

hope, nevertheless, to announce the gospel to them, before my departure for the Koatiouaks. The demon is the only idol they acknowledge, and it is to him that they offer their outlandish sacrifices. Some have assured me that he has visibly appeared to them. They are in great dread of him, as, according to their own avowal, he is the author of nothing but the ills which befall them. It is for this reason they honor him, while they do not give a thought to God, since he sends them nothing but blessings. They acknowledge having received everything from him, and that he is the author of all things. Wherefore they manifest no surprise when told of his wondrous works. Even the raising of the dead to life would not astonish them. One day, a Monsouis, listening to the story of Lazarus, exclaimed: "Wonderful indeed, that God raised him to life! He had already given life to him once, could he not give it to him a second time?" When we speak of christianity to them, one of their standing reasons for not embracing it is, that the Savages were not made for that religion; but the true reason, which they do not wish to avow, is their fear of the demon, and the necessity in which they would be placed of renouncing what they call their religion, which they imagine they could never abandon without immediately being stricken with death. Beg our Lord, my Reverend Father, to enlighten these poor bondsmen of hell, and to touch their hearts. Conjure him especially to send into these vast regions zealous laborers, to announce the gospel to them, and to oblige them, with heaven's help, to cherish and embrace a religion that they cannot help respecting. I am convinced that if