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WITH THE ORIGIN, RISE AND DEVELOPMENT OF SERPENT  
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meditate with astonishment upon the singular fascination which this repulsive reptile seems to have exercised over the human mind.

He is said, we know, so to fascinate the victim he is about to seize as his prey that the unhappy creature is deprived of all power of resistance, a fascination no less overwhelming seems to have paralyzed the human mind and caused it to adopt from some cause or other such a repelling reptile as an object of worship. The spell is broken now, however, and but little remains of what was once so universal, beyond the earth mounds where its temples stood and the half ruined sculptures collected in the museums of civilized countries.

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