

many tribes and some confederacies in this family; one of the largest tribes was the Ojibwa, or Chippewa, whose descendants still live in Wisconsin, Minnesota and Canada.

Before they learned the White Man's faith, all Indians were nearly alike in belief; they all believed in animal gods, and they all believed that the ancient animals were larger and stronger than those now living. Some of the Red Men believed that the world was created by a Great Ancient Muskrat; and if asked why, they would say, "Even the little muskrat of today adds to the world by building his house of mud and grass." Others believed that the Great Ancient Beaver was the world-maker; for does not his little grandson build dams and make great meadows? So the Red Men held the animals sacred; when they killed one they made a sacrifice to its kind; and they imputed to all the animals, and to all things that reminded them of animals, all sorts of mysterious powers. Among some tribes even now, each person, and especially each warrior, is supposed to have his own particular animal tutelary or guardian, which