

nician, and his mother Calliope, a Jewish minstrel, was carried northward by the conquering Shishak, king of Egypt? What know I, but the Colchians on the east of the Luxine Sea, with whom the Greeks had the earliest intercourse, and who used circumcision, and had a language not a little similar to the Hebrew, were a colony of Jews and Egyptians left there by Shishak, as he hasted home to check his rebellious brother? Who has not heard of the early intercourse between Egypt and Greece? Who knows not that the Phenicians, who in a manner lived among the Hebrews, or at their side, by their extensive sea-trade and numerous Colonies, might propagate hints borrowed from revelation, far and wide, even to the Celtæ of Britain? Who may not observe in the Etruscan *lucumonies* of Italy, not a little resemblance to the early order of the Hebrew tribes? Were not Pherecydes the Syrian, and Thales the Milesian, the most ancient Philosophers of the Greeks? and were they not born, especially the first, at no great distance from Israel? Did not Pythagoras, Solon, Plato and other renowned philosophers, travel into Egypt and Chaldea to collect wisdom? and could they do so, without visiting the Jewish valley of vision, which lay in their way from the one to the other? did not the Romans derive their learning from the Greeks? and had they not plenty of access to revelation or the oracles of God in the Grecian language? Since it is so extremely plain that almost every thing sensible in the Pagan learning derives its original from revelation, how superlatively base and unmanly must it be for our modern infidels, to boast of their own or the Heathen science, in opposition to the Gospel of Christ?

Let us have a sensible system of natural religion