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Preface. (P. cxxvii)

Arabic *Tunk* the fun, *tunk-puruft*, a worshipper of the sun, *afrookh-tun*, to fire, *sookb-tun*, to kindle, *angeekb-tun*, to inflame.

In Irish *Tine* and *Teine*, implies fire, *teinam* is to dissolve, to melt. It is certainly the root of the English *Tin*, i. e. Oar easily fused, and of *Tinder*: in some parts of England they say *tin* the fire, that is stir it up, make it burn. תגר *Thanar* in Hebrew is *furnus*. *Ibunar* in Irish is hell. Our Druids worshipped the sun under the name of *Bel-tine*, or Baal's fire, and I cannot think Pafferus right, in deriving the Etruscan *Tina* from the Hebrew *Thana* docere, because we find in the works of the very learned Millius, that Peltinus was the original Hebrew name of *Montis Garizim*, on which the idolatrous Jews had an altar of the sun. "In Hebraeorum monumentis, hoc de monte פלטגום (Peltinus) referunt: id vero nomen montis *Ganzim* efle." RABBI S. JAPHE *Asknafi* observat. *Peltinaus est mons Garizim, quern Cuthæi Samaritani sansluarii loco habebant*. Now as the Jews turned their faces to Jerusalem, and the Mahommedans to Mecca, in time of devotion, so did the Samaritans to Peltinaus. Oramus autem ad Dominum, facie ad montem Peltinaus (Garizim) domum Dei (versa) vesperi & mane. And the Samaritans continued this mode of worship in the time of our Saviour, as we find in John ch. 4. v. 20. Our father's worshipped in this mountain: and ye say, that in Jerusalem is the place where men ought to (p. cxxviii) worship. (See Millius de causis Odii. p. 431. also in Epistolis Samaritanis Cellarii, p. 4..) Samaritani autem jam a Josua, in eo monte (Garizim) synagogam & templum exstructum suisse contendunt. (Millius) Et Josua Rex arcem extruxit in monte, qui adjacet sinistro lateri montis Bendecti, quique vocatur Samaria: (chron. Samar.) Here again is our Druidical *Sam-ar*, or mountain of *Sam* the sun; the *Baal-tine*, and although many learned men have derived *Garizim* from the Arabic *garaz* excidit, obscidit, yet we find the Samaritan name converted into Hebrew letters was הרגרזים *bar garizim*, but the old Arabian name for the fun was *Kbur* or *gur* and *zybb*, which compounded form *gurzyhh*, and I have no doubt but this was the signification of the Samaritan name, as we find *Sam* was for the fun and for the true God, and is the word used in Genesis, ch. 1. of the Samaritan bible for the Hebrew *Aleim*. And if I am not mistaken the Irish *Grian* the sun is formed of *Gritham* to scorch, to boil, to burn, and *tint* fire, as we find it sometimes written *Gritban*. *Gris* in Irish is also intense fire, the fun, and *Gris-cbill* is now the Irish word for the sanctuary. (See all the common Irish lexicons.) Therefore the Samaritan and Hebrew *bar-Garizim*, and the Irish *ar-gris* are all synonymous to *Ar-Sam* or *Sam-ar*, to which if we add the word *tan* which in Hebrew,

Samaritan, Arabic and Irish, implies a country, region, district, we have *Sam-ar-tan*, and the Latin *Samarkania*, i. e. the country of the hill of the sun, or our Irish *Bel-tine* and Etruscan *Vol-tina*, as written by the Latins.

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