

A. The sun under the name of Baal or Bel.

Q. What else did they adore ?

A. They adored the moon under the title of Re.

Q. Did they adore any other object ?

A. Yes, they adored fire.

Q. What feast did they annually celebrate ?

A. The great festival of Baal-fire.

Q. What was prohibited during the festival ?

A. It was forbidden to light a fire under pain of death.

Q. What was commanded ?

A. To extinguish all the fires in every district of Ireland.

Q. When were they permitted to rekindle them ?

A. After the pile of the sacrifice on the hill of Tara was kindled.

Q. What was associated with fire worship ?

A. The worship of water was usually associated with fire.

Q. Hence what do we find ?

A. We find that certain wells, fountains, and groves, were held sacred by the Irish.

Q. What is said of their priests ?

A. Their priests were held in the greatest veneration, and on account of their learning were called Magi or Druids.

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