

the Araxes, north of Media. "They observe," he says, "different customs from the rest. They believed themselves to be immortal, that there was a resurrection and a future life. If," says he, "they were under one head and not divided into tribes, they would be invincible, the most powerful of all nations." Their virtues are enlarged upon by several Latin authors and compared with the vices of the Romans.

But the word Goth, or Guth as they styled themselves, was not an ethnic name. When asked by the Romans who they were they replied: "We are Guthes Lhiadhi the people of God." Now Guth is the word for the Supreme Being to this day in Georgia and throughout the Caucasus.

It is an interesting study to follow up the direction among the nations of this word. It has come to us through our Saxon Bible and through the Saxon element undoubtedly, and we must admit the Anglo Saxon element of Israel among the rest; but are we to exclude the great Protestant German race, the Scandinavian, the Gothones, too, of the southern Baltic shore, Pomeranians now called; but this is a Runica word; Pomerani; people living on the sea? The descendants of these people of God gave us our great mediæval revival, arresting both the pagan predominance as well as the dangerous ecclesiastical innovations of the Roman heresy. All Christian life and progress can be traced to the influence of Israel found, and from all the prophecies concerning them we should expect this.

I should more correctly say that there

are two words used for the Supreme in the Caucasus: Guth and Gomerth. The former is from a Judæo-Persic source, Gud or Kud (the self existent) while the latter is of pagan origin and the worship of the ancestors of the Gomeri--Gimiri in the Assyrian cuneiform--and known to the west as Kimmeri and Cymri, who inhabited the Crimea (Kimmeri Chersonese) and Denmark. There is a large Hebrew element among their remnant to this day in the Central Caucasus where they are known as Osi or Asi, who gave their name to Asia, and in all the migrations of the Caucasians into Europe the Osi, Kimmeri, and Hiberi are closely allied. I append the names of the peoples using a form of Guth for the Supreme:

THE JUDÆO-PERSIC NAME OF GOD.

Jews of Persia.	Khode and Ghode.
Kurds.	Khode.
Urdu.	Khuda.
(Iberian) Georgian.	Ghuth and Gomerth.
Ossi.	Khutso or Ghuthso.
Goths.	Ghuth.
(Old Danish) Ice-landers.	Guth.
Norwegian.	Gud.
Swede.	
Dane.	
English.	God.
Dutch.	
Flemish.	
German.	Gott.
Greenlanders.	Gudib.
Eskimo.	
Persian.	Khudu.
Afghan.	Khuda.
Sindhi.	Khuda.

We may perhaps include the hill tribes of India, the Maltons of Raghmal who use Guthsanith.

NOTE.—Theodoric the Goth was Emperor of the East and West in 500 A.D.

NOTE. Salvian of Marseilles (5th century) praises the Goths for charity, piety, tolerance, and good treatment of their Roman subjects. The testimony of Tacitus is well known.

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