

together and the transition to the worship of one god was easy. When we study the American Indian languages we find that the different stocks give different religious beliefs. The principal divinity among the Algonkin tribes is known under various names, as *Glooscap* among the Penobscots and Micmacs, *Nanabush* and *Manabosho* among the Delawares and Ojibwas, and *Napio* among the Blackfeet. The idea of a Supreme Being among these tribes is somewhat indefinite, whereby the term theistic as applied to them must be qualified as already mentioned. The definite deity is a mythical personage, good and bad. The grave Huron-Iroquois people have a different principal divinity, known as *Taronhinwagon*, the Holder of the Heavens, or *Rawenijo*, our Great Master, "a deity nobler in character and attributes than any of the Aryan divinities." Horatio Hale has shown by a study of the Siouan languages that the intensely religious Dakotas have a remarkable set of deities, the *Oonktayhe* or gods of vital energy, the *Takooshkanshkan* or moving god, who is "too subtle to be perceived by the senses," who "is everywhere present," who "exerts a controlling influence over instinct, intellect and passion," and the *Hayoka* or anti-natural god, with whom all things work by the rule of contrary, to whom joy seems grief, and misery brings joy, who shivers in summer and swelters in winter, to whom good is evil and evil good. The medicine men who are the physicians and priests of the native tribes of Canada, the healers of diseases and spiritual advisers and intercessors, have a sacred dialect of speech, epithets raised from material meaning to a spiritual significance, words expressing religious ideas, and a style of phraseology peculiar to themselves. In the sacred dialect there is revealed a worship of God in nature, symbolical expressions and names of deities hidden behind the veil of nature. Beside their worship of the Great Sun, there exists an earth-worship, the Earth being called *Our Mother*. As the Chinese say that heaven and earth are the father and mother of all things, and the Greek Demeter (Ceres), which is of distinctly Aryan origin, being none other than G m ter, *mother-earth*, so the Blackfeet associating the idea of masculine godhead with the sun, place the fruitful, all-nourishing earth, as a goddess. The Sun is addressed as *Kinon* our father, and the earth as *Kiksistonon*, our mother.

The faculty of speech is a mysterious thing belonging to man as a supernatural being. We may assume that primitive man began his earthly career with vocal organs and the power of expression. A theory has been propounded that men or rather the precursors of men were at first incapable of speech, and that they acquired this capacity at different