

and astronomy, he has taken passages of the scripture for physical facts, and the results of astronomical observations; and has so strangely blended the divine knowledge with human science as to give birth to the most extraordinary system that possibly ever was or ever will be conceived.

ARTICLE III.

OF THE SYSTEM OF BURNET. *

THIS author is the first who has treated this subject generally and in a systematical manner. He was possessed of much understanding, and was a person well acquainted with the *belles lettres*. His work acquired great reputation, and was criticised by many of the learned

* Thomas Burnet. *Telluris theoria sacra, orbis nostri originem & mutationes generales, quas aut jam subit, aut olim subiturus est, complectens.* Londina, 1681.