

sense. A Savage has no scruples against marrying two sisters at once; or, if he has already married one, he can take the other during the lifetime of his first wife,—for if he waited until after her death he must reckon her as his niece, and could not marry her without reproach. They bury their dead in such a way that the head of the departed one faces the West, in order that the soul may know the place whither it is to go. They believe, as I have said, that it goes to the place where the Sun sets,—this being the country of souls, according to them. In fact, being deprived of the torch of Faith, [157] they descend *in regionem umbræ mortis*, where the Sun of Justice has set for them forever.

They are very prone to believe things out of the common order. A Savage of the Island told us not long ago that the report was current throughout all the upper countries, even among the Nipisiriniens, that one of our Fathers down here had lived five lives,—that his hair had fallen four times, and that he was growing gray for the fifth time; and then he asked how many more times the Father would return to manhood before dying.