

STRANGE AND WONDERFULL APPARITIONS

That was seen in the Air, over the most Parts of EUROPE, on March Last 1719. but more Particularly, in SCOTLAND, ENGLAND, FRANCE, and SPAIN. with some Remarks thereon.

THE Great Lightnings which was seen in the Clouds in March last, in this Part, and in other parts of Scotland, and England; hath been much more observable in other parts of Europe: Of which we have gotten a True and Particular Account, by Letters from France and Spain, from them who were Eye Witnesses of these Apparitions.

Upon the 19th, March last, at Aberdeen in the North of Scotland, about Nine a Clock at Night; there appeared in the Air, a great Lightning amongst the Clouds, which were of divers Colours, as Red, Yellow, Green, &c. And there was great Flaughes of Fire amongst the Clouds, which issued out from them like Sheets unfolding one another; the People to their appearance thought that the Clouds touched the Earth, and came down with a great Noise, which made many of the beholders run into their Houses, for fear the Fire should have devoured them.

Upon the 19th of March last, 1719, there was seen in the Air, over the City of Glasgow a great and surprisèing Light of several Colours, and immediatly thereafter, there appeared as it were a large Flaming Sword to the amasement of all Spectators, and immediatly vanished, then immediatly appeared two great Fires which was very dreadfull to behold, for the Fire came to the very Ground.

Upon the first April last, there was seen over the City of Paris in France, about Eight a Clock in the Evening, a large kind of Comet, which shew'd such a great Light, as if it had been the Sun at Noon-Day; The Inhabitants wondering to see such an unusual sight, were wonderfully Afraid; And while they were beholding it hanging in the Air, it bruit asunder, and came down like Rays of Fire above the City, the People being astonish'd at the sight thereof, thought it would have set the whole City on Fire.

The last Thursday at Wrexham, within Eight Miles of West Chester in England, between Nine and Ten a Clock at Night, the Sky on the South West part of the Moon, was observed on a sudden to be of divers Colours, as Red, Green, Yellow, &c. And soon after, a Large Firry Ball appeared in the Clouds so very bright that the People of the Town, thought all their Houses were on Fire, and ran into the Streets, where they saw the Ball burst and fall to the Earth, exactly like a Sky Rocket, with a long train of Fire, it gave such a Light, that one would have seen the smallest Pine lying on the Streets, it continued a little time after the Ball was seen; the Inhabitants were very much terrified at the Sight thereof.

The same Night, at the City of Oxford in England. about that same time of Night, there Appeared a great Fire in the Air, and little afterwards, they heard a Discharge of above Hundred Cannon, at which several of the Inhabitants were Frightned into Fits; It was just above their Heads, and they saw as it were Smoak, coming out of the Mouth of the Cannons; and they heard a great noise like an Army shouting for Victory. It so Terrified some of the Inhabitants, that they are still besides themselves, and there is little hope of their Recovery. I have this Account from the Vice-Chancellor, of Magdalen College in Oxford.

Turney, Aprile the 5th 1719, you have a full and true Account of the dreadfull Fire which came down upon Rounesend and Burst 510 Houses, and 12 Persons Burnt by that dreadfull Fire.

We may behold (if we be not willfully blind) that the LORD oftentimes lets us see his Wonders and Signs in the Air above, and on the Earth, and in the Sea; and all for our Instruction, that we may learn to turn from our Evil Ways unto Him, and so escape the just Judgment of GOD, that hangs over our Heads for our Sins, and not to be like the misbelieving Jews, before the Destruction of Jerusalem, who saw such like Signs above their City, and yet they hardned their Hearts, and would not believe their approaching Danger, untill the Judgements threatned came upon them, and sweep-ed them out of their own Land; Which may serve for a Caution to all of us, to break off from our Sins, and turn to the LORD, who is able and willing to save us from these Judgments, which our Sins do justly deserve.