Figure 7. Kircher's attempt to demonstrate that all languages have a common origin, which he called proto-Hebrew or the Adamic language. The headers for the columns read: "Letter Value," "A double mystical character said to have been delivered by the angels," "Intermediate character according to Abraham de Balmes," "Characteristics of ancient Samaritan in various forms drawn from coins and authors," "Lively Samaritan characters from coins extracted from Vilalpando," "The Mosaic character, in which he wrote the law on tablets drawn from the tombs of various rabbis," "Syriac character," "True Hebrew or Assyrian character."