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TO THE EDITOR OF THE YOUTH'S INSTRUCTOR.

On the Origin of Knowledge.

THERE is little actual knowledge in the earth, but what owes its origin one way or other to revelation. Clemens Alexandrinus, Justin Martyr, Augustine, and most of the christian fathers, believed the heathens derived their proper sentiments from the oracles of God; and Celsus, the heathen philosopher, acknowledges the similarity of Plato to Moses and the Prophets. Nothing is more plain than that the nations which have had no access to revelation, are almost similar to brutes in ignorance and barbarity. Let the south of Africa, the east of Tartary, and various parts of (this hemisphere) America, bear witness. It is easy to trace their access to revelation wherever any sensible philosophy, especially respecting morals and worship, was found, and may the obscure writer of this, expect that no apology is necessary for him to make to the Youth's Instructor for quoting some plain reasons for this. "Might not a deal of traditional knowledge be derived from Noah? Who knows how little real wisdom the Egyptians might have, except what they owed to Joseph, Moses, Solomon