

The deputies of the whole Country have gone to *Sonontoen*³⁵ to confirm this peace, and it is said that the *Onontaerhonons*, *Ouioenrhonons*, *Ouiochrhonons* and *Agnierrhonons* wish to become parties to it. But that is not certain; if it were, a noble door would be open to the Gospel. They wanted me to go to this *Sonontoen*, but I did not judge it wise to go yet into any other part, until we have better established here the foundation of the Gospel Law, and until we have drawn a line by which the other Nations that shall be converted may guide themselves. Indeed, I would not go to any place where [166] we would not be immediately recognized as Preachers of Jesus Christ.

It is so clear, so evident that there is a Divinity who has made Heaven and earth, that our Hurons cannot entirely ignore it. And although the eyes of their minds are very much obscured by the darkness of a long ignorance, by their vices and sins, they still see something of it. But they misapprehend him grossly, and, having the knowledge of God, they do not render him the honor, the love, nor the service which is his due. For they have neither Temples, nor Priests, nor Feasts, nor any ceremonies.

They say that a certain woman named *Eataentsic*³⁶ is the one who made earth and men. They give her an assistant, one named *Jouskeha*, whom they declare to be her little son, with whom she governs [167] the world. This *Jouskeha* has care of the living, and of the things that concern life, and consequently they say that he is good. *Eataentsic* has care of souls; and, because they believe that she makes men die, they say that she is wicked. And there are among them mysteries so hidden that only the old men, who