

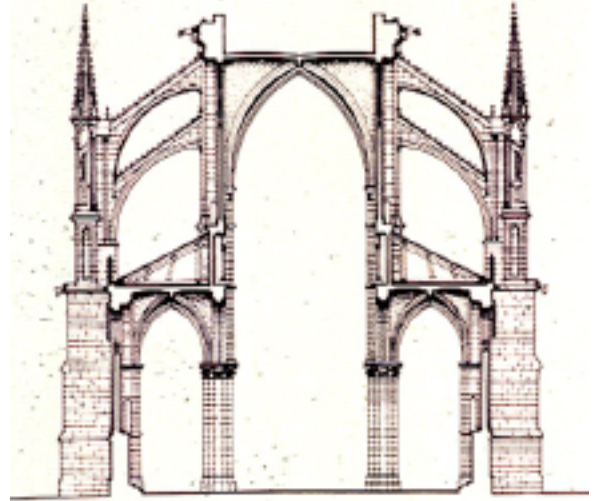
gargoyles came to fame with

gothic architecture

For nearly four hundred years Gothic style dominated the architecture of Western Europe. Gothic architects designed town halls, royal palaces, courthouses and hospitals. But it was in the service of the Church that the Gothic style attained its most meaningful expression, for the Church was the most prolific builder of the Middle Ages, providing the widest scope for the development of architectural ideas and calling forth the best talents.

Medieval man desired to build a temple on earth, and the Gothic interpretation of this was a monument that seems to dwarf the man who enters it, for space, light, and structure are organized to produce a visionary scale.

Cathedrals were constructed with intricate balustrades, gables, pinnacles, gargoyles, and flying buttresses rising 50 feet and higher into the air!



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