

hana were too great and independent to care very much for them while on earth, but were busy preparing habitations for them to live in after death. The two great goods were worshipped but not feared, and no one is able to give a definite answer as to what they believed they were or how they came into existence. They existed according to tradition and that was sufficient for the Haidas. They also created all the inferior gods to assist them in their united kingdom above the clouds. If, however they were in great trouble, they would evoke the aid of the Spirit of Light, and if they wished to bring an eternal curse on their enemies, they would pray and offer sacrifices of fish to the Spirit of Darkness. Stranungetlagidas is supposed to have commanded the inferior gods to protect the Haida nation and to supply them with all the necessaries of life. Their supplications were addressed to this supreme chief through the god of the sun and the god of the sea. Their offerings were always made to the minor deities in order to secure their goodwill and assistance as mediators with the great chief, whenever they were seriously ill and on the point of death. Ordinarily, most of their religious rites and ceremonies have reference only to the sun god and the sea god.

Whenever a good Haida is about to die he sees a canoe manned by some of his bygone friends, who come with the tide to bid him welcome to their domain. They are supposed to be sent by the god of death. The dying man sees them and is rejoiced to know that after a period passed within the city of death, he will, with his friends, be welcomed to the kingdom of Stranungetlagidas. His friends call and bid him come. They say :

"Come with us; come into the land of light ; come into the land of great things; come into