

4. It is, further, a *system of intolerance*. "Islam is," as a recent writer remarks, "a vast brotherhood, within which no vengeance was to be felt, to all beyond which no respect or truth was to be shown. Any thing done in God's service is justifiable; nothing done against it could be excused or forgiven. After the victory at Badr, one of the prisoners was ordered out for execution. He asked why he was to be treated so. 'Because of thy enmity to God and to his prophet,' replied Mahomet. 'And my little girl,' cried Deba, in distress of soul, 'who will take care of her?' 'Hell fire,' exclaimed the heartless conqueror, and on the instant his victim was hewn to the ground."—(*British and Foreign Evangelical Review*, Jan. 1877.) Christianity is not intolerant. Christians are often intolerant, but that is our fault, not the fault of our Master, Christ. But intolerance is part and parcel of Islam, which is seen equally in the chivalrous Saracens of Syria, in the mild Mussulmans of India, and in the semi-barbarous Turk, whose name is henceforth covered with everlasting infamy by the recent massacre of Bulgaria. The Koran is, therefore, a declaration of perpetual war, and eternal hatred towards every tribe and nation outside the pale of Islam.*

5. But still again, Islam *recognizes and justifies slavery*. It is true that it urges clemency towards the slave, and that in several points it is a more merciful system of servitude than that vile system which lately perished on this continent; but there is no principle in the Koran, as there is in the New Testament, which would lead naturally and ultimately to the extinction of slavery. According to the Koran, slavery is one of the ordinary conditions of society. The Koran, therefore, as the final and universal revelation from God, is an edict of perpetual and hopeless servitude to a large proportion of mankind.

6. And, finally, as our closing accusation against Islam, it *recognizes polygamy*, and thus *debases woman*, and thus destroys the family institution. The family institution as given us by God, at the be-

* The truth of this statement is shown with remarkable power in Gladstone's recent pamphlet, "Lessons in Massacre."