

out-worne rites, or present Irreligious Religions; not washed with the purer streames of sacred Baptisme. EUROPE challengeth a roome in this kind by her selfe: nor would Christian Historie vouchsafe these Strangers her holy companie, and therefore hath enioyned me a second Pilgrimage, and Perambulation ouer the World, to trace her footsteps, and obserue euery where her Planters, Corrupters, and Reformers.

Great is this burthen of a twofold World, and requires both an Atlas and an Hercules too, to vndergoe it. The newnesse also makes it more difficult, being an enterprise neuer yet (to my knowledge) by any, in any language, attempted; conioyning thus Antiquitie and Moderne history, in the obseruations of all the rarities of the World, and especially of that soule of the world, RELIGION. Yet haue I aduentured, and (I speake it not to boast, but to excuse my selfe, in so haughtie designs) this my first Voyage of Discouerie, besides mine owne poore stocke laide thereon, hath made mee indebted to seuen hundred Authors, of one or other kind, in I know not how many hundreds of their Treatises, Epistles, Relations and Histories, of diuers subiects and Languages, borrowed by my selfe; besides what (for want of the Authors themselves) I haue taken vpon trust, of other mens goods in their hands. Wherein had I enioyed that Academicke leisure,

Εἰ ἐν οὐκίῳις ἀφύπνου ἀνδρῶν δαεῖ.

Or the benefits of greater Libraries, or conference with men more skilful: my Braine might haue yeelded a fairer issue, a more compleate and better-armed Minerua. But besides the want of these, the daily cares of my Family,