

by Moses, both men and animals were saved, is completely overturned. But the universal traditions of all nations, contradict this, while the earth, every where, shows signs of the operations of the waters, in agreement with this universal tradition. If such a flood never took place, which rushed over the earth with extraordinary violence, how, it may be inquired, are there found in Siberia, in north latitude 60 and 70 deg., great masses of the bones of the elephant and rhinoceros—animals of the hot regions of the equator. From this it is evident that the flood which wafted the bodies of those animals, rolled exactly over all China and the Hindoo regions, and the Theba above mentioned. In all parts of the earth, even on the highest regions and mountains, are found oceanic remains. Whales have been found in the mountains of Greenland, and also in other parts, as in America, far from the ocean.

Chinese history, it is true, gives an account of many floods, which have ruined whole tracts of that country, as many as sixty-five, one of which, in the year 185 before Christ, it is said, formed that body of water called the Yellow Sea, situated between Corea and China.

But were the history of American floods written, occasioned by similar causes; such as rivers rupturing their mountain barriers; the shocks of earthquakes, since the time of Noah's flood; who could say there would not be as many. We shall have occasion to speak of this subject before we close this volume.

It is said that the history of China gives an account of the state of mankind before the flood of Yuti, or Noah, and represents them as having been happy, ruled by benevolent monarchs, who took nothing and gave much; the world submitted to their virtues and good laws; they wore no crowns, but long hair; never made war, and put no one to death. But this is also contrary to the account of Moses; who says the earth before the flood was corrupt before God, and was filled with violence. But they carry their description of the happiness of men so high, as to represent perfect harmony as having existed between men and animals; when men lived on roots and the fruits of the earth; that they did not follow hunting; property was common, and universal concord prevailed. From this high wrought account of the pristine happiness of men, we are at once referred to the original state of Adam in Paradise, and to his patriarchal government after his fall; and it is likely also