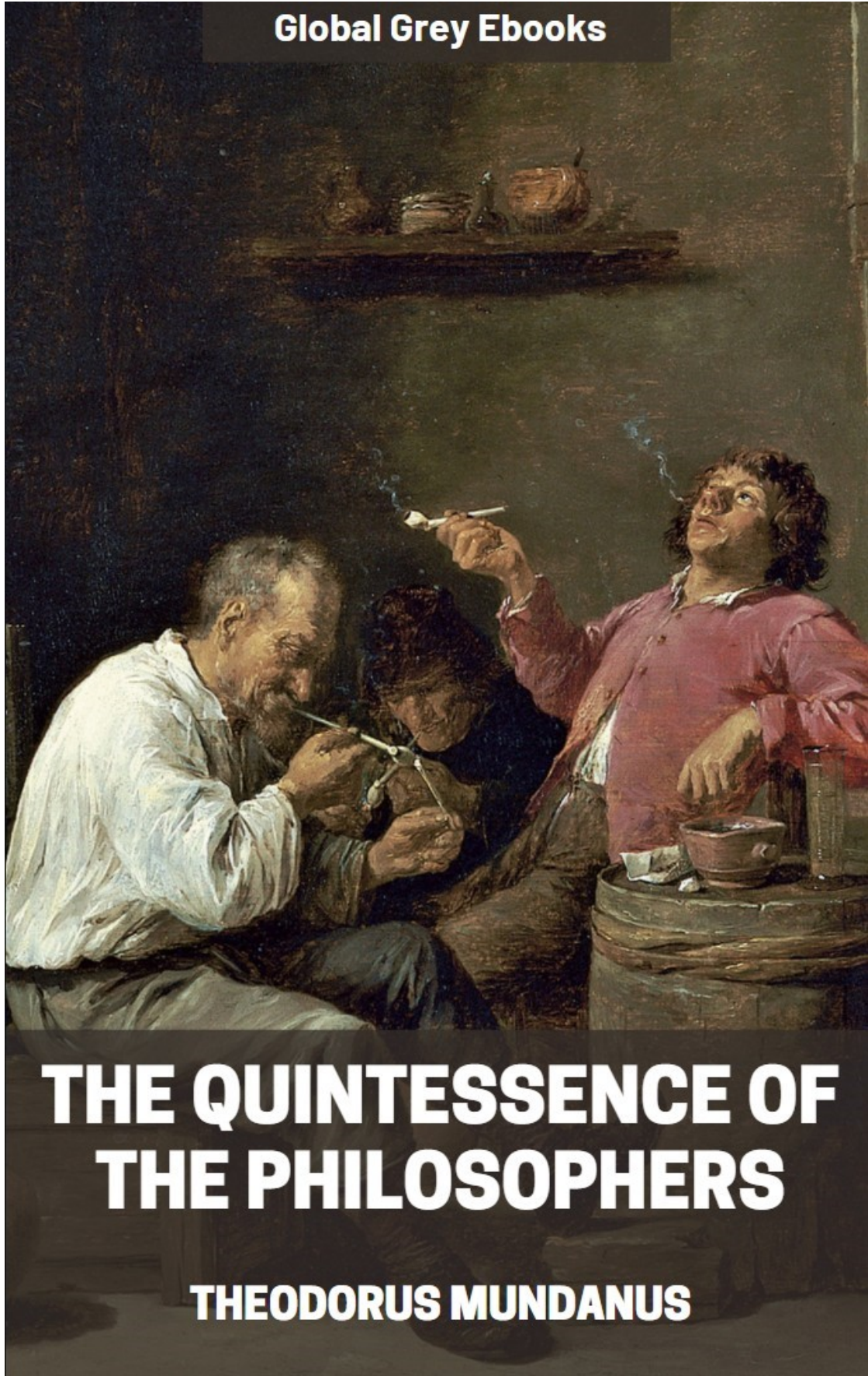


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intellect, and to make it more capable of supernatural and divine things, and to elevate his cogitations and affections above the fruition of worldly things.

But cham did chiefly, if not altogether bend the knowledge of this Mystery to gold making, and in that work instructed his children, from whom it is propagated this day in Egypt, Arabia and Lybia.

Enoch in after Ages was known by the Name of Hermes, and was the first of 3 so called, and left some monuments of his Divine Science to posterity. From Cham this Science is so divided and dispersed among the Egyptians that the whole region took its name from him, yea and the Art itself also, which from him is called Chemia, or Chamia; so that the studious of divers countrys round about, went to Egypt to be instructed in the Mysteries of this and other Sciences Moses and Soloman obtained this Art from that Nation: Here Orpheus, Eupedocles, Democratus, Osus, Plato, Pythagoras, Hesod, Homer and Osthanes the Mede, and Morian the Roman obtained the knowledge of this great Mystery. But this is from my taske, which was to render an Answer by the what means the lives of the Patriarchs were so long continued, which verily I have performed as I was able. And if I have not sent pleuary satisfaction to your Chiefest questions, I intreate you of your Candour and charity to believe that this arises either from the defect of knowledge, or want of any Liberty; and you may in no wise doubt, but I am not only a great admirer of yours but also sincerely your most Loving friend, a most humble servent.

Theodorus Mundanus.

Paris the 10 of the Calander of October, 1684.

Liber Nichola Hinckley. 1692.

(British Museum MSS. Slone 3762.)

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