

their weight; but, in my opinion, hypothesis, however probable, ought not to be treated with such pomposity; for it approaches too much towards empiricism.

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## ARTICLE II.

## OF THE SYSTEM OF WHISTON\*.

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**T**HIS Author commences his treatise on the Theory of the Earth by a dissertation on the creation of the world; he says that the account of it given by Moses in the text of Genesis has not been rightly understood; that the translators have confined themselves too much to the letter and to the first meaning that presented itself, without attending to nature, reason, and philosophy. The common notion of the world being made in six days, he says is absolutely false, and that the description given by Moses, is not an exact and philosophical narration of the creation and origin of the universe, but only an

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\* A New Theory of the Earth by William Whiston, 1708.