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SYLLABUS

OF

A COURSE OF FOUR LECTURES

ON

DEMONOLOGY,

BY

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To be delivered on the following days, at THREE o'clock:—

LECTURE I.—*Saturday, March 2, 1872.*

Relation of Celestial and Elemental Phenomena to the primitive Philosophy of Evil.—The Evolution of Deities and Devils.—The transformation of Agathodemons into Kakodemons.—The evidence that every Demon was originally the Deity of some race.—Devil-worship.—Why and when Demons became ugly.

LECTURE II.—*Saturday, March 9.*

Earthly Demons, their origin and variations.—Animal Demons, as the Serpent, Dragon, Werewolf, Dog, Cat, Raven, Vampyre.—Tree Demons, as those of the Ash, Hazel, Indian Peepul, Mandrake.—Ethnical distribution of Demons.—Survivals of mythical Demons in modern superstitions.—Places named after the Devil.

LECTURE III.—*Saturday, March 16.*

Anthropomorphic Demons.—The Talmudic legend of Lilith, and her progeny of Demons.—Demoniac possessions.—The natural history of Ahri-man, Siva, Satan, Pluto, Tchornibog, Tenjo, Loki, the Wild Huntsman, and the horned and cloven-hoofed Devil.—The Eumenides, Satyrs, Elves, and local Demons comparatively considered.

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LECTURE IV.—Saturday, March 23.

The Demons of Literature and Art.—Patristic Legends.—The Miracle Plays.—Mephistopheles.—Milton's Lucifer.—The Demonology of Dante and Swedenborg.—The Demons of early religious art and architecture.—The so-called Devil's Bible at Stockholm.—The decline of Demons.—Witchcraft.—Caricatures.—Psychological Science and the problem of Evil.

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