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("To thee I have transferred all judgements") For the judge to no man, but he hath committed all judgment unto the son" John 5th chap: 22 v. ("Mercy, colleague with justice") according to the Psalmist 85th Psalm 10th v. "Mercy and truth are met together, righteousness and peace have kissed each other". ("And destined Man himself to judge man fallen") "And hath given him authority to execute judgments also, because he is the son of man" 3th chap: John. 27th verse. ("Conviction to the serpent belongs") No proof is needful against the serpent, compelled by Satan to be the ignorant

instrument of his malice against
mankind, now mute and unable
to answer for himself. ("now was
the sun in western cadence low, from
noon, and gentle air") 3^d. chap: Gen
3^d. v. "And they heard the voice
of the Lord God walking in the
garden in the cool of the day;
and Adam and his wife hid them-
selves from the presence of the
Lord God amongst the trees of the
garden" ("to Adam called aloud,
where art thou Adam") 3^d. chap:
9th v. "And the Lord God called
unto Adam, and said unto him,
where art thou"? ("I heard thee in
the garden, and of thy voice, afraid,

being naked, hid myself") 3^d. chap:
10th v. "And he said I heard thy
voice in the garden, and I was a-
fraid, because I was naked, and
I hid myself" ("that thou art
naked, who hath told thee? hast
thou eaten of the tree, whereof
I gave thee charge thou shouldst
not eat?") 3^d. chap: Gen: 11.th v.
And he said, who told thee that
thou wast naked? hast thou
eaten of the tree, whereof I com-
manded thee that thou shouldst
not eat?" ("This woman, whom
thou mad'st to be my help, and
gav'st me as thy perfect gift—
she gave me of the tree, and I
did eat") 3^d. chap Gen: 12th v.

"And the man said, The woman, whom thou gavest to be with me, she gave me of the tree, and I did eat" ("Say woman, what is this that thou hast done") 3^d. chap: 13th v. "And the Lord God said unto the woman what is this that thou hast done" ("The serpent me beguiled and I did eat") "And the woman said the serpent beguiled me and I did eat" ("Because thou hast done this") As near as may be to the very words of scripture 3^d. chap: Gene: 14. 15th v. ("saw Satan fall like lightning down from Heaven") Here are several allusions to scripture; 10th chap: Luke 10th v. "I beheld Satan as lightning

fall from Heaven ("Prince of the air") Ephesians 2^d. chap. 2^d. v. "the prince of the power of the air" ("Spoiled Principalities and Powers, triumphed in open show") Colossians 2^d chap. 15. v. "And having spoiled Principalities and Powers, he made a show of them openly, triumphing over them in it." ("And with ascension bright captivity led captive") Ephesians 4th chap 8th v. "Thou hast ascended on high, thou hast led captivity captive." ("Whom he shall tread at last under our feet") 16th chap Rom: 20th v. "And the God of peace shall bruise Satan under your feet" ("And to the woman thus his sentence turned") 3^d. chap

Gene: 16th v. "Unto the woman he
said, I will greatly multiply
thy sorrow and thy conception; in
sorrow thou shalt bring forth chil-
dren; and thy desire shall be to
thy husband; and he shall rule
over thee". ("On Adam's last thus
judgment he pronounced") 3^d. chap:

Gene: 17. 18. 19. v. ("he clad their
nakedness with skins of beasts")
3^d. chap: Gene: 21 v. "Unto Adam
also, and to his wife did the Lord
God make coats of skins, and
clothed them." ("with his robe of
righteousness") 61st chap: Isaiah
10th v. "He hath clothed me with
the garments of salvation; he
hath covered me with a robe of

righteousness" ("as when a flock of
savage fowl") It is said that vultures
will fly three days before
land to places where there are
carcasses. ("His nostril wide into
the murky air") Murky air, black
tainted air. ("Sagacious") quick of
scent. ("as when two polar winds")
Sin and death flying into different parts
of Chaos, and driving all the matter
they meet with there in shoals tow-
ards the mouth of Hek, are compared
to "two polar winds" north & south,
("blowing adverse upon the Cronian
Sea") the northern frozen sea; and
("driving together mountains of ice;
that stop th' imagined way") the
north-east gale as it is called,

("beyond Pettora eastward") the
north north eastern province of Mus-
covy, ("to the rich Cathayan coast")
Cathay, a country of Asia, and the
northern part of China. ("As Delos
floating once") An island in the Ae-
chinelago, said to have floated about
in the sea, ~~tho~~ it became the birth
place of Apollo. ("from hence a passage
broad, smooth, easy, inoffensive down
to Hek") 7th chap: Matthew 23. "wide
is the gate, and broad is the way, that
leadeth to destruction": ("So Xerxes")
As Sin and Death built a bridge
over Chaos to subdue and enslave
mankind: ("so if great things to
smash may be compared") ("Xerxes")
The Persian Monarch, to bring

the free States of Greece under his
yoke, ("came from Susa") the chief city
of Susiana, a province of Persia,
the residence of the Persian monarch,
called Memnonia, by Herodotus, from
Memnon who built it, and reigned
there; ("and over Hellespont bridging
his way") and building a bridge over
Hellespont, the narrow sea by Con-
stantinople, that divides Europe
from Asia, to march his large ar-
my over it, ("Europe with Asia
joined, and scorched with many a
stroke th' indignant waves;") abounding
particularly to the madness of Xerxes
in ordering the sea to be whipped for
the loss of some of his ships; ("indig-
nant waves") scolding and raging

to be so confined. ("Pontifical") By
the strange art of raising bridges.
This is a bad expression to signify
the art of building bridges. ("Betwixt
the Centaur & the Scorpion") Satan
to avoid being discovered by Ariel re-
gent of the Sun, takes care to keep
at as great a distance as possible
and therefore "while the sun rose
in Aries" he steers his course direc-
tly upwards "betwixt the Centaur
and the Scorpion, two constellations
which lay in a quite different
part of the Heavens from Aries.
"His quadrature from thy orbicu-
lar world") This world is orbicu-
lar or round; the empyreal heaven
is a quadrature or square. Some

have been of the opinion that the
Empyrium or Heaven of Heavens
is of a square figure because the
holy city in the Revel: is so described
2) ^{ch} 21 / 6th v "And the city hath four
square, and the length is as large as
the breadth." ("As when the Tartar")
As when the Tartar retreats from
his Muscovite enemy ("over the snowy
plains by Astracan") a considera-
ble part of the Great's dominion
formerly a Tartarian kingdom,
with a capital city of the same
name, near the mouth of the river
Volga, at its fall into the Caspian
sea, ("or Bactrian Sophi") or the
Persian Emperor, named Bactrian
of Bactria, of the greatest Rich

the provinces of Persia, lying near
the Caspian Sea; ("from the horns
of Turkish crescent") from his Tur-
kish enemies who bear the horned
moon, the crescent in their ensigns
("leaves all waste beyond the realm
of Aladule") the greater Armenia,
called by the Turks Aladule, from
its Latin being Aladules ("in his re-
-treat to Tauris") a great city
in the kingdom of Persia now cal-
led Elatana ("on Casbeen") one
the greatest cities of Persia. ("Am-
-phibious disease") said to have a head
at both ends, so named, because
it went forward either way. ("Be-
-rastes") from a Greek word signi-

fying a horn. ("Hydros") the water
snake. ("Elons drear") a dumb
serpent that gives no notice by
hissing to avoid him. ("Dipsas") from
a Greek word for thirst, because
those it stung were tormented with
an insupportable thirst. ("Ophiusa")
a small island in the Mediterra-
nean, so called by the Greeks - the
inhabitants quitted it for fear of
being devoured by serpents. ("Huge
pythion") the Python was said to have
been infundered of the Rhine after
the deluvion deluge ("in the Py-
thian vale") near Pythia a city
of Greece. ("That curled Megalera")
she was one of the Furies, whose hair

was serpents as Medusa's. ("Heard
that bituminous lake where Sodom
flamed") The Lake Asphaltites near
which Sodom and Gomorrah were
situated. Josephus says, the shapes
& fashions of them and three other
cities, called "the cities of the plain"
were to be seen in his days, and
trees loaded with fruit, stiled the
apples of Sodom, rising out of
the ashes, which at the first touch
dissolved into ashes & smoke. ("And
sailed how the serpent") Here Milton
endeavours to show, that there was
some tradition, among the Heathen
of the great power that Satan had
obtained over mankind. And this
he proves by what is related

of Ophion with Eurynome, whom
he says had first the rule of high
Olympus, and were driven thence
by Saturn and Ops, ere yet their
son Dictæan Jove was born, so
called from Dicte a mountain
of Crete where he was educated.
Ophion, according to the Greek ety-
mology, signifies a serpent, and
therefore Milton conceives that
by Ophion, the old serpent might
be intended, ("the serpent whom
they called Ophion") and Eurynome
signifying wide-ruling, he says, the
might be the wide encircling
Ere perhaps: ("Mark are thy ways
righteous are thy decrees") The
same song that they are represented

ringing in the Revelation. 15th chap.
3^d v. "Juth and true are thy ways,
thou king of saints" 16th chap.
Reve: 7th v. "True and righteous
are thy judgments" ("Some say he bid
his Angels") It was "eternal spring" as
we read in the 4th book before the
fah; and he is now accounting for
the change of seasons after the fah,
and mentions the two famous hypothe-
ses. "Some say" it was occasioned
by altering the position of the earth,
by turning the poles of the earth
above 20 degrees aside from the
Sun's orb, ("he bid his angels turn as-
cense the poles of earth twice ten
degrees, and more from the Sun's
axe;") and the poles of the earth
are about 23 deg. and a half dis-

tant from those of the ecliptic; (they
with labor pushed oblique the centri-
globe) it was erect before, but is
oblique now; the obliquity of a
sphere is the proper astronomical
term, when the pole is raised ("Some say")
again this change was occasioned by
altering the course of the sun, ("the
sun was bid turn reins from the
equinoctial road") in which he
had moved before, ("like distant
breadth") in both hemispheres, ("to
Taurus, with the 7 Atlantic sisters")
the constellation Taurus with the
7 stars in his neck, the Pleiades
daughters of Atlas, ("and the Span-
tan Twins") the sign Gemini, Castor
and Pollux, twin brothers, and sons
of Lyncus, king of Sparta, ("up to

the Ironic crab") the Ironic of Cancer; ("by Leo and the virgin") the sign Virgo ("and the Scales") the constellation Libra ("as deep as Capricorn") the Ironic of Capricorn. (Estotiland") a great tract of land in the north of America, towards the Arctic Circle, and Hudson's Bay; as Magellan is a country in South America, which together with its Straits took their name from Ferdinandus Magellan, a Portuguese who in the year 1520 did discover them. ("As from Thyestean Banquet") Atreus the brother of Thyestes invited him to a feast, and served up to him the flesh of his sons. At this the sun is said to have turned away. ("Of Norum-

bega and the Samoed shore") Norumbega, a province of North America; Samoieda, a province in the north east of Muscovy, upon the frozen sea. ("Boreas") the north wind. (Coecias") the north west. ("Argestes") the north east. ("Thrascias") blowing from Thrace northward of Greece. ("Notus") the South wind. ("Afer") or Africanus the South west, from Africa ("From Serra liona") or lion Mountains; a range of mountains so called because of the perpetual storms there roaring like a lion. These are to the South west of Africa, within a few leagues of Cape Verd, the western point. ("Eurus and Zephyrus") the east and west, called also E-

North and North winds, rising
and setting, the one blowing from
whence the Sun rises, the other whence
it sets. ("Sirocco") the South east; and
Libeccio the South west. Italian
terms used by seamen of the Mediter-
-ranean. In this account of the winds
is a strange mixture of ancient &
modern, Latin and Italian names
together. ("Fixed on this day") For
God had said, 2^d. chap Gene: 17 v.
"In the day that thou eatest thereof,
thou shalt surely die" ("O
woods, O fountains, rocks, dales
and bowers,") According to this part
of Adam's morning hymn. Book 5.

("pretended to hearken falsehood")
pretended to, signifies here, held our
pleas before. ("Against a foe by
doom express assigned us") For it
was part of the sentence pronounced
upon the serpent 3^d. chap Gene:
15 v. "I will put enmity between
thee and the woman, and between
thy seed and her seed." ("ere this
divine star") The universal star
is the star of day. ("Tine the
flame lightning") To time is derived
from the Saxon to light, to kindle.