

only the enemies of the gods but they were the enemies of the human race. There, too, were the ogres, the Jakshas, and they were not only enemies of human beings but they devoured human flesh.

The Persians turned this exactly around, and with them the Devas were the Devils, not the gods, and the Asuras were the good ; and the Persians believed that there was being waged a perpetual war between the good gods and the wicked devils, and many of the Persians believed that the devils at last would be victorious, and others thought that finally the gods would stand victors.

In Egypt this god was Set ; afterwards they called him Typhon, and he fought the good god Osiris, and he fought Isis, the mother ; he fought Horus the babe, and he was the implacable enemy of the human race. It was he who prevented the overflow of the Nile ; it was he that brought the demon Death. Among the Greeks the Titans were the enemies of the gods, and some of them were women, wonderful women. There was Athene, possessed of all the fascinations of the sex, beautiful, subtle, understanding the heart not only of men but of gods, and so great was her fascination, so wonderful her power, that she tempted Zeus and misled the god of gods. She was a wonderful woman in her day.

Now, these ideas about gods and devils often change. In the days of Socrates, a demon was not a devil, but a guardian angel. So from time to time nations and races have changed their thought.

We obtained our devil from the Jews—second-hand, and they got him from Babylon ; and for many centuries the Jews cultivated the science of demonology. They understood "the aristocracy of hell." They knew the cast and the titles of nobility, and they divided the devils into nine kinds ; Beelzebub was the prince of the false gods of other nations ; the Pythian Apollo was the prince of liars ; Belial was the prince of mischief-makers ; Asmodeus was the prince of revengeful devils ; Satan the prince of witches, wizards and sorcerers ; Meresin, the prince of flying devils who caused thunderstorms and plagues ; Abaddon, prince of those who caused tumults, wars and combustions ; Diabolus, the prince of those who drove to despair, and Mammon, the prince of all the tempters. You have no idea the information they had on this subject.

It was believed at that time that these demons, these flying devils, these sorcerers, these witches came together and held "Sabbats," that is to say, orgies ; and it was also known that sorcerers and witches had marks on their bodies that had been imprinted by the Devil, so that he would know his property when he saw the brand.

Of course these devils were all made by the people ; and in these devils we find the prejudices of their makers.

The Europeans had all their devils black, and in central Africa the Devil was white, which was very natural.

So it was believed for many thousands of years that people by the aid of the Devil could assume any shape they wished. They could be changed into dogs, serpents, birds, anything—cats, or into wolves ; and this changing into animal forms was exceedingly common. They made a bargain with the Devil, sold their poor souls ; the contract was in writing ; they put their ignorant mark