They felt the notion of a Supreme Divinity stirring within them. A little later they erected altars and built rude temples. The paraphernalia and accessories of worship imply a Being worthy of worship. The Stone Folk of Europe were every way MEN.

Who were they? And whence did they come? The latest researches show their skulls to possess affinities with the Mongoloid race. They were not members of the White race. Modern Europeans are not descended from them; but undoubtedly their blood mingles with that of Europeans, and some ethnologists think the different types of prehistoric people can be detected in the populations of different parts of Europe. On the whole, there are many reasons for believing the stone folk nearly related to modern Esquimaux and Laplanders.

But when we shall have reached every possible conclusion from the study of prehistoric Europeans, we lack much of penetrating the mystery of the human species at large. These men were not the first men who ever lived. They came from somewhere. If they were Mongoloids, they came, in all probability, from Asia. Whoever they were, they had spread over all Europe, Asia, and North Africa before the first white men visited those regions—apparently as early as 4000 B. C. The Pelasgic empire was at its meridian about 2500 B. C.; and the Pelasgians were the first descendants of Noah who penetrated beyond the borders of Asia. These primitive Mongoloids, known to antiquity as Cyclopes, had dispersed themselves over America probably at a date equally remote.

Beyond these general determinations we have neither history, tradition, or monuments to light our path. The successive migrations of families of the White Race from Asia into Europe are fairly well cleared up. We follow first the Hamites (Pelasgian Egyptians), then the Semites (Phœnicians, Tyrians, Carthaginians) and lastly the Japhetites (Thracians, Hellenes, Ligures, Ombro-Latins, Kelts). But what were the genetic relations between these Asiatic peoples and the Asiatic Mongoloids? Whence came the White and Mongo-