

Hetgwaulana was the name of the other god. Stranungetlagidas always wished for light in their abode of happiness and was never sleepy or tired. On the contrary, Hetgwaulana was never happy unless it was dark. He said that it was impossible to sleep if it were always light. So one day he was very angry and demanded that it should always be dark. Stranungetlagidas would not listen to this proposal, and, consequently, a contest arose as to who should be the most powerful monarch in this land of gods. A battle accordingly took place and the Chief of Light and his attendants prevailed and cast forth the Chief of Darkness and his followers, into the lower regions.

Thus it happens that where Stranungetlagidas is supreme it is always light, but, on the contrary, when Hetgwaulana is the chief it is always pitchy dark, and he is allowed to sleep undisturbed by the faintest ray of light. It is fully believed that Stranungetlagidas is the possessor of the sun and moon; he is also the creator of the stars and all the other luminaries that are supposed to exist in the Kingdom of Light. Hetgwaulana is credited with the origion of the clouds and darkness. As I have already stated, these two supreme deities had minor gods to assist them. All fevers are attributed to the god who resides in the sun. When he is offended by some action of theirs he visits the earth with the pestilence of small-pox and fevers. They try to propitiate him with offerings of berries cast into fire, and if they fail to regain his goodwill, they then take some portions of their daily food (chiefly smoked salmon or dried halibut), and throw it as far as they can into the salt water in order to gain the influence of the god of the sea, whom they believe to be more powerful than the god in the sun.