be thus manifested.

The years of *Mahomet* of *Hagira* begun, when *Mahomet* undertook his expedition for the defence of Religion, which was in the year of Christ 603. and he died in the year following, when he had 40. years: so that by accounting *Hagira* from this year; about the year 1630 when there shall happen so many Revolutions of the heavens, and when the *Aux* of *Saturn* passes into φ the sign opposite

to *Cancer* (in which was the increase of his Law) shall be the end and destruction thereof; but by the word *end*, we understand not a totall extirpation, but a sensible beginning of its destruction.

Again (to speak Astrologically) seeing that the Faith of *Mahomet* remaineth Martiall and Lunar, if we will take the lesser years of these Planets, they will make up the 40. Mahumetan years, (*sc.*) 25. of the Moon, and 15. of *Mars*: Lastly, if we will take the lesser, greater, and mean years of these Planets, and adde them to the 591. year from the birth of Christ, in which year *Mahomet* was born; his great destruction shall begin about the year 1648. And if to those years we adde also the Fridary years of these Planets, his totall, and last destruction shall be about the year 1663. after great and horrible slaughters, and calamities, and after the death of the false Prophet.

The great Revolutions of the world, and the infortunate effects of the by-past Profections of the great Conjunctions preceding the Flood, *Christ*, and *Mahomet*, are now confirmed: For, the profection of the great Conjunction, which preceded the Flood, cometh, in the year 1632. to the sign of *Scorpio*, which is the sign of the Turks, and of *Mahomet* (as before we mentioned) and it is confirmed 1. *Aph.* 68. by *Albumazar*, *Tract* 4. *Differ.* 8. They foreshew that there shall appear in those Regions, and Cities, that are under the dominion of *Scorpio* (such be *Judea*, *Cappadocea*, *Assyria*, *Mauritania*, *Egypt*, *Cathalonia*, and the like) Kings of beautifull faces. many monstrous and unnatural things, expending much moneys, & *Venus*: The Pitsick, and Palsy: medicines shall be much desired, and the wits of men shall be slender, and weak, about such things as they shall indeavour to find out and excessive plundering shalbe multiplied among the ungodly, & lamentation & imprisonments, distresses, sorrows, treachery, & accusations, lameness, and feebleness, and diseases, and darkness shal from time to time possess the air, & rain, snow, hail, thunder, lightning, and storms and daily commotions of the Elements shalbe increased.

In the same year 1632. the profection of the sign ascendant of the Conjunction, which preceded the Flood, divolved to the beginning of *Aries*, which signifieth that in those Regions, which are under the dominion of *Aries*, (as *Germany*, *France*, *Brittany*, *Basternia*, *Syria*, *Palestina*, *Polonia*, *Mino*, the upper *Burgundy*, *Swedeland*, the upper *Silesia*, and part of *Augusta*, shall use instruments of Iron, and Arms, and the like: and slaughter, contention, & dirision shall attend mens actions, and speedy change from one condition to another: and death shalbe feared amongst them, & their harvest shalbe wasted. In

In the same year 1632. the sign ascendant of the conjunction, which preceded the coming of Christ; voluing to the 17. Degr. of νs , signifies (according to *Albumazar, Differ. 2. Tract. 4.*) that there shall appear in such Regions as are subject to the sign (*viz. India, Arriana, Gedrosia, Macedonia, Illyria, Thracia, Albania, Rossina, Bulgaria, Lituania, Saxonia, Massonia, Turingia, Hestia, Marchia, Styrie, the Orchades Islands*) great concupiscence in Women, whence shall proceed Adulteries, Rapes, preposterous Lust, Wrath, Anguish, Lyes, Injuries, Deceit and wickedness, men routing one another out of their habitations: And the King of *Babylon* shall be in danger, by reason of some of his Enemies; and misfortunes shall happen in his City, through fear and death, and terrible rumors and discord shall fall amongst men: Afterwards the King shall reconcile them, and blood shall be shed about *Babylon*, and that at the *Æquidistance* of the Sun to the third face of *Scorpio*.

The profection of the Conjunction, which preceded the coming of Christ, to the 24. Degr. of *Gemini*, signifieth (according to *Albumazar, Differ. 3. Tract. 4.*) to those Provinces that be subject to that sign (as *Hyrkania, Armenia, Martiana, Cyreniaca, Armenia inferior, Egypt, England, Sardinia, Brabant, Wittenburgh, Flanders, Lumbardy*, and the like) that great Consultation will be had about Supernatural Mysteries, as Divinity, and Coelestial Sciences, the Essence of Faith, and Prophesie; and in those things goodness of Countenance, & greatness of Spirit shall prevail, moderate and specious pretences and actions, and mutual changes of things: And that the King of *Babylon* shall be disguised for the Cause of his Princes, and shall be displeased with some of them: And there shall be an Insurrection in *Armenia*, and they shall kill one another; and afterward those that survive shall fly unto foraign Cities, and their condition shall be changed, and their Enemies shall prevail against them, and overcome them: And evil shall happen unto the *Romans*, and they shall dye of sundry Diseases and their sorrows shall be multiplied by reason of these things: And disasters are threatned to befall the Inhabitants of *Spain* through Murther, Sicknes, much Thunder and Lightning, and Easterly winds, destroying fruits, and especially in the Southern parts Abortive births, and death amongst children and young men.

The profection of the Ascendant of that years Conjunction to \mathfrak{z} that in *Numidia, Affrica, Bithinia, Phrygia, Ochiden, Carthage, France, Scotland, Granada, Prussia, Holland, Zeland, Burgundy* (ac-
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be Death and Poverty, and their fear shall be encreased by their Enemies, and Botches and Death shall befall them; and the year shall be remarkable to men, by reason of many things that will happen in it, as slaughter, and multiplicity of destroying Locusts, and other Creatures, and Wolves shall do hurt unto men.

The profection of the Conjunction, which signified the Law of *Mahomet* to the 12. degree of *Aquarius*, his square sinister signifies out of *Albumazar, Tract. 4. Differ. 11.* that hurt will befall Travelers; Vineyards will be spoiled through too much wet, and there shall be abundance of Locusts, and all places on the sea-shore, or upon the bank, will be fearfully endangered by droughts, sicknesses, and the like: And much goodness, and joy shall be multiplied in *Arabia*, and the Romans shall quarrell with their enemies, and there shall be loss in *Turky*.

The profection of the Sign Ascendant, of the Conjunction, which signifies the Sect of *Mahomet*, to the 23. degree of ν , betokeneth misfortunes, downfals, and loss of the Turkish Laws, by reason of deceit, and treachery.

The profection of the sign ascendant, of that year in which the σ happened, signifying the Law of *Mahomet*, to the 24. degree of ω the opposite sign to Ω , and *Regulus*, a star of the first magnitude, and Imperial, signifies great changes, and warfare amongst the Turks, and of Christians with Infidels, because it is in the square of m and in σ of Ω , which will produce great oppressions.

Now considering, and weighing, so many, and great influences of the heavens clashing with one another, and that for so many causes, that one Form may be drawn out of the heavenly mixture, according to the first doctrine of the first Aphorisme; *Scientia causarum tribus modis perficitur, quod futuri sint, quod accidant tandem, & quod tunc accident*, The knowledge of causes is performed by three manner of wayes, the things which are to come, which happen after some space of time, and which shall fall out at length. Therefore it is a very difficult thing to understand what is meant by these three; which consideration is a choice Science, and a granted truth, not any where to be found but in the Books of *Astrology*, according to the 1. *Aph.* 34. It is an excellent Science, but most laborious and full of difficulty: and therefore (by the 1. *Segm. Aph.* 105.) many do abandon *Astrology* as vain, others as thinking it uncertain; Nevertheless (we duly considering the sundry causes, and influences of the heavens,

as well those that be more rare, as those that are more common:
considering also, that they are wrapt up in the choicest Philosophy:
whereas (by 3. *Aph.* 155) Astrologers, as they be only Fortune-tel-
lers, are the worst of men, deceivers, and of corrupt behaviour:
But Natural Philosophers, studious of the truth, and vertuous: And
for these things only, an Astrologer to be accounted a speaker of the
Truth; and honest, so long, as in his predictions he adheres to the
Principles of Naturall Philosophy:) we will adventure, with the best
of our understanding to the judgement of future Revolutions; and
shall declare, that near the year 1632. either a little before, or after
the beginning thereof, there shall be a sensible, and manifest Cata-
strophe of the whole world, and the destruction of the Law of *Ma-
homet* and the Turks. And then perchance (as we have often said)
shall a false Prophet arise, or a Great man; for betwixt the Mock-
star (a 100. times repeated) *Anno* 1572. and that other in 1604. The
mean years do number the age of our Saviour, and if we will add the
same years to the year 1604. they will fall out in the year 1632.
wherein the great Conjunction of the year 1583. (which happened
in the watery Triplicity, and in the end of that Triangle,) shall come
to the Mock star, which shewed it self *An.* 1572. And if (again) we
add the same years, they shall happen about the years 1666. near
which time the false miracles of the world shall be discovered, with
the change, and destruction of (almost) all Sects: for in 1662. (it
will take 48. degr. half, or 1666. if the whole degr.) the great Con-
junction in \nearrow 1603. will come to the body of the Star, which appea-
red *Anno* 1604. with the rest, according to the operations of the
Planets.

In the year 1638. the eclipse of the Sun, which happened in the
year 1621. in the 0. degr. II, will come to the opposition of the
Mock-star, *An.* 1604. Seeing also that in the year 1646 the great σ
of the year, 1583. will divolve to the Mock-star of the year 1572. ac-
cording to the right ascensions, answering uniformly (by the Meri-
dian) to all Horizons, according to the operations of the Planets.
And if we will add *Venus* her greater years, to the year of the Star
1572. when it was found in *Taurus*, there shall be alterations like-
wise in the year 1654. (because in the year 1653. the greatest obli-
quity of the Zodiaque is accounted 23. degr. 28. min. which is les-
ser then it may be found to be by observation) for about those times
(as we have declared *lib.* 2. *cap.* 11. of *Great Con.*) a lesser Con-
junction of the malevolents happeneth, *viz.* in the year 1650. in the
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MONETH OF *July* about the New-Moon in the first face of \mathfrak{S} , not far from the degree of the Sun. And in *August* 1652, in the same point of Heaven, in which the Conjunction of the Luminaries (at the time of the lesser \mathfrak{S} in \mathfrak{S} 1650) happened; and from the Transite of \mathfrak{H} Anno. 1653. from the South into the North, when he cut the Ecliptique in the 6 degree and 40. min. of \mathfrak{Q} , in the place of the partite great \mathfrak{S} of \mathfrak{H} and \mathfrak{V} in the year 1623.

Moreover 1659. is the period of the revolution of the 14 Orbe, in which the \mathfrak{D} and \mathfrak{Q} shall have dominion: and the revolution of the 15. Orbe shall begin, in which \mathfrak{H} and \mathfrak{M} shall bear rule; which sign of \mathfrak{M} is the sign of the \mathfrak{S} before the coming of Christ, and is afflicted by \mathfrak{H} wherefore there shall arise great changes in the World.

So likewise if we add the great years of \mathfrak{V} , to the year of the Mock-starr, without doubt in the latter years (by 1 *Aph.* 40.) there shall almost be a destruction of Monarchies especially; because in those years there will happen most powerfull influences of the Stars. But what the Host of Heaven may portend after 1630. but much more after 1650. yea, 1660. from the mock-starr 1572. we conceive not only the finall destruction of the Turks; but also that there shall be a great decay of Christians; and that not only all the Kings and Potentates of the earth shall be hurt, by the severall evill Constellations, and influences: But take heed all you Kings of Spain and France; you Princes and Potentates of Italy, behold and dread the signe sent from God, *scil.* the Mock-starr of the year 1604, let down in the fiery Triplicity to provoke wars and conflicts (by 7. *Aph.* 34.) Rebellions, Treasons, Desolations, Suddain and Utter Ruine, and Mischiefs of all kindes, : So that all men living (of what degree, condition, or age soever) shall be naturally inclined to shedding of blood: For, by the 4. *Aph.* 6. Every immoderate constitution of the stars brings death amongst old and infirme people; but in others, violent Events, and cruell and utter Ruine.

Oh! how many changes of Kingdomes? Oh! how much lamenting and bewailing the condition of disgrace? Oh! what sorts and differences of dangers and troubles, are to be feared? What unspeakable, great, and grievous villanies? Oh! what turbulent and damnable seditions? Oh! what unlooked and un-hoped-for mischievous kinds of death? Oh! what exalting of wicked and reprobate men, the troubled stars of heaven, do in abundance belch out? Oh! what wretched and indigent persons are every where extold? And the rich oppressed and impoverished? How many

Subjects and servants shall rule, whilst Kings and Masters shall obey? What Princes shall be thrown out of their dominions? Oh! what insolent, drunken, and luxurious men, who shall have the habit of whoredome; what inventors of new and unheard-of Lusts, Buggerers, Gluttons, Murtherers, Cruell deceivers, and Traitors, and Theeves (without cause) such as shall deride, torment, and tear in peices and kill with very vexation, all men that be endowed with prudence, knowledge, and wisdom: but they shall be of a constant and firme minde. And although these things shall be fierce after the year 1630. yea, more fierce after 1650. yet shall they be most terrible and rigorous after the year 1660.

Thus have these things been delivered briefly, and with a hasty Quill touching the most laboursome and difficult matter proposed; which ought to have been handled in another method, by another Doctrine, and by men most learned in the Art; and not by me, who am almost ignorant therein, and imployed upon other Sciences, and Physick; and have kept my bed for divers moneths upon a Feaver. Notwithstanding as (for those causes, and the shortness of time) they have been by me finished; if now at length they shall be gratefully accepted, I shall rejoyce that my pains have not been unprofitable. and if any thing be taken not so gratefully or less pleasing; I hope the Readers (ascribing it to the before-mentioned causes,) will look upon all, with a benign Judgement; for perhaps better things shall one day be added.

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P R O P H E C I E
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Ambrose Merlin, a Britaine,

From the Translation of *Gefferey of
Monmouth*: Ænigmatically therein delivering
the Fate, and Period of the English Monarchy.

Vortiger (king of the Britains) sitting on the brink of an emptied Pool, there issued thence 2. Dragons one of which was white, but the other red. And when the one came near the other, they began a terrible fight & by (the vehemency of) their breath, begot fire. But the White Dragon prevailed, and chased the Red Dragon to the end of the Lake. But the Red Dragon, after he had bemoaned himselfe (thus) expulsed, made a suddaine assault upon the White Dragon, and forced him to give back. The Dragons thus contending, the King commanded *Ambrose Merline* to tell him what that Combat of the Dragons meant. Then he gushing out with tears assumeth the Spirit of Prophecy: (and saith) Wo unto the Red Dragon, for his ruin approacheth. The White Dragon shall possess his Dens, which signifieth the Saxons whom thou hast invited: but the Red Dragon designaeth the Nation of *Britain*, which shall be oppressed of the White. Therefore shall the Mountains thereof be levelled as the Valleys; and the Rivers of the Valleys shall stream with blood. The purity of Religion shall be defaced; and the ruine of Churches shall be manifested. At length the oppressed shall prevail, and shall withstand the Tyrannie of strangers. For the Boar of *Cornwall* shall assist and shall trample the necks of them under his feet. The Isles of the Ocean shall be subject to his Authority, and shall possess the French Forrests. *Rome* shall tame his Tyrannie, and his end shall be doubtfull. He shall be famous in the mouth of the multitude, and his actions shall be (as) meat to those that recount them. Six of his successors shall attain the Scepter, but after them shall a German Worm arise. The Sea-wolf shall magnifie him, whom the Affrican Forrests shall accompany. Religion shall again be defaced, and there shall be a transmutation of the chief Seats. The dignity of *London* shall adorn *Cantorbury*, and the 7. Pastor of *York* shall be often in the Lesser Britanie. Anglisea shall be cloathed with the garment of the City of Legions; and the Preacher of *Ireland* shall be silent by reason of an infant growing in the Womb. It shall rain blood, and a horrible dearth shall afflict men. These things coming on a sudden, the Red Dragon shall fret, but with much ado, he shall flourish: Then shall the white Dragons calamity approach, and the build-
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ings of his little Villages shall be overthrowen. Seven kings shall be destroyed, and one shall be hallowed. The mothers bellies shall be ript open, and the children shall be abortive. There shall be a wonderfull great punishment of men, that the Natives may be restored. He that shall do these things shall become a Brazen-man; and he shall (for a long time after) keep the Gates of *London*, upon a Brazen-horse. From thenceforth the red Dragon shall return to his peculiar temperature, and shall indeavour to exercise cruelty upon himself: Therefore shall the wrath of the most high come suddenly upon him; for the fields shall frustrate the labour of the husbandman. A sudden mortality shall snatch away the people, and shall sweep away whole Nations. Such as be left, shall forsake their Native soil, and shall sow their corn in Forraign Countreys. A blessed King shall prepare a ship, and in a Princes Court, he shall be numbred among the 12. blessed.

There shall be a lamentable desolation of the Kingdom, and the Barn-floores full of Corn shall be turned into unprofitable woods. The white Dragon shall arise the second time, and shall invite the daughter of Germany. Our little villages shall once more be replenished with a strange generation, and the red Dragon shall languish in the end of the Lake. Afterward shall the German Worm be crowned, and the Brazen Prince shall be humbled. A bound is set him, which he cannot pass: For, he shall remain 150. years in disquiet, but he shall be in subjection 300. years. Then shall the North wind rise against him, and shall snatch away the Flowers, which the west wind begot. Churches shall be beautified, yet shall not the sword depart. The German Worm shall hardly keep his den, because vengeance shall suddenly come upon him for his treacherie: at length, he shall flourish for a while, but the Decimation of the Normans shall offend him: for the people shall rush in upon him, in wooden horses, and Iron coats, who shall be revenged of his naughtiness. He shall restore to the former inhabitants their possessions, and the destruction of the Aliens shall (then) appear: the branches of the White Lion shall be cut off from our Territories, and the remainder of his generation shall be tenth'd. They shall undergo the yoke of perpetuall servitude; and they shall wound their mother with mattocks, and ploughs. Two Dragons shall succeed, whereof one shall be choaked by the dart of envy, but the other shall return under the shadow of a Kingly name. The Lyon of justice shall follow, at whose roaring the French Towers, and the Island Dragons shall tremble. In his days shall gold be squeezed out of the Lilly and Nettle; and silver shall be extracted out of the hoofs of the lowing beasts. The spruce Fantasticks of the times shall put on changeable garments, and their outward habits shall bewray the vanity of their mindes. The greedy hounds shall be ham-string'd, the Beasts of the Forrest shall rest in quiet, humanity shall bewail the punishment: the Coyne shall be cleft, and each half shall be made round. The ravenousness of the Kites shall be consumed, and the teeth of the Wolves shall be broken: the Lions whelps shall be turned into Sea-fishes, and his Eagle shall build her nest upon Mount *Meriana*. *Vendonia* shall be dyed red with her mothers blood, and the house of *Corinthus*, shall slay six brothers. The Isle shall be damp with her mighty tears, whereupon all men shall be provoked to all things. Wo unto thee Normandy, for on thee shall the brain of the Lion be wasted, and his Members being torn in pieces, shall be thrown out of his Native soil. They that succeed shall indeavour to remove the Crown, but the love of new Kings shall be extol'd. For his goodness he shall be abused by the wicked, untill he become a Father. Therefore being armed with the teeth of the Boar, he shall pass over the tops of the Mountains, and the shade of the helmet: the Highlanders of *Scotland* shall be displeas'd,

pleated, and having anembled their Conaterris man proclama
bridle in the jaws of him, which shall be established in the (very) bosom of little Britany. The Eagle of the broken truce shall beautifie it, and shall rejoyce in his third building. The whelps of the roaring Lion shall awaken, and (the Forrests being forsaken) shall be hunted beneath the walls of the Cities, and shall commit great slaughter upon such as withstand them, and shall cut out the tongues of the Bulls: they shall load the necks of the roaring Lions with chains, and shall renew the ancient times. Afterward, the Regall unction shall pass from the first to the fourth, from the 4. to the 3. from the 3. to the second.

The sixt shall overthrow the wals of *Ireland*, and shall turn the forrests thereof into plain fields. He shall reduce divers kingdoms into one, and he shall be crowned with the head of a Lion. His beginning shall be in a restless, and wavering affection, but his end shall be blessed; for he shall repair the decayed Monasteries throughout the Country, and shall place Preachers in convenient places: He shall cloath two cities with two garments, and he shall bestow Virgins gifts upon Virgins, for which he shall merit the favour of God, and shall be numbred among the blessed.

A Woolf-like beast shall come out of him penetrating all things, who shall endeavour the ruin of his own Nation, for by him the Normans shall lose both the Isles, and shall be bereaved of their Pristine dignity. From thenceforth shall the ancient Inhabitants return to their own Isle, for variance shall arise among the aliens. Likewise, a venerable old man, upon a white horse, shall divert the river of *Periton*, and with his white Scepter shall dispose of the Mill thereon standing. *Cadwalader* shall call home the *Conani*, and shall receive the Highlanders into fellowship. Then shall there be great slaughter committed on the Forraigners, then shall the rivers stream with blood, then shall the mountains of little Britain burst out, and shall be crowned with the Diadem of *brute*. *Wales* shall be filled with joy, and the Oaks of *Cornwall* shall wax green. The Isle shall be called by the Name of *Brute*, and the memory of the strangers shall be forgotten.

From *Conanus* shall come a warlike Boar, who shall exercise the sharpness of his teeth, within the French Forrests: for he shall hew down all the greater Oaks, but he shall give protection to the lesser. The *Arabians*, and *Affricans* shall quake for fear of him, for the violence of his motion shall threaten the further *Spain*. A Goat of the Venerean house shall succeed him, having golden horns, and a silver beard, who shall breath forth such a cloud from his Nestrils as that the surface of the whole Isle shall be obscured. There shall be peace in his days, and by the fruitfulness of the earth, all sorts of grain shall be multiplied.

Women by reason of their Lewdness shall be made Serpents, and every step they make shall be filled with pride. The tents of *Venus* shall be renewed, neither shall the darts of Lust leave off to wound. The Rivers shall be turned into blood, and two Kings shall fight a duel for the Lyons of *Stafford*. Every one shall wantonize, and civility (it self) shall not forbear to admit of contraries. All these things three ages shall see fulfilled, until the interred Kings within the City of *London* shall be discovered. Famine shall again infest, mortality shall once more return, and the inhabitants shall lament the desolation of their Cities. A Pear of commerce shall unexpectedly arise, who shall bring back his scattered droves, to their forsaken Pastures. His breast shall be food to the Hungry, and his tongue shall appease the thirsty: Rivers shall flow from his mouth, which shall refresh mens dried cheeks.

Afterward a Tree shall be procreated upon the Tower of *London*, which, having only three Boughs, shall obscure the face of the whole Isle, with the breadth of its

From hence the North winde (its enemy) shall suddenly come, and by its cruell blast shall snatch away the third bough thereof. The other two shall supply the room thereof, untill (by the multitude of their leaves) one shall cover another. But afterward it shall obtain the room of two, and shall sustain Birds of Forraign Nations. It shall be accounted obnoxious to the Native Birds, for through the fear of its shadow, they shall lose their flying-young.

An unprofitable Assle shall succeed ready in punishing counterfeiteres of gold, but slow in revenging the ravening of Wolves. In those daies, the Oaks throughout the Forrests shall burn, and Accorns shall grow upon the boughs of Lindens.

The Severn shall run through seven Gates, and the river Osca shall wax hot for the space of seven moneths. The Fishes therein shall die by the heat thereof, and of them shall Serpents be ingendred. The Baths of Bado shall frieze, and their wholesome waters shall become poysonous. London shall lament the slaughter of 20000. men, and the river of Thames shall be turned into blood. Monks shall be compelled to marriage, and the noise of them shall be heard in the Mountains of the Alps. Three Fountains shall burst out in the City of Winchester, whose little brookes shall divide the Isle into three parts; he that shall drink of one, shall prolong his life neither shall he be afflicted with any sudden feebleness. He that shall drink of the other, shall perish with hunger, and a wanness and horror shall possess his face. He that shall drink of the third, shall die a sudden death, neither shall his body be buried. But if his dead body shall be thrown upon the water, the ashes thereof shall be turned into water. Hereupon a Damosell shall come from the City of Canutus of the Forrest, to prepare a Medicine, whereby, as she shall understand all Arts, she shall dry up the obnoxious Fountains by the only vertue of her breath. Afterward, to refresh her self with the wholesome Liquor, she shall carry the Calidonian Forrest in her right hand, but in her left hand, the Bulwarks of the Walls of London. What way soever she shall pass, she shall leave sulphureous tracks behinde her, which shall smoak with a double flame. That smoak shall stir up the Rutchons, and shall destroy the Fishes of the Sea. She shall continue in lamentable sorrows, and shall fill the Isle with her horrible out-cry. A Stagge of ten branches shall slay her, four of which branches shall carry together the golden Diadems. But the other six shall be turned into the Horns of the wilde Oxen, which by a horrible noise shall shake the three Isles of Britainie. The Forrest of Daneum shall be stirred up, and (with a gentle voice) shall call, Come Wales, and joyn Cornwall to thee, and say to the City of Winchester, *The Earth shall swallow thee up.* Transfer the seat of thy Pastor, whither the Birds do flock, and the other Members shall follow their head.

For the day draweth near, whereon the Inhabitants shall be destroyed for the sin of perjury. The whiteness of their Wooll, and the diversity of their Tincture hath offended. Wo be to that perjured Nation, by whose means a noble City shall be destroyed. The Birds shall rejoyce at so great an increase, and two shall be made one. And a Hedhogg (laden with fruit) shall rebuild it, to the smell whereof, Birds of divers Forrests shall flock. He shall adjoyn thereto a wonderfull great Palace, and shall strengthen the same with 600 Towers. In every of which a Senator shall be appointed, who shall give Laws unto the Subjects. Therefore shall London envy her, and shall increase her Walls thrice so much as formerly they were. The river Thames shall incompass her on every side, and the rumour of the Works shall transcend the Alps. The Hedhogg shall hide his fruits within her, and shall plot secretly (against her.)

In that day the stones shall speak, and the Sea that leads to France, shall be contracted into a narrow room. One man shall hear another from either shoar, and
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The whole man be enlarged. The wonders of the deep shall be revealed. shall quake for feare. After these things a Hearn shall proceed from the Forrest *Callaverium*, which shall fly about the Isle the space of two years; by her night clamour shee shall call the other birds, and all other birds shall associate her: they shall fall upon mens Tillage, and shall destroy all manner of grain. A famine shall pursue the people, and a dire mortality shall ensue the famine: but when so great mortality shall be ceased, a detestable fowl shall betake himself to the utmost bounds of Wales, and shall raise it up to a high mountain, and in the top thereof shee shall plant an Oak, and shall build her nest in the boughs thereof, three egges shall be layd in the nest, from which a Fox, a Wolfe, and a Beare shall come. The Fox shall devoure his mother, and shall beare an Asses head. Therefore being become a Monster, he shall affright his brethren, and shall banish them into *Normandy*: but they shall excite the shorn Boar against the Fox, and being returned in a ship, they shall encounter with the Fox; who, so soon as the combat shall begin, will faine himselfe dead, and shall move the Boar to pity him, : a while after he shall go to the dead Carcase, and whilst he shall stand over it, he shall breath upon the eyes, and face thereof; But he not forgetfull of (his former falshood) shall bite his right foot, and shall tear it quite from the body; and also at one leap shall snatch to him his right eare, and his tayle, and shall hide himselfe in the holes of the mountains: therefore the deluded Boar shall require the Wolfe, and the Beare, to restore unto him his lost members, who (as they shall begin, they Quarrell) shall promise him two feet, and two eares, and a tayl and of them they shall compose the Boars members: so he shall be pacified, & expect the promised restoration. In the interim the Fox shall come from the mountaines, and shall change himself into a Wolfe; and as if he were to have some discourse with the boar, he shall go craftily to him, and shall wholly devour him. Then shall he transforme himself into a Boar and (as if he wanted his members) he shall waite for his brethren, and after that they shall be come, even them also shall he suddenly slay, and shall be crowned with the head of a Lion. In his dayes a serpent shall be engendered, which shall endeavour the destruction of all mortalls; he shall by his length environ London, and shall destroy all the passengers. A Bull of the Mountain shall assume the head of the Wolfe, and shall cleanse his teeth in the shop of *Sabrina*: he shall gather to him the Highlanders and the Welch who shall drink the Thames dry. The Ass shall call a Goat with a long beard, and shall change his shape: therefore shall the Bull be displeas'd, and having called the Wolfe, the horned Bull shall make at them; and the more to manifest his cruelty, he shall devour their flesh and bones: but he shall be burnt in the top of *Urianus*. The embers of the fire wherein he shall be burnt, shall be changed into Swans, which shall swim as well upon dry ground as on the water. Fishes shall swallow Fishes, and men shall devour men: but old age coming on, submarine lights shall be ingendered, and they shall devise submarine deceits. They shall sink shipping, and they shall gather much money. The River Thames shall flow again, and the united rivers shall exceed the bounds of the Channell: it shall overflow the neighbouring townes, and shall overturne the opposite mountains. It shall incorporate with the fountain *Gatibes*, full of deceit and naughtiness; whence shall arise seditions, provoking the *Venetians* to wars. The Oakes of the Forrests shall unite, and shall encounter with the stones of the *Stuvissey*. The Crows and the Kites shall devour the bodies of the slain. The Owle shall build her nest upon the walls of *Gloucester*; and in her nest shall an Ass be generated. The serpent of *Matuernia* shall educate him, and shall hatch more trecheries. Having got the Crown he shall soar on high, and with a horrible noise shall

man an'ight the people of the countrey. In his dayes the Mountains shall stagger, and the Provinces shall be deprived of their Forrests: for a Worme of a fiery breath shall suddenly come, who shall burne the trees with his sent-out vapour. Seaven Lions shall come out of him, disgraced by the heads of Goats: they shall destroy women by the stinch of their nostrils, and shall make wives wantons. The Father shall not know his own Son, because their wives shall play the beasts. Therefore shall a Gyant of wickedness rush upon them, who by the sharpness of his eyes shall terrifie all. The Dragon of *Worcester* shall rise against him, and shall strive to rout him out, but an encounter being made, the Dragon shall overcome, and the ungodliness of the victor shall be repressed; for he shall subdue the Dragon, and having put off his garment, shall remain naked. The Dragon shall carry him aloft, and with his rayle (erected) shall beat the naked Gyant. But the Gyant reassuming his vigour, shall break his jaws with a sword: at length the Dragon shall fold himself under his tayle, and (poysoned) shall die.

The Boar of *Tolenesus* shall succeed him, and by his terrible tyranny shall oppress the people. *Gloucester* shall cast out the Lion, who shall disquiet the Serpent with severall Wars. He shall tread him under his feet, and shall affright him with his open jaws. At length the Lion shall contend with the Kingdom, and shall climb upon the backs of Noble men. The Bull shall rush into the strife, and shall smite the Lion with his right foot. He shall drive him throughout all the parts of the Kingdom, but he shall break his horns in the Wals of *Exon*. The Fox of *Kaerdubatus* shall be revenged of the Lion, and shall wholly devoure him with his teeth. For the Serpent of *Lincoln* shall surround him, and by a horrible hissing shall intimate his presence to many Dragons. The Dragons shall gather together, and shall tear one another in pieces. The winged shall oppress those that want wings, and shall fasten their poysoned claws upon their Eye-lids, the rest shall consent to combating, and shall one kill another. These being dead, a fifth shall succeed, and shall break the remainder by sundry devices; he shall crush the back of one in pieces, and (with his sword) shall separate his head from his body. Having put off his garment, he shall ascend another, and shall throw upon him the right & left side of his tayl. One that is naked shall keep him at a distance, when one that is cloathed shall not deter him. He shall torment the rest upon the back, and shall drive them to the uttermost part of the Kingdom. A roaring Lion (and one to be feared for his outrageous cruelty) shall suddenly come. He shall reduce fifteen Provinces into one, and he alone shall enjoy the people. A Gyant shall shine with a white colour, and shall germinate a white people. Pleasures shall make Princes feeble, and the Subjects shall become savage. A Lion (with his belly full of blood) shall arise among them, a sickle shall be given him in the corn, which (whilst he shall grieve in minde) shall be oppressed of him. A Carter of *York* shall quiet them, and (his master being thrust out) he shall ascend into the Cart which he drove, and shall threaten the East with a drawn sword, and he shall fill the Track of his Cart wheelles with blood. Afterwards a Fish shall be procreated in the Sea, which being allured by the hissing of the Serpent, shall copulate with him, betwixt whom three glistering Bulls shall be generated, who (having eat up their pastures) shall be turned into Trees. The first shall carry a viperous whip, and shall turn his back of him that is born after him. The second brother shall endeavour to snatch the whip from him, but he shall be rebuked by the youngest. They shall turn away their faces mutually from one another, untill they shall poure forth a poysoned cup. A Prince of the Highlanders shall succeed him, whom (also) the Serpent shall seek to destroy. He shall apply himself to Tillage, so that the Countries shall be white with Corn. The Serpent shall indea-

vour to diffule poyson, to hinder the growth of the grasse and corn. The people shall waste by reason of a deadly famine, and the Walls of their Cities shall be made desolate. The City of *Gloucester* shall be given for a Medicine, which shall render succour to those that be under the lash, for she shall bear the ballance of the medicine, and the Isle shall be renewed in a short space. After which, two shall sue for the Scepter, to whom the horned Dragon shall submit himself. Another shall come armed, and shall ride the flying Serpent; being naked he shall sit upon his back, and shall cast the right side of his Tayl upon him. The neighbouring Nations shall be awakened by his clamour, and shall startle other Nations. Therefore shall the second be united to the Lion, but (dissenting betwixt themselves) they shall encounter one another; and (after mutuall wounds) they shall lie down together, but the fierceness of the Lion shall prevail. There shall one suddenly come with the Timbrell & Harp, and shall assuage the fierceness of the Lion, therefore shall the people of the Kingdom be pacified, and shall provoke the Lion to Justice. Being settled in his Throne, he shall think of Rewards; but his power shall extend into the Highlands. Therefore shall the Northern Provinces be sorrowfull, and shall open the doors of the Temples. The Standard-bearer-Woolfe shall raise Troopes, and shall environ *Cornwall* with his tayle. A Souldier (in a Cart) shall withstand him, who shall change that people into a Boar. Therefore the Boar shall waste the Provinces, but he shall be drowned in the deep of Severn. A man (in Wine) shall be as a Lion, and the lustre of his Gold shall dazle the eyes of the beholders: He shall gild his silver-wine-bowles, and shall trouble sundry Wine-presses. Men shall be drunk with Wine, and having laid aside the thought of heaven, shall be wedded to the Earth. The Stars shall withhold their influence from them, and shall confound their wonted motion. The Heavens being thus averse, their Corn-fields shall be dryed up and the dew of heaven shall be denied them. The roots and branches shall change their offices, and the novelty thereof shall be miraculous. The splendour of the Sun shall languish by the paleness of *Mercury*, & it shall be dreadfull to the beholders. *Mercury of Arcadia* shall change his shield, and he shall call *Venus* the Helmet of *Mars*; the Helmet of *Mars* shall cast a shadow, and the rage of *Mercury* shall exceed its limits. Hard-hearted *Orion* shall unsheath his Falchion. *Phæbus* of the Sea shall disturb the Clouds. *Jupiter* shall leave off his appointed course, and *Venus* shall forsake her Orb. The malice of *Saturn* shall be poured down grievously, and with his crooked Sythe shall he destroy mankinde. The 12. Houses of heaven shall bewail the absence of the Planets. The *Twins* shall leave off their accustomed Imbraces, and shall exchange Summer for Winter. The Scales shall hang uneavenly, untill the Ram support them with his crooked Hornes. The Scorpions tayl shall engender Lightning, and the Crab shall contend with the Sun. The Virgin shall ascend the back of the Archer, and shall obfuscate the pure and beautifull Flowers. The Orbe of the Moon shall trouble the Zodiack, and the Pleiades shall gush out with tears. The Offices of *Fanus* shall no more be restored, but (the Gate being shut) he shall lurk in the Creeks of *Ariadne*. In the twinkling of an eye shall the Seas arise, and the Ashes of the dead shall be renewed. The Winds shall contend with a terrible sufflation, and shall terminate their sound amongst the Stars.

IOHN TRITEMIVS,
 Abbot of *Spanheim*, of the heavenly
 INTELLIGENCIES, governing
 the Orbes under GOD.

Renowned *Cesar*, it is the opinion of very many of the Auncients, that this inferior world by ordination of the first *Intellect* (which is God) is directed and ordered by *Secundeian Intelligences*, to which opinion *Conciliator Medicorum* assents, saying, that from the Originall or first beginning of heaven and earth, there were 7. spirits appointed as Residents to the 7. Planets.

Of which number every one of those ruleth the world 354. years, and four months in order.

To this Position, many, and they most learned men, have afforded their consent; which opinion of theirs *my self* not affirming, but delivering, do make manifest to your most sacred Majesty.

The first Angell or Spirit of *Saturn* is called *Orisiel*, to whom God committed the government of the World from the beginning of its Creation; who began his government the 15. day of the moneth of *March*, in the first year of the World, and it endured 354 years and 4 moneths.

Orisiel notwithstanding is a name appertaining to his Office, not Nature. Attributed to the Spirit in regard of his action: under his dominion men were rude, and did cohabite together in desert and uncouth places, after the homely manner of Beasts. This needs not any manner of proof from me, with its so manifest out of the Text in Genesis.

The second Governour of the World is *Anael* the Spirit of *Venus*, who after *Orisiel* began to rule according to the influence of his Planet, in the year of the world 354. the fourth moneth, that is, the 24 day of the moneth of *June*, and he ruled the world 354 years, and 4 moneths, untill the year from the Creation of the world 708. as it appears to any that shall Calculate the Age thereof.

Under the Regiment of this Angell, men began to be more Civilized, built Houses, erected Cities, found out Arts *Manuall* (*viz. Manufactury*) the Art of Weaving, pinning, and Cloathing, and many such like as these, did indulge themselves plentifully with the pleasures of the flesh, took unto themselves faire women for their wives, neglected God, Receded in many things from their naturall simplicity; they found out Sports, and Songs, sang to the Harp, and did excogitate whatsoever did belong to the worship and purpose of *Venus*. And this wantonness of life in men did continue untill the Flood, receiving the Arguments of its pravity from hence.

Zachariel the Angell of *Jupiter*, began to govern this world in the year of the Creation of Heaven and Earth 708 the eighth moneth, that is, the 25 day of the moneth of *October*, and he did regulate the World 354 years, 4 moneths, untill the

year

*Petrus Ap-
 monensis.*

*Orisiel, An-
 mundi 1.*

The name.

*Anael, be-
 gan Anno
 mundi 354.
 24. Jun.*

*Zachariel
 Angell of J.
 began 708.
 25. Octob.*

year of the worlds Creation 1063 inclusively. Under whose moderation, men first of all began to usurp Dominion over one another, to exercise Hunting, to make Tents, to adorn their bodies with severall garments: and there arose a great Division betwixt the good and evill men; the Pious invoking God, such as *Enoch*, whom the Lord translated to Heaven; the wicked running after the snares and pleasant allurements of the Flesh.

Men also under the Dominion of this *Zachariel* began to live more civilly, to undergo the Laws and Commands of their Elders, and were reclaimed from their former fierceness. Under his rule *Adam* the first man died, leaving to all posterity an assured Testimony, that necessarily once we must dye.

Various Arts and Inventions of men did about this time first appear & manifest themselves, as Historians have more clearly expressed.

The fourth Rector of the World was *Raphael*, the Spirit of *Mercury* which began in the year of the Creation of Heaven and Earth 1063 the 24 day of *February*, and he reigned 354 years 4 months, and his Government continued untill the year of the World 1417 and fourth moneth. In these times writing was first found out, and letters excogitated in form of Trees and Plants, which notwithstanding afterwards and in process of time received a more graceful shape, and the Nations varied or changed the Face of their Characters according to their own fancy. The use of Muscical Instruments, under the time and rule of this *Raphael*, began to be multiplied, and Commerce or Exchange betwixt man and man was now first invented: A presumptuous, rude, and simple Audacity in these times begot Navigation or the manner of sayling from one place to another, and many such like things in one kinde or other, &c.

Raphael
angel of
Mercury be-
gan 1063.
Feb. 24th

The fifth *Gubernator* of the World was *Samael* the Angell of *Mars*, who began the 26 day of the moneth of *June* in the year of the World 1417. and swayed the rule of this World 354 years 4 moneths, untill the year of the World 1771. and eighth moneth, under whose Empire and Government men imitated the nature of *Mars*, also under the Dominion of this Angell, the Universall deluge of waters happened *Anno Mundi* 1656. as evidently it appears by History out of *Genesis*. And its to be observed, what the auncient Philosophers have delivered, that so oft as *Samael* the Angell of *Mars* is ruler of the World, so often there ariseth notable alterations of Monarchy. Religions and sects do vary, Laws are changed, Principalities and Kingdomes are transferred to Strangers, which we may easily finde out in order by perusall of Histories.

Samael the
angel of
Mars began
An. mundi
1417. June
26.

Notwithstanding *Samael* doth not immediatly in the very beginning or entrance of his Dominion manifest the disposition of his behaviour or custome: but when he hath exceeded the middle time of his *Gubernation*, which very thing is likewise to be understood concerning the Angels of the other Planets, (as it may be manifested from Histories) all which do send down their influence according to the Proprieties of the natures of their Stars, and operate upon the inferiour bodies of this World.

The sixth Governour of the World is *Gabriel* the Angell of the Moon, who began after *Samael* the Angel of *Mars* had finished his course: the 28 day of the moneth of *October* in the yeare of the World 1771 and eighth moneth: and he ordered the affaires of the World 354 years and 4 moneths, untill the year of the World 2126. Again in these times men were multiplied, and builded many Cities: and we must note: that the Hebrews do affirme that the Generall deluge, was *Anno Mundi* 1656. under the moderation of *Mars*: But the Septuagint interpreters, *Ihdorus* and *Beda* confirme the Deluge to be in the year of the World 2242. under

Gabriel an-
gel of the
moon, be-
gan 1771.
Octob. 28.

...*Gabriel*, the Angel of the Moon, which seems unto me by multiplication to be rather consentaneous unto truth, but to express my further conception hereof, is not the work of this present discourse.

Michael the Angel of the Sun was the 7. Ruler of the World, who began the 24. of *February*, in the year of the World according to common computation 2126. and he governed the world 354. years and four moneths, until the year of the age of the world 2480. and four moneths.

Under the Dominion of the Angel of the Sun even as Histories consent with truth, Kings began first to be amongst Mortall men, of whom *Nimrod* was the first, that with an ambitious desire of Sovereignty, did Tyrannize over his Companions.

The worship of several Gods by the foolishness of men, was now instituted, and they began to adore their petty Princes as Gods.

Sundry Arts also about this time were invented by men; to wit, the Mathematicks, Astronomy, Magique, and that worship which formerly was attributed to one onely God, began now to be given to divers Creatures: the knowledge of the true God, by little and little, and the superstition of men became forgotten.

About these times Architecture was found out, and men began to use more policy both in their civill institutions, and manners, or customs of living.

From henceforth the eighth time in order, again *Orisiel* the Angel of *Saturn* began to govern the World the 26. day of the moneth of *June*, in the year from the beginning of the world 2480. and four moneths; and he continued his government of the world this second return, 354. years and four moneths, untill the year of the world 2834. and eight moneths. Under the regulation of this Angel, the Nations were multiplied, and the earth was divided into Regions; many Kingdoms instituted; the Tower of *Babel* was built, the confusion of Tongues then fell out, men were dispersed into every part of the earth, and men began to Till, and Manure the earth more accurately, to ordain Fields, sow Corn, plant Vineyards, to dig up Trees, and to provide with greater diligence, what ever was more convenient for their food, and raiment.

From that time forward, first of all, amongst men, the discerning of Nobility began to be taken notice of; which was, when men in their manner of living, and in wisdom did excell the rest of men, undertaking Trophies of glory from the great ones of the earth, as rewards for their merits: From hence first of all, the whole world began to come into the knowledge of men, whilest every where the Nations being multiplied, many Kingdoms did arise, and various differences of tongues did follow.

The ninth time in order and course, *Anael*, the Angel of *Venus* began again to sway the world the 29. day of *October*, and in the year of the Creation of Heaven and earth 2834. and 8. moneth: and he presided 354. years, four moneths, untill the year of the World 3189.

In these times men forgetting the true God, began to honour the dead, and to worship their Statues for God, which Error hath infected the World more then two thousand years: Men did now devise curious and costly Ornaments, for better trimming, and adorning their bodies: found out divers kindes of Muscull Instruments; again, men prosecuted too much the lust and pleasures of the flesh, instituting, and dedicating Statuas and Temples to their Gods. Witchcraft, and Incantations in these times were first excogitated by *Zoroaster* King of the *Babrians* (and divers others as well as he) whom *Ninus* King of *Assyria* overcame in War.

In order the tenth time *Zachariel* the Angel of *Jupiter*, again began to rule the world

Michael
Angel of
the Sun, be-
gan Anno
mundi 2126.
4 Feb.
Original of
Kings.

the Spring
of Idolatry.

Orisiel the
eighth time
governs the
world, be-
gins 2480.
26. June.

Anael the
ninth time.
His rule be-
gins 29.
October.
3189.
Increase of
Idolatry.

Zachariel
the tenth
time; his
rule, Anno
189.

world the last day of *February*, in the year of the building, or framing the heaven and earth, 3189. and he moderated according to his custom, and manner 354. years, and four moneths, untill the year of the world 3543. and fourth moneth.

These were joyfull times, and might truly be called golden, wherein there was plenty of all manner of usefull things, which much conduced for the increase of mankinde, giving thereby exceeding beauty and adornment to the things of this World.

In like manner about this time, God gave to *Abraham* the Law of *Circumcision*; and first of all promised the *Redemption* of *Mankinde* by the *Incarnation* of his onely begotten Son. The restoration of mankinde promised.

Under the Government of this Angel, the Patriarchs first *Founders of Justice*, were famous, and the righteous were divided from the ungodly, by their own proper indeavour and consent.

About these times in *Arcadia*, *Jupiter* grew famous who was stiled also *Lisania*, *Jupiter* being the Son of Heaven and God, a King, who first of all gave Laws to the *Arcadians*, made them very civill in their manners and behaviour, taught them the worship of God, erected them Temples, instituted Priests, procured many advantageous benefits for mankinde, for which his so great benefits, he was by them termed *Jupiter*, and after his death accounted for a *Deity* or God. Jupiter being of Arcadia.

He had his Original from the sons of *Heber*, viz. *Genar*, as ancient Histories do record to posterity.

Prometheus also the son of *Atlas* is reported under the Government of this Angel to have made Men; onely, because of rude and ignorant, he made them wise and knowing, humane, courteous, accomplished in learning and manners: he made Images by Art to move of themselves. Prometheus.

He first found out the use of the Ring, Scepter, Diadem, and all kingly ornaments.

In or about these times other joviall men did excell; *men* most wise, and *women* also, who by their own understanding delivered many profitable inventions to mankinde; who being dead, for the greatness of their wisdom, were reputed as Gods: viz. *Phoroneus*, who first of all instituted amongst the Greeks, Laws and judgements, as also, *Sol*, *Minerva*, *Ceres*, *Serapis* amongst the *Aegyptians*, and very many besides.

In order the 11. time *Raphael* the Angel of *Mercury* again undertook the ordering of the world the first day of the moneth of *July*, in the year of the world 3543. and fourth moneth; he continued in his Commands 354 years, and four moneths, untill the year of the Creation of heaven and earth 3897. and 8. moneth. Raphael the Angel of Mercury the second time returns, An. 3543.

Verily in these times, as it evidently appears from the Histories of the Ancients, men more earnestly applied themselves to the study of wisdom, amongst whom the last learned and most eminent men, were *Mercurius*, *Bacchus*, *Omogys*, *Isis*, *Inachus*, *Argus*, *Apollo*, *Cecrops*, and many more, who by their admirable inventions, both profited the world then, and posterity since.

Severall Superstitions also about these times, concerning the worship of their Idols were instituted by men.

Sorceries, Incantations, and Arts of framing Diabolical Images, were now in a marvellous manner increased, and whatsoever either of subtilty, or wit, that could possibly be attributed to the invention, or cunning of *Mercury* about these times, did exceedingly increase.

Moses the wisest Commander of the Hebrews, expert in the knowledge of many things and Arts, a Worshipper of one onely true God, did deliver the people of Moses.

... on the slavery of the Egyptians, and procured their liberty.

Janus.

About this time *Janus* first of all reigned in *Italy*, after him *Saturnus*, who instructed his people to fat their grounds with soile or dung, and was accounted or esteemed for a God.

Cadmus inventor of the Greek Letters. Manifestation of Divine Law.

Near these times *Cadmus* found out the Greek Letters, or Characters, and *Carmentis*, the daughter of *Evander*, the Latine.

God Omnipotent, under the Government of this *Raphael*, the Angel of *Mercury*, delivered by the hands of *Moses*, to his people a Law in writing, which giveth a manifest testimony of our Saviour *Iesus Christ*, his future birth and nativity to be born in the flesh.

Here arose in the World a wonderful diversity of Religions: During these times, here flourished many *Sybills*, *Prophets*, *Diviners*, *Soothsayers*, or such as used inspection into the entrals of Beasts, *Magicians*, or *Wise-men*, *Poets*, as *Sybilla*, *Erythraea*, she of the Isle of *Delphos*, and whom we call the Phrygian, because she lived in *Chrygia*, with the rest.

Samael the Angel of *Mars* his second Government, An. 3897.

Again in order the twelfth time *Samael* the Angel of *Mars*, began to exercise his Dominion upon the world, the second day of the moneth of *October*, in the year of the world 3897. and eighth moneth, and his time of ruling, was 354. years, and four moneths from thence, untill the years 4251. under whose Empire and rule, was that great and most famous Destruction of *Troy* in *Asia* the less: as also an admirable mutation, and alteration of *Monarchy*, and many Kingdoms together with new institutions, or moldings of many Cities, as *Paris*, *Mogunce*, *Carthage*, *Naples*, and very many besides these.

Destruction of *Troy*.

Many new Kingdoms were newly erected, or now had their first beginning, as that of the *Lacedemonians*, *Corinthians*, *Hebrews*, and divers more.

Here, in these times all over the whole world, there was very great wars, and Battels of Kings and Nations, and several alterations of Empires.

Originall of *Venetians*.

The *Venetians* from this time, do compute and reckon the originall both of their people and City from the *Trojans*.

And its observable that very many other Nations, as well in *Europe* as in *Asia*, pretend to have taken their originall from the *Trojans*, to whom I thought good to give so much credit, as they themselves were able to perswade me was truth, upon sufficient testimony and proof.

The Arguments they produce concerning their Nobility and Antiquity are frivolous, being desirous to magnifie themselves openly, as if there were no People, or Nation, in *Europe*, before the Destruction of *Troy*, or as if there had been no Pefant, or Clown amongst the *Trojans*.

Saul.

Under the moderation also of this Planet, *Saul* was made first King of the Jews, after him *David*, whose son King *Salomon*, built in *Ierusalem* the Temple of the true God, the most famous and glorious of the whole world: from hence the Spirit of God illustrating, and enlightening his Prophets with a more ample illumination of his grace they did not only foretell of the future incarnation of our Lord and Saviour, but also many other things, as holy Scriptures do testifie, amongst whom were *Nathan* son of King *David*, *Gad*, *Asaph*, *Achias*, *Semeias*, *Asarias*, *Anan*, and many others.

Homer. *Gabriel* Angel of the Moon his second time of ruling, An. 4252.

Homer the Greek Poet, *Writer* of *Troys* Destruction, *Dares Phrygius*, *Dyctis Cretensis*, who were themselves at the rasing, and sacking thereof, and have likewise described it, are supposed to have been alive near about these times.

The thirteenth time in order, *Gabriel* the Spirit of the Moon, again undertook the ordering of this world the 30. day of *January* in the year from the beginning of the

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the Universe 4252. and he presided in his Government 354 years, 4 moneths, untill the year of the World 4606. and fourth moneth,

In this time many Prophets were famous and excelled amongst the Jews, viz. *Helias, Heliscus, Micheas, Abdias*, with many others: There were many alterations of the Kingdom of the Jews: *Lycurgus* gave Laws and Ordinances to the *Lacedemonians, Capetus Sylvius, Lyberius Sylvius, Romulus Sylvius, Procas Sylvius, Numitor*, Kings of *Italy* flourished, during the moderation of this spirit: more Kingdomes also had their Originall or foundation under him, as those of the *Lydians, Medes, Macedonians, Spartans*, and others: the Monarchy of *Assyrians* under *Sardanapalus* now ended. And in like manner the Kingdome of the *Macedonians* was consumed, or worn out.

Heliah.

Decay of
Assyrian
monarchy.

Sundry lawes are imposed on men, the worship of the true God is neglected, and the Religion of false Gods too much propagated: the City of *Rome* is built under the Dominion of this Spirit, in the year 1484. which yeare in order, was the 239 of the Angell *Gabriel*, the Kingdome of the *Sylvians* in *Italy* now ended, and that of *Rome* began: in these times, *Thales, Chilon, Peiander, Cleobulus, Bias*, and *Pitracus*, the seaven wise men of *Greece* flourished, and from thence Philosophers and Poets came into request. At *Rome*, *Romulus* the first founder of the City reigned 37. years being a Fratricide, and a stirrer up of Sedition. After whom *Numa Pompilius* continued that Kingdome in peace full 42 years: he amplified the worship of the Gods, and lived in the time of *Herzekiah* King of *Iudea*. About the expiration of this Angell of the Moon his government: *Nabuchodonosor* King of *Babylon*, took *Hierusalem*, and destroyed *Zedechiah* the King and carryed away all the people Captive.

City of
Rome.

Seven wise
men of
Greece.

*Nabuchodo-
nosor.*

Hieremiah the Prophet was now famous, who fore-told this destruction, as also their future delivery from *Babylon*.

When *Gabriel* had finished his course, againe *Michael* Angell of the Sun did assume the 14. government of the World, who began the first day of the moneth of *May*, in the year of the World 4606. the fourth moneth, and did rule the World according to his own order 354. years, untill the year of the Worlds Creation 4960. and eighth moneth.

*Michael the
Angel of
the sun his
second re-
turn, Anno
4606.*

In the time of this Angels moderation *Evill Merodach* King of *Babylon*, did restore both their Liberty and King to the people of the Jews, according to the direction of the Angell *Michael*, who as *Danie* wrote, stood for the Nation of the Jews, unto whom they were committed by God.

In these times likewise the Monarchy of the Kingdome of *Persians* began, whose first King *Darius*: and the second *Cyrus* did bring to nothing or utterly ruine, that most powerfull Kingdome of *Babylon* in the dayes of *Balthazar*, (as *Daniel* and the Prophets had predicted.)

*Persian mo-
narchy, de-
stroys the
Assyrian.*

In these times *Sybilla Cumana* was much spoken of, and grew famous; who brought 9 books to *Tarquinius Priscus* the King to be bought for a certain price; in which were contained the reason, order, and succession of future Aviselements of the whole common-wealth of the *Romans*. But when the King refused to give her the price demanded, *Sybilla* (the King locking on) burnt the three first books, demanding the same price for the other six; which when again he had denyed to give her she committed to be burnt three of those remaining, and would have done so by the rest; unless the King by perswasion and Councill of others, had not redeemed them from consuming, giving the same price for the three last, for which he might have had the whole nine.

Sybilla Cumana.

Moreover the *Romans* having abrogated Government by Kings constituted two Consuls to reign every year.

Phalaris

Phalaris the Tyrant in these times occupied *Sicilia*: *Magique* or natural Philosophy was also in these times highly esteemed amongst the Kings of *Persia*.

Pythagoras the Philosopher, and very many others flourished amongst the *Greeks*; the Temple and City of *Hierusalem* are a new reedified.

Esdrae. *Esdrae* the Prophet repaired the books of *Moses*, burned by the *Chaldeans*; who were also called *Babylonians*, and committed them to memory for example.

Socrates & Plato. *Xerxes* King of the *Persians* brought his Army against the *Greeks*; but had no success therein. The City of *Rome* is taken, burned, and destroyed, by the *Gauls*; the Capitoll only preserved by a Goose, stirring up the weary Champions. The *Athenians* had eminent wars in these times: *Socrates & Plato* Philosophers lived now.

Tribunes, Aediles. The Romans lessened the power of their Consuls, instituted *Tribunes & Aediles*, and were also about these times involved in many calamities: *Alexander* the great after the expiration of the rule of *Michael*, reigned in *Macedonia*, destroyed the Monarchy of the *Persians* in *Darius*: conquered all *Asia*, and annexed it with part of *Europe* to his own Empire.

He lived 33 years, reigned 12. after whose death infinite wars and many mischiefs followed, and his Monarchy became divided amongst four.

Now amongst the Jews, first of all, they began to contend for the Priesthood: the Kingdom of *Syria* began.

Orisiel, angel of Saturn, his 3. return, An. 4960. After the Spirit of *Michael* had finished his course, then the 15 time in order, *Orisiel* the Angell of *Saturn*, the third time assumed the regulating of this World, the last day of the moneth of *September*, in the year from the building of the Universe 4960. and eighth moneth: and he did rule in Chief 354 years, 4 monethes, untill the year of the World 5315. Under whose moderation the *Punic* war began betwixt the *Romans* and *Carthaginians*: the City of *Rome* was almost wholly consumed by fire and water. The Brazen Molten Image called *Colossus*, in length one hundred and twenty six foot fell down, being shaken by an earthquake. At, or near this time the City of *Rome* enjoyed peace one year after the *Punic* War: which Common-wealth had never been without War in 440 years before.

Hierusalem together with the Temple is burnt and destroyed by *Antiochus* and *Epiphanes*, the History of the *Machabees* and their Wars were now acted.

Carthage razed. In these times *Carthage* 606 years after its first foundation is destroyed, and burned continually by the space of 17 whole dayes. In *Sicilia* seaventy thousand Slaves made a Conspiracy against their Masters.

Many *Prediges* in these times were beheld in *Europe*; tame domesticall cattle fled to the Woods, it rained blood, a fiery Ball shined, appeared, and glistened out of heaven with great noyse and crackling. *Mithridates* King of *Pontus*, and *Armenia* held Wars with the *Romans* 40 years. The Kingdom of the Jews is restored, which had interruption 575 years from the time of *Zedelchia*, untill *Aristobulus*. The people also of *Germany* called the *Thutones*, invaded the *Romans*, and after many fights are overcome and one hundred and threescore thousand of them slain, besides innumerable others of them, who slew themselves and familiars under *Cajus* and *Manius* the Consuls notwithstanding this, many of the *Romans* were before this cut off by them: after which time, Civill Wars did much shake the *Romane* Common-wealth, which endured full 40 years. Three Suns appeared and were seen in *Rome*, but not long ere they were reduced into one.

Three Suns. A very few years succeeding, *Julius Cajus Caesar* usurped the government of the *Romans*, which *Octavius Augustus* after him amplified, and joyned *Asia* *Africa* and *Europe* into one Monarchy he reigned 36 years by whom, or whose means God gave peace to the whole World: In the year from the building of the City 751. and of *Caesar*

Cæsar Octavius Augustus 42. and in the 245 year and eighth moneth, the 25 of *December*, of the government of the aforesaid *Orisiel* the Angell of *Saturne*: Iesus Christ the Son of God is born in *Bethlem* of *Iudea*, of *Mary* the Virgin. Note, how faire and wonderfull the Ordination of Divine providence is; For the World at first was created under the rule of *Saturne* his Angell *Orisiel*: and mercifully redeemed; instaurated, and made new again under his third government; so that the great number and agreement of concurring Actions, may seem to administer no small beliefe to this manner of description; or setting forth, that this World is governed by the seaven Angels of the Planets: for in the first Gubernation of *Orisiel*, there was one only Monarchy of the whole World, under his second (as we mentioned before) it was divided amongst many.

Again, during his third, (as is manifest) it was reduced into one, although, if we consider or measure time aright, it is manifest also that in the second government of *Orisiel*, there was but one only Monarchy, when the Tower of *Babel* was built. From this time forward the Kingdome of the Jews was quite taken away, and the sacrifice of meat-offerings ceased, nor shall liberty be restored to the Jews before the third Revolution of the Angell *Michael*, and this shall be after the Nativity of Christ, in the year 1880. the eighth moneth, viz. In the year of the World 7170. and eighth moneth. Many of the Jews in those times, and of the Gentiles also, shall embrace Christian Religion, most plain and simple men preaching the word of God, whom no humane institution, but a divine spirit hath inspired. The World shall then be brought to its first innocency of its simplicity, the Angell of *Saturne Orisiel* governing the World every where.

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Cœlestiall things are mixed with earthly, many of the Christians for that faith which they did Preach, shall be slaughtered by the rulers of this World. About the ending of the Moderation of *Orisiel*, *Hierusalem* is destroyed by the *Romans*, and the *Jews* are dispersed into every Nation, there being massacred of them eleven hundred thousand, and four score thousand sold for slaves, the residue of them fled; and so the *Romans* wholly destroyed *Judea*.

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After that *Orisiel* had finished his government, *Anael* the Angell of *Venus*, the sixteenth in order, the third time reassumed his Regiment of the World: the last day of *January*, in the year of creating the Heaven & Earth 5315. but from the year of the birth of Christ 109. and he regulated the affaires of the World 354 years, 4 moneths, untill the years of the World 5669. 4 moneths, but of the Nativity of our Saviour Iesus Christ in the flesh 463. And its remarkable, that almost during the whole rule of this *Anael* the Angel of *Venus*, the Church of Christians did flourish in her persecutions, and prevailed; many thousands, of men being Butchered for the Faith of Christ. Moreover in these times very many Heresies began to be broached in the Church, which were not extinguished, but after some time, and with labour & the blood of good men.

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Many men were eminent about these times in all manner of learning, and such as were learned and Eloquent Divines, Astronomers, Physitians, Orators, Historiographers, and men of like quality, not only amongst the *Gentiles*, but *Christians*. At length the persecution of *Infidels* ceased, after that *Constantine Cæsar* the great, had assumed the Christian faith, in the year of the World 5539. after the middle of the Government of the aforesaid *Anael* the Angell of *Venus*. Although those professing the Religion and faith of Iesus Christ in some measure, were now and then disturbed and molested by the Ungodly; Yet notwithstanding the peace of the Church did remain free from molestation a long time.

From this time forward, Mankinde which from the time of *Ninus* the King, for almost

almost the space of two thousand and three hundred years, had most miserably gone astray about the worship of Idols, was now revoked mercifully to the knowledge of one only God.

Various Arts of Subtilty in these times were augmented, and had increase and reputation according to their conveniencie to the nature of *Venus*.

For the manners of men are changed with the time, and the inferiour bodies are disposed according to the influence of the superiors.

The mind of man (verily) is free, and receives not the influence of the Stars, unless it doth too much commaculate his affection, by inclining its self with the commerce which it hath with the body. For the Angels who are the movers of the Orbs, do neither destroy nor subvert any thing, which nature it self hath constituted or framed.

A Comet of unwonted and unusuall greatness did precede the death of *Constantine*.

The *Arrian* Heresie in many Countreys disturbed the holy Church.

Toward the end of this Angels Government, in the time of *Iulianus Caesar*, Crosses appeared in lines, and Crosses in the garments of men.

In *Asia* and *Palastina* wars followed, Pestilences and Famine in those places where the Crosses appeared.

In these times also about the year of our Lord 360. the *Franks* or *Franconians* in *Germany* had their Originall; who afterwards wasting *Gallia*, gave the name unto it of *France*, having first overcome and conquered the people thereof. The description of *Francia* in greatness is long and wide, or of great circuit, whose *Metropolis* *Moguntia* sometimes was; now truly and only *Herbipolis*.

The *Bavarians*, *Suevians*, the people of *Rhine*, *Saxons*, *Thuringers*, this day do occupie a great part of *France* in *Germany*, under jurisdiction of the *Papacy* in some places. Moreover in the 280 year of the Gubernation of this Angell *Anael*, the *Roman Empire* began to decline, whilst the City was taken and burned by the *Goths* the *Imperial* seat being first translated into *Greece* under *Constantine*, which was very mischievously done, and the only cause of the declining of that whole Monarchy: for neer the determination of this Angell *Anael* his Regiment, there did arise *Radigisus*, *Alaricus*, *Atholfus*. Kings of the *Goths*: Also after this *Genferick* of the *Vandals* and *Attilas* of the *Hunns* who runing all over *Europe*, did most miserably teare the Empire in sunder, as is evident in these Histories.

When *Anael* the Angell of *Venus* had finished his Regiment, then *Zachariel* the Spirit of *Jupiter* did reassume the Universall Government of this World the seaventh time, the first day of *June*, in the year of the World 5669. the fourth moneth, but in the year of our Lord and Saviour *Jesus Christ* 463. four moneths; and governed in his turne 354 years and four moneths. untill the year of the World 6023. and eighth moneth: but of our Lord God 817.

Many men in these times out of their affection to Christian Philosophy, betook themselves to live in the Wilderness: many Prodigies appeared, Comets, Earthquakes, it rained blood.

Merlin born in *Tumbe*, predicted wonderfull things in the beginning or entrance of this Angels Government.

Arthurus who commonly is called *Arthur*, the most glorious King of great Britain, who overcame the *Barbarians*, restored peace to the Church, went away conquerour in many battels: propagated the Faith of *Christ*, subdued to his dominion all *Gallia*, *Norway*, *Denmark*, and many other Provinces. He was the most glorious of all Kings that lived in his time, who after many famous actions performed

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years, of whom in times past many praise-worthy songs were published by the Bardes of that people of wonderfull Poetrie; for whilest he raigned, *England* was in its most flourishing condition, unto whom thirteen kingdoms were subiect.

In or near these times the severall Orders of *Monks* began to multiply in the Church of God: *Theodoric* King of *Gothes* being an *Arrian* did possess all *Italy*, *Flue Boerius* their Confull. Monks.

All manner of Estates were full of preturbation, as well the Empire as Church affairs, or Church and Common-wealth were now in great distress.

Zenon and *Anastafius*, *Arrian* Emperours in the East, *Theodoric* and his successors in *Italy*, *Honorius* King of the *Vandalls* in *Affrica* did exercise no small Tyranny.

Clodoveus King of *France* at length in *Gallia* being turned Christian, both overcame the *Gothes*, and restored peace in many places, though not in every Country and Kingdom.

In the time of *St. Benediſt*, and year of Christ 500. or thereabouts, in the beginning of the government of this Angel *Zachariel* the Spirit of *Iupiter*, whose spirits property it is, to change Empires and Kingdoms, which was done in this Revolution, histories do manifoldly declare; and what himself could not perform, he ordained *Raphael* the Angel of *Mercury*, his successor, to perfect in *Charles* King of *French-men*.

Many Kingdoms came to their periods under these 350. years both of the *Gothes*, *Vandalls*, *Burgundians*, *Lumbards*, *Thuringers*, *Almaius*, *Bavarians*, and very many besides. In Carolo
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Iustinianus the Emperour first of all about these times beautified the Common-wealth very deservedly with his Laws.

Many gallant and most admirable men flourished under *Zachariel*

Iustinianus built the Temple of *St. Sophia* in *Constantinople* consisting of 400. Towers. The Empire is divided and made Bi-partite, and ever and anon is more and more oppressed with mischiefs.

Many signs in heaven appeared about these times, as is easily collected from Histories.

Cosdroes king of the *Perſians* took *Hierusalem*, whom *Heraclius* the Emperour afterward ſue.

Mahomet the *Arabian* in these times about the year of Christ 600. introduced the Sect of *Sarazens*, by which Sect the Roman Empire in *Asia* is now quite extinguished. Mahomet.

Dagobert King of *France* ſue the *English*, at that time called *Saxons* (whom in battell he overcame) Its remarkable, that by little and little Christianity about these times began to fail in *Asia* and *Affrick*, upon entrance of the Sect of the *Araſians* therein, which now had almost poysoned the whole world. Dagobert.

About the years of our Lord God 774. Crosses appeared in the garments of men, and not long after the Roman Empire is divided, a translation of the Monarchy being made to *Charles* who was of the *Frankes* Nation in *Germany*, who preserved the Empire and Church from perishing, and fought many famous battels.

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In the 18. place after finishing the rule of *Zachariel*, the Angel of *Iupiter*, *Raphael* the spirit of *Mercury* undertook the disposing of this worlds affairs, the third time, the second day of *Novembe*, in the year of the Creation of the World, 6023. Anno, 6523

until the years of the world 6378. and of our Lord God 1171.

In the first beginning of this revolution of *Raphael* the Angel of *Mercury*, the Monarchy of the Roman Empire (as we mentioned before) was translated to *Charles* the great.

After *Charles* his son *Lodowick* ruled 25. years, who being dead, his sons contending amongst themselves, did again extenuate the strength of the Empire.

The Normans harrowed *France*: *Rome* is twice scourged by the *Saracens*: under *Lodowick* the second it rained blood from Heaven in *Italy*, by the space of three whole dayes.

In *Saxony*, a certain village with all its buildings, and inhabitants was in a moment swept away by an horrible gaping or opening of the earth.

About the year of our Lord God 910. there were many great motions in *Italy*, and *Italy* fell from the Empire of the Franks or Franconians, and ordained proper kings for themselves of their own election; the first whereof was *Berengarius* the Duke of *Fonolivium*, after whom seven in order succeeded, near upon fifty years, untill the translation of the Empire unto the *Germans*: The first Emperour that was thereof was *Otho*, from which time the Empire began to be reformed; unto whom *Otho* his son, and his Nephew *Otho* after succeeded in the Empire: under whose Government the Hungarians are converted to the Christian Faith. But the third *Otho* dying without children, instituted after his death Electors of the Empire in the year of Christianity 1002. even as they remain to this present day.

Ierusa'em is again taken by the *Saracens*: many strange sights are seen in the air, in the Heavens, in the Earth and sea, and in waters: But *Otho* the third being dead, *Henry* the first by election of the Princes succeeded, rained 20. years, who founded the Church of *Bamburg*, and dying a Virgin, together with his wife *Kunigunda* he shone gloriously in miracles; after whom *Conrade*, first Duke of the Francks is chosen, and ruled 20. years.

Godfrey Earl of *Bullen* also recovered the holy Land, and City of *Ierusalem* from the hands of the Infidels.

Before the end of this Revolution many signs and Prodigies were seen, and a little time after the Nation of the *Tartars* exceeded the bounds of their own Country, and did many mischiefs to the Empire of *Rome*.

There was Famine, Pestilence, Earthquakes in the Empire: Three suns were seen in the East, and as many Moons. In the year of our Lord God 1153. *Frederick* first called *Barbarossa* began to reign, and ruled 33. years, the beginning of whose Government was in the 336. year of *Raphael*: He did many noble exploits, and enlarged the strength of that Empire, performed sundry wars with great success, in whose ninth year the *Egians* and *Lituotrians* were converted to the Faith of Christ.

Samael the Angel of *Mars* in order, the nineteenth time came to accept of the Gubernation of the universall world, it being now his third returne, and this he did the third day of *March*, Anno Mundi, 6378. and he regulated *mundane* affaires 354. years four moneths, untill the years of the World 6732. fourth moneth; and of our Lord God 1525. under whose predominancy many wars were all over the whole world, by which means infinite thousands of men perished, and sundry Kingdoms lost their former bounds: betwixt *Frederick* the first Emperour and the Romane Nobility, many controversies arose, sundry great battels were fought, and many thousands of *Romans* perished.

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rusalem is again taken by the *Saracens*, the Empire of the *Tartarians* the greatest in the whole World about these times took its beginning, occasioned a very great plague in the World, nor yet do they cease.

After *Frederick*, *Henric* his Son is elected Emperour. Who being dead, Schism confounds that Empire; under *Philip* and *Otho* many battels followed in the confines of *Germany*, *Argentinc*, *Cullen*, *Liege*, *Wormes*, *Spire*, and all over the Kingdom. The sect of begging or Mendicant Friars began in these times, in the 40 year, or thereabouts of *Samael*: from whence it is most apparent, that all things are done by providence. The *Saracens* fought many battels against the Christians in *Asia* and *Africk*. *Constantinople* is taken by the *Germans*: *Baldwin* Earl of *Flanders* is instituted Emperour. In *Almain* more then twenty thousand young men are drowned in the Sea by *Pyrats*, who seduced by a vain spirit, did give forth they would recover the holy land.

From *Spain* many shepherds or keepers of cattle united themselves together, coming to *Paris* dispoiled the clergy of their livelyhoods, the common people taking part with them, or being well pleased with it.

But when they extended their hands to take away the goods of the Layity, they were quite cut off and destroyed.

In the year of Christ 1212. *Frederick* the second is elected, he reigned 33. years, Eclips and did many acts against the Church. In the year 1238. an Eclipse and a continual Earthquake undid many thousands of men. Earthquake

Frisia also by continuall incursions of the sea, was almost wholly drowned, and there did perish more then one hundred thousand of men and women.

The *Tartars* waste *Hungaria* and *Polonia*, *Armenia* the greater being first subdued, and many regions besides. Irruption of Tartars.

In the year of Christ 1244. a certain Jew digging in the ground at *Toledo* in *Spain*, found a book, in which it was written, In the third World Christ shall be born of the Virgin *Mary*, and shall suffer for the salvation of man, not long after the third World believing, shall be baptized. A book found by Jew.

It was the third Revolution of the Angell of *Saturn*, concerning which, what is spoken is intended: in the beginning of whose reign, Christ was born of a Virgin.

The Popes of *Rome* deposing *Frederick*, it is said the Empire was vacant 28. years, untill the Election of *Rodolph* Count of *Habsburg*, constituting Kings by turns in the Intervals or vacancy. First *Henry* Count of *Schwartzburg* at *Thuring* by election of the Princes; then *William* Earle of *Holland*, *Conrade* the Son of *Frederick*. *Alfonfus* King of *Castile*, *Richard* Earle of *Cornwall* brother to the King of *England*, many evils were multiplied upon the face of the Earth.

At or neer this time about the year of our Lord God 1260. the Confederacy of the *Switzers* began, a small people in number, but have increased with the time, who have slain many of their Nobility, and being a Warlike people have banished and frighted away many others of their Nobles from their proper habitations, whose Common wealth is now known to all the people of *Germany*. *Switzers*.

In the year of Christians 1273. *Rudolphus* of *Habsburg* is constituted Emperour by Election of the Princes: he raigned 18 years, the best of men, prudent in all manner of affaires, from whom afterwards descended all the Dukes of *Austria*. The *Tartarians* invading the Lands of Christians, *Constantinople* and *Greece*, brought infinite damage to the Christians.

The *Saracens* do occupie many Cities in *Asia*, kill and destroy more then four hundred

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King, he governed six years, whom *Albert* the son of *Rudolph*, afterwards overcame and slew in fight near *Wormes* and was chosen Imperour in the yeare of Christ 1298. he governed ten years and was slain by his brothers son. The Order of the Knights Templars by command of Pope *Clement* the fifth is destroyed, the Isle of *Rhodes* is recovered by Christians out of the hands of the *Sarazens*, after the War and siege thereof had continued four whole years. *Albertus* being slain by his Nephew; *Henry* is constituted the eighth Emperour, being Count of *Luxenburg*, who reigned 5 years; he being dead *Lodowick* the fourth of *Bavaria* reigned 32 years, beginning in the year 1315. unto whom the Popes of *Rome* gave a Crown.

Frederick Duke of *Austria* opposeth himself against *Lodowick*, but is overcome by him.

After *Lodowick*, *Charles* the fourth King of *Bohemia* is constituted Emperour; who converted the Bishopricks of *Prague* into an Archbishoprick; he reigned 31 years: there were most fearfull Earthquakes. This *Charles* did institute many things in favour of the Princes Electors, concerning their Customes and Tallayes, which were not in use formerly. *Gunther* Count of *Schwartzenburg* styling himself King, opposed *Charles* the Emperour, but prevailed nought at all against him.

After *Charles*, his Son *Winceslaus* governed 22 years: after whom *Jodocus* Marques of *Moravia* succeeded, *Sigismund* Cozen German of *Winceslaus*.

Winceslaus was disposed, *Leopald* Duke of *Austria*, 8 Earls, and more then 4000 souldiers fighting against the *Switzers*, were all by them slain.

During the government of *Winceslaus* King of *Bohemia* Emperour: the Tenets of *John Huss* had their beginning. *Winceslaus* being deposed, *Kupert* Count *Palatine* of *Rhine*, and Duke of *Bavaria* was elected, and ruled 10. years. In the year of our Lord God 1369. the Christians did ingage themselves in a war against the *Sarazens*, which succeeded ill by reason of the *French* mens Arrogancy: because more then one hundred thousand of our men did dye in that war; besides such as were made Captives, amongst whom was *Iohn* Duke of *Burgundy*, many were the wars of those times.

In the year of the World 1407 *Sigismund* is made Emperour, and governed 27 years: he indeavoured to wast and destroy the Kingdome of *Bohemia* thereby to extinguish Heresie, but it little availed him. The Kingdome of *France* is most grievously wasted and consumed by the *English* and *Burgundians*. *Sigismund* being departed this life, *Albert* Duke of *Austria*, *Sigismunds* son in Law, succeeded in the year of Christians 1438. and only raigned two years, an admirable man and worthy of the Empire. He being deceased, *Frederick* the third Duke of *Austria*, the Son of *Ernestus*, by election of the Princes, is chosen Imperour: and reigned 56 years, a man of a Divine soul and peaceable conversation, who began to rule Anno Dom. 1440.

In the year of Christians 1453. *Constantinople* is taken of the *Turks* by treachery of a certain *Genoway*, and a little after by degrees all *Greece* fell from their Christian faith. For a litle time after many Kingdoms and Provinces of the Christians were harrowed, wasted, and taken by the *Turks*. Many and most grievous wars the Christians had amongst themselves about this time: in *France*, *England*, *Saxony*, *Westphalia*, *Prusia*, *Flanders*, *Sweden*, and other places. In these times the Art of Printing was newly found out, and invented at *Mogunce* the Metropolis of *Almain*, by a wonderfull industry, and not without the speciall gift of the Deity.

In the year of Christ 1456. the *Turks* were overthrown in *Hungaria* by the faithfull Christians, whereof many of them perished. The Pilgrimage of young men to *Saint Michael* was wonderfull. There were Earthquakes in the Kingdome of *Naples*,

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In the year of the World 1462 *Moguntia* is taken and spoiled being the Metropolis of the *Franconians* or *Francks* in *Germany*.

Charles Duke of Burgundy overcame the *Franconians* in Anno 1465. after that in 1467 he destroyed the cities *Dinant & Liege*, An. 1473. he entered *Gelderland*, and with much valour obtained it, & in like manner all the whole Dukedome of *Lorraine*. Duke of Burgundy VVar.

A Comet during all the moneth of *January* 1472 appeared. *Charles Duke of Burgundy* not long besieged the Towne of *Nussicum* one whole years space, viz. in or about 1474. which Magnanimous Prince was afterwards slain in war 1467. The *Turks* took away from the Christians about these times, many of their cities, *Nigropont* in *Eubœia*, the Kingdome of *Bosnia*, Dukedome of *Spera*, *Achaia*, *Mysia*, and more Kingdomes besides these in the *East*.

Anno 1476 a convocation of fools was in *Franconia* of *Germany* near *Niclaushausen*, full of errors.

Anno 1480 the *Turks* besieged the *Rhodians* with a powerfull Armie but prevailed not; departing the same year from *Rhodes*, they took the city *Hydruntum*, more then twelve thousand Christians being slain there, only 22 souldiers escaping. The next year *Mahomet* Emperour of the *Turks* died; to whom *Bajazet* his first born succeeded in the Kingdome, having reigned now at this present 27 years. In the yeare of Christ 1486. *Maximilian* the Son of *Frederick* was instituted King of *Romans* at *Franckford*, and saluted *Cesar* by *Iulius* the Pope 1508. who instituted the Order of warfare of *Saint George* purposely against *Hereticks* and *Turks*: he brought the *Switzers* low by war, and even to this day makes war against the *Rebellious Sicambrians*; he will be fortunate against all such as break their Leagues or Covenants with him. maximilian Emperour

The King of *France* after his wonted manner, a constant persecutor of the Empire, is discovered to plot new devices against it. The Omnipotent protects those assigned to the Government of *samael*: Anno 1508. the *Venetians* Rebels to the Empire of *Cesar*, are threatned with War and Banishment. Punishment of stubbornness will be the reward of an advised satisfaction. About the end of this third Revolution of *Samael*, the Image of alteration shall pass to the first and shall be the Perdition of many men for unless *V* be reduced again, (God assisting) (*al algo*) there will be translation of one Monarchy, or of some great Kingdome. Enigma.

A strong sect of Religion shall arise, and be the overthrow of the Ancient Religion.

It's to be feared, least the fourth beast lose one head.

Mars first of all in the Government of *samael* foretold the Flood, in his second returne, the siege and destruction of *Troy*: in his third toward the end thereof will be found great want of *Vnity*: from matters preceding may be Judged what will or ought to succeed. This third Revolution of *Mars* shall not be consummated without Prophecie, and the institution of some new Religion, from this year of our Lord 1508. here yet remains untill the end of the Government of *samael* 17. years, wherein signes and figures shall be given, fore-shewing the beginnings of evill. For in Anno 1525. Crosses were seen in the garments of men by the space of ten years before, what is past already shall shew their effects: but 13 years from hence being justly summoned away, thou shalt surrender thy place to the (*non Intelligent*) thou shalt revive again far greater to me, after the *Fates* in the third; unless it be lawfull thou obscure thy self in a cloud.

The twentieth time in order, *Gabriel* Angell of the Moon received the moderation of the World, in the year of the World 6732. the fourth moneth, and fourth day Gabriel Angell of the moon his third return Anno 6732

day of June: in the year of Christ 1525. and he shall regulate the world 354. years, and four moneths, untill the year of the world 7086. eighth moneth, but of our Lord Christ 1879. and 11. moneth.

The future Series of this Revolution requires Prophecy.

Most sacred *Cæsar*, I have not wrote these things assertively, or that we must believe it by any means whatsoever with the injury of Orthodox Divinity.

There are some that in these things have supposed Lunar moneths, which if thou holdest fit to consent unto, then those things I have wrote must be varied.

I protest with my own proper hand, and confess with my own mouth, that in all these things delivered, I beleeve nothing, or admit of any thing, unless what the Catholick Church doth hold: the rest, I refute and contemn as vain, faigned and superstitious.

Finis Joh. Trit.

This Method observed by *Tritemius*, hath found some obstruction; for, why the Angels of the Planets should not in order succeed one another, hath much stumbled the understandings of some few in *Europe* versed in this manner of traditionall learning; I shall not now in this discourse deliver my further opinion hereof, leaving that to the discourse I have promised to publish of this Subject my self in a more copious manner, if God shall prolong my life.

In the mean time, I thought fit to acquaint thee, that some (versed in the more secret learning) do say, and with great reason affirm, that every Angel doth rule in order successively, and not 354. years, and odd moneths, but only 286. years, and nine moneths, and they affirm *Orifel* began in the first year of the world, on the 18. of *March*: by a continuall addition, of 286. years, and nine moneths, its easie for any to finde under whose Government we now are: For if *Gabriel*, whom they call the Angel of *Mercury*, not of the Moon, began the 11. of *July* 1466. then are we in 1647. in the 181. year of *Gabriels* Government, perhaps a sign we are afflicted with so many Novell opinions, &c.

Having this convenient opportunity of the Press, I thought it requisite to publish this ensuing Discourse, sent me from a Learned Gentleman out of the Country, and a Stranger, altogether unknown unto me: whose love unto me, if I should conceal, I might be reputed very uncivill.

Mr. Lilly defended against *George Wharton*.

It is an Adage of *Theognis*,

ἄκ-ός δυνάτωρ ἢ ἀδυνατότερον ἀνδρῶν,
Ζεὺς κρονίδης δυνάτωρ πάντων ἀδελῶν Ἰσχυράτων.

Which if true in great *Jove* himself, much less may we expect, that his Messengers, or those *Mercuries* of our times (that we may use the Dialect of the Stars) should in the *Hermetick* delivery

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of his Embassages to the world with all men, find a mutuall reception by the trygonall rayes of true affection: but that some carping Zoilus by the Cynicall inventions of his combust wits would with Envies Saturnine square, endeavour to afflict them: but that truth's more near conjunction, like Phcebus in his exaltation, hath wrought an utter prohibition of those malevolent beams, from working any impression upon wise mens understandings.

Such (that I may stoop to vulgar capacities) is the condition of this Malignant age, that we sure are fallen into the very dreggs of the times; when there is not only an endeavour that truth may be trampled down, but also Arts must be defamed; Artists scandalized, and men for speaking truth must be detracted:

As may appear by the scandalous exclamations of that Arts defamer George Naworth or VWharton, in his late Satyricall Libels put forth against those famous Ptolomies of this Nation Mr. Lilly and Mr. Booker: and all out of meer malice and madness, that they have by their hitherto-unparralleld skill, so wonderfully proved themselves more able and more approved Artists then he; that they for the truth of their predictions have born away the credit of the Art, when he for his fabulous delusions must become the Ludibrium of the Kingdome, and scorn of the Learned on either side.

But is he this very Asinigo, so simple as to imagine, that he shall now recover by his malice, the credit he long since lost by his ignorance. It doth but render him in the eye of the world, the more ridiculous, to see him put to so poor shifts, as to act a scolds part to help himself; when he hath had the worse by fighting, to get a good way of and chide, as if that would recruit his lost credit; whereof he was never much guilty.

What fault of Mr. Lilly or Mr. Booker was it, that his predictions failed? That he must needs inveigh against them with his scurrilous language, Æsops dog suffers not the Oxe to eat Hay. So Noworth just like a bleezing traveller, that by his buzardly clumsiness tumbles into a quick-sand, and there sticking, raileth and rageth against those that hit the right way by the same, better then he, calling them all to peices, because they were not as very buzzards as himself, to plunge into the same puddle for company.

Thus because Corporall VWharton hath overwhelmed himself in such gross errors in Judgement, therefore Mr. Lilly is a whelp, and Mr. Booker a barking mungrill, (as he is pleased to term them) this is wise Logick.

But let any Judge, whether such titles do not more properly belong

and unto himself, seeing he (though it be shame to use his so absurd terms, yet that he fastens them on himselfe; and 'tis fit (ut faber quas fecit compedes, ipse gestet) like a slow-footed mungrell hath run himself off his leggs to catch a prey, and missing thereof, is contented to sit upon his tayle and snatch at flies; a good imployment for Publican Wharton.

Who doth not behold how he having strayned himself out of breath and out of credit, to purchase fame from that famous Art, and having through his unskilfulness (the matter being above the spear of his capacity) quite mist of that honour he so eagerly pursued; is faine for spight that Mr. Lilly and Mr. Booker have born away from him the trophies of renown, to fall upon triviall and frivolous matters; as to tax them with mistakes in Arithmeticks, which were they true as he alleadgeth, were matters so inconsiderable, and of so small concernment, that they cannot in point of Judgement produce any sensible error, and therefore can obfuscate the effulgencie of their fame no more, then an Attome can eclipse the Sun.

What praise or applause can he purchase, for presuming so much upon his computations, being but the very Theorick principles of the Art, wherein very Tyros are not ignorant, much less experienced Artists? When in the Judiciary Praxis, wherein all the credit of the Art consisteth, he hath so utterly shamed himself. Let him shew me one true prediction of his, since he first wrote.

Shall not that Scrivener be rather exploded by all, then applauded by any, that vaunteth how he hath ruled his lines right, when all men see he hath written ne'r a true letter. Sure George VWharton is very simple to think there is any that will heed his vain boasts, unless is be to hiss at his folly, for advancing his own accurat scrupulosity, and vilifying Mr. Lillyes and Mr. Bookers labours; when the whole Kingdome to his perpetuall shame testifies against him, how wonderfully the successes of the English affaires have answered their predictions to their everlasting renowne; when his great vapours proved but mountains of smoak that are vanisht, and come to nothing.

Sure, brass-fac'd VWharton hath learned Vulcans craft from that great thief Cacus; who being driven into a straight by Hercules, is reported to disgorge out of his sulphurious stomach, great cloudes of smoak and fire, only to dazzle the eyes of the besiegers, for the better accomplishment of his evasion. But although Snarling VWhartons late smoakie vapours belched forth from the ranckour of a Malignant heart, have been only intended to delude the World, and to eclipse the splendor of the Art and Artists, only for his Errors escape of their deserved censures:

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Yet have We those experienced Atlantes, that would soon discover the deceit, but that it is needless, in regard his own erroneous pen hath to all men been the sufficient Index of his folly.

What credit gets an Archer to boast that he took his aime directly at the white, when indeed he hath mist the Butt? Or What an ass doth he make of himself to go up and down bragging how his Adversary layd not his levell so right at the marke as he; When all the standers by see and know, that his Adversarie hath wonn the game? Thus Cobler-Wharton plant-ed fairely his great Cannons of commination, and Thunderclaps of threats against the Parliament, and City of London, and against their forces, when they hit Oxford, York, Newcastle, Salop, &c. shot down their own garrisons, disperst their Junto, and destroyed their Armies. And he sure is a wise Gunner, that when his great Guns have mist, is fain to go learn to make squibs, and thinks by foysting them out to terrifie and destroy his enemies, (sed fulgura ex vitro quis reformidabit?) Oh brave Gregory Noworth.

But questionless he would never have insisted upon such needless scrupulosities, wherein he knows well enough (would his conscience but speak impartially) that neither of them are ignorant, but that he must needs play the Cynick, (though to his greater shame) in carping at any thing in others, in regard he hath been overwhelmed in such a Seres of gross errors himself. For who is so simple as to conceive that they* whose accomplisht judgements have effected the Arts so great advancement, should be ignorant in the principles thereof, or be now to learne either by common Arithmetical, Logarithmetical, or Sinicall computations, how to performe their calculations?

* See Mr. Lillyes propheticke Merline.

So that had there been in their schemes such slender defects, as he suggesteth, this were all the construction could be made thereof: that thereby it appeareth how Mr. Lilly & Mr. Booker have for their fame been taken up with so great acquaintance, and their companies so by Nobles and Gentlemen frequented, that it were no marvell, therefore no disparagement, if they having so little time to perfect their accompts, should incur some oversights therein, seeing they are forced so hastily, and with their studies so often interruption, to performe the same: so that it could not be imputed to any ignorance in them, but only hasty oversights, if they had committed such small mistakes: When on the contrary, it likewise hereby appears how this poor Renegado Wharton who for being too monarchicall, is now become monachall, is so far from having his studies interrupted, that he is for his erroneous and delusive writings by all deserted and derided; and therefore hath leasure sufficient to per-

use and revise his accounts; who had he for any great esteem, or request he had been in, had such continuall conflux to him, as Mr. Lilly and Mr. Booker have, of ingenious and noble Spirits, he had had as little leisure to insist upon such toys in Art as they have: the truth whereof may the more manifestly appear, in that while he was at Oxford, and while some small glimpse of hopes, which his friends had of his skill, did somewhat support his credit, he could not at all answer their writings by insisting on such scruples, till now that he is cashiered, and exiled from all society, and now he may take time enough to pick straws against those judicious Artists: so that to tax them with such trifles doth but add to their honour, and his own disgrace.

Yet will no man blame Mr. Lilly for suspecting his insufficiency in Art, when he corrected him of those errors by him committed in his calculations, in regard the same (although they could not disparage one, whose predictions, reall verifications have sufficiently declared him an able Artist) yet might well aggravate the suspicion of ignorance of the very principles of Art, in one whose unskilfull judgement was so far from being in any particular answered by, that it proved altogether contrary to all events succeeding.

But it seems plundering Wharton by his own confession being shrowded under the counterfeit name of Naworth, had like to have cheated the world with his forgeries undiscovered. I cannot blame him therefore indeed to be angry at Mr. Lilly for pulling off that vizard, and making him so unluckily known to his Countrey, seeing thereby he is like not onely to become a ludicrous contempt to all that know him, but also to remain upon record to all posterity, not VWharton anagrammatiz'd, but VWharton stigmatiz'd with the brand of Englands lying Prophet, and Astrologies defamer to his perpetuall shame, and infamy.

So that, seeing he had proved himself that Philosopher (Qui dum contemplatur cœlum, incidit in puteum) by confounding himself in such gross errors of judgement: he was worse then mad to go now again to stir up a new those puddles of disgrace, from whence nothing but a greater stinck of reproach, and obloquie will flie into his face.

And for the Art, what credit or esteem had Astrology been in by this time in England, had there been no better judgements, than Ignoramus VWhartons to relie upon for its advancement? And yet will he be so ill a friend to the Art he pretends to, that can neither advance the fame thereof himself, nor is willing it should retain that fame, it hath obtained from profounder judgements: What credit I marvell in any one

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particular hath either the Art by him, or he by the Art at any time received? yea, rather what discredit hath that rare and worthy Science sustained by means of his unworthy, and unskilfull pen: insomuch, as partly among weake, and partly among dis-affected judgements Astrology began to be vilified, and undervalued, and had by this time been utterly exploded and rejected by all, and all through his ignorance, had not the truth of Mr. Lillies and Mr. Bookers predictions to their no less commendations then admiration of all, dissipated those vapours of error, and maintained the Art in its resplendent lustre.

It is wondrous therefore by all, which read his late books, seeing he hath deluded the world so by his former ignorance and folly, with what face he can so impudently intrude himself upon the theater of the world to act another fools part in a new scene of ignorance and malice to move the people to laughter: and that he had not rather for very shame of himself, sequestered himself from humane society, or mew'd himself up in some Dungeon of solitariness, and pin'd himself to death for very grief and anguish, that he had so unluckily by his sycophantique fables betrayed his Sovereign, and the Royall party.

Whether was more the Kings friend, and deserved better of the Cavaliers; ignorant George VWharton for singing to them his Sirenian songs, and soothing them on with lies to their destruction, or Mr. Lilly for advising his Majesty to adhere to his Parliament, or telling them otherwise in plain terms (which accordingly fell out) what successes the Almighty by his Instruments the Stars had destinated, and intended against them.

Seeing therefore this blinde Asse VWharton like an unskilfull Musitian piped so long to this Kingdom, and could hit never a true note; it had been far more wisdom now, even to have put up his pipes and been silent, than to squeak out a new his disgraces to the world, which happily by this time might have been forgotten.

But any impartiall eye, that peruses his late pamphlets, must needs read every word therein, but as so many characters of his malice, seeing in the last pages of his Almanack, he can confess the Prutenick, and Rudolphine Tables, &c. very erroneous and defective, without any impeachment to the credit of the Authors thereof, which indeed they in no kinde deserved; but in Mr. Lillies, and Mr. Bookers computations, would needs fasten errors of ignorance on them which are not so: Why had he not reputed Copernicus, Alphonfus, Lansberg, those famous computations, to whom all Astrologers are so much beholden? Why had he not reputed them ignorant in the principles of Art, seeing there

are such errors, and mistakes in their Tables, but that the aim of his
envie is only at Mr. Lillies, and Mr. Bookers fame and skill: he would
seem to plead excuse for his own absurdities in point of Judgement from
the deficiencies of those Tables, and to palliate his own defects, for want
of judgement, by complaining: How can we finde out (they are his own
words) the true time and nature of the influence of the Heavens, and
Coelestiall Orbs, when as yet no man ever attained to the exact know-
ledge of their motion, scite, and aspects? but Master Lilly, and Ma-
ster Booker, if they commit any mistakes must be inexcusable. Behold
the Map of malice, and partialitie! but we may discover his malici-
ous rancour also, if we look but upon Regiomontanus himself, whom
all men so highly, and indeed most deservedly commend, seeing we shall
finde him not regarding such strictness, or preciseness in his Tables,
which are the very platform of Astrologers calculations, as to compleat
the same with such exactness (although he performs as much as is requi-
site) but that we may finde some difference therein, in his severall
wayes of working his computations: for if we would gather the Oblique
Asc. of the 4. gr. \cap sine lat: for the lat. 53. gr. by the 10. Problem we
shall finde it 31. gr. 23. min. but if we do the same by the 7. Probl. we
shall have it 31. gr. and but 22. min. Which is 60. sec. or one minutes
difference in the fundamentals: now must we therefore account Regio-
mont a Novice in Art, to whom we hardly finde his equall?

Yet there's one pretty piece of policy observable in Dull-man VVharton,
which is this: Forasmuch, as Mr. Lilly hath forbore to make
every one as skilfull as himself, in that he hath concealed his reasons in
Art for some of his judgements in his Ephemeris delivered: now igno-
ramus George VVharton knows not how to screw out the same, and to
learn his skill (it being not (as he confesseth) within the Perimeter of
his apprehension) but by possessing the world that he hath no ground in
Art for what he saith, as if Mr. Lilly must upon necessity in every par-
ticular make him as wise as himself, least if he conceal any thing, which
he knows not, he presently tells him, he speaketh without authority. But
were not this Buzzard VVharton too ungratefull and discourteous, he
would not offer to extort instruction in Art from him, by reproaching
him, if he will not teach him all his skill, to whom he and the Kingdom
are obliged for his learned and judicious labours in that Art.