

the events which must have transpired in those regions, we, undoubtedly, should have had notices of contests, wars, battles, and massacres, such as have no parallel in any written account. We have perhaps lost many a relation of more thrilling interest than those described in the *Illiad*, or *Enead*; many a history more chivalrous than the Assyrian, Egyptian, Grecian, or Roman. But those events are, and no doubt must be, buried in oblivion, until the great day of God brings to light the hidden things of darkness.

However, the researches of antiquarians have brought to light various facts, from which inferences have been fairly deduced, indicating the existence and character of a people, who once, it appears, were as widely spread over this continent as are the present race of inhabitants. That race are distinguished by the name of *Tultecans*, and have been identified with the Cyclopean race. They are supposed to have been of the same race who wandered from Egypt into ancient Greece. By some learned writers, the whole of this people, sometimes denominated the wandering masons, are supposed to be Anakims, Horites or Hivites, and various other nations inhabiting Canaan and adjacent countries, expelled from their homes first by the descendants of Esau, and afterwards by Joshua. The shepherds of Egypt were another branch of them, who, on being expelled Egypt, wandered into Greece, and other parts of the world.

The Tultecans are said to have been much more cultivated and refined than ever the Indians have been. In many parts of the new world, monuments and vestiges of that people are discovered, much resembling the ancient Egyptians. They are as stupendous, tasteful, and wonderful as those of Egypt. Pyramids not inferior to the Egyptian exist in many parts of the Mexican territories and of New Spain. Ruins of towns, with temples, palaces and baths, of boldness in design and skill in execution, have been discovered; sculptured idols, planispheres and zodiacs, of great perfection, showing their skill in astronomy and chronology to have been great; vases, agreeing both in