

Arabic language, and feel the triumphs of the same all-conquering faith, as he chanted with him the praises of the Christian's God."

In a letter to a friend he gives this account of himself:—

"I was a follower of Mahomet, went to church five times a day, and did all Mahomet said I must; but the Lord is so good. He opened my way, and brought me to this part of the world where I found the light. Jesus Christ is the light; all that believe in him shall be saved; all that believe not shall be lost. The Lord put religion in my heart about ten years ago. I joined the Presbyterian Church, and since that time I have minded Jesus' laws. I turned away from Mahomet to follow Christ. I don't ask for long life, for riches, or for great things in this world; all I ask is a seat at Jesus' feet in heaven. The Bible, which is the word of God, says sinners must be born again, or they can never see God in peace. They must be changed by the Spirit of God. I loved and served the world a long time, but this did not make me happy. God opened my eyes to see the danger I was in. I was like one who stood by the road side and cried, Jesus, thou Son of God, have mercy; he heard me and did have mercy. 'God so loved the world that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish but have everlasting life.' I am an old sinner, but Jesus is an old Saviour; I am a great sinner, but Jesus is a great Saviour; thank God for it. If you wish to be happy, lay aside Mahomet's prayer, and use the one which our blessed Saviour taught his disciples, Our Father, &c."

In another letter to the same, he writes, "I have every reason to believe that you are a good man, and as such I love you as I love myself. I have two Arabic Bibles, procured for me by my good Christian friends,

and one of them I will send you the first opportunity. We ought now to wake up, for we have been asleep. God has been good to us in bringing us to this country and placing us in the hands of Christians. Let us now wake up and go to Christ, and he will give us light. God bless the American land! God bless the white people. They send out men every where to hold up a crucified Saviour to the dying world. In this they are doing the Lord's will. My lot is at last a delightful one. From one man to another I went, until I fell into the hands of a pious man. He read the Bible for me until my eyes were opened; now I can see; thank God for it. I am dealt with as a child, not as a servant."

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