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## STRANGE ENIGMA OF NATURE SPIRITS

Throughout history, man has recorded meetings with strange, intelligent creatures—creatures often linked with nature, who had great mystical power and loved to harass mankind. These creatures have gone by many names but are perhaps best known to us as the fairies.

In the Orkney Isles, fairies dressed in armor and were known to kidnap men, who were never seen again.

In the historic Czech province of Boemia, the fairies were believed to be the strongest in power near evening. People avoided the woods then, for to meet any of the fairies would be tempting madness. In Japan, a particularly evil fairy is the “goblin-fox”. It also causes madness. The Polong of the Indonesians caused victims to tear their clothing, bite, and flail about.

The Indians of North America had many legends. Many mention the “little people.” In Montana the little people were said to wear brown and raise herds of crickets.

The Arabs and Persians believed in a charming group of creatures called the Peries. They were graceful, could take any form, and lived in moonbeams.

The Eskimos believed in fairies and thought they were originally the offspring of flying squirrels and spiders—which must have made them the most unattractive fairies in the world.

The origin and nature of the fairies was somewhat controversial, but the common people were absolutely agreed on one thing: they were evil.

Fairies are feared, first, because they represent the unknown. Secondly, fairies have the nasty habit of stealing children, women and sometimes men. Third, they can create glamours to fool men’s minds: fools’ gold, food, even infants—all of which disappeared once the fairy was long gone.

The fairy’s principle method of gaining power over humans was tricking them into eating such glamours. Fairies were malevolent and thought nothing of kidnapping a human for any purpose.

Fairies were often blamed for enigmas which today are studied by parapsychologists. Pixies, for example were responsible for much activity called poltergeist phenomena, today, which we now believe stems from undirected sexual emotion.

Even in modern times, fairies are blamed for man’s troubles. After last month’s Chicago elevated train disaster one man claimed to have seen a pixie flying from the train’s wreckage.

It was easier, it seemed, to define exactly what fairies were than where they had come from. Fairies, medieval belief stated, were any of the many creatures who could successfully mate with humans and produce offspring. This covered a great deal of ground. Mermaids, leprechauns, pixies, brownies, banshees, White Ladies and elves were all considered different kinds of fairies.

Certainly they could not have been responsible for every misfortune suffered by the people of the Middle Ages. But, as in our age when we consider the UFO problem, we must ask: how much are they responsible for, and why?

