

the Mohammedan race in the Turkish empire, while the Christian races are growing and advancing year by year. Every Mohammedan is allowed to have four legal wives, but beyond that, if he has the means, he may fill his house with women. Divorce is constant among them. There is no restraint upon it. No Mohammedan woman knows from day to day how long she is to be the wife of her husband, and young men have been known to divorce their wives and marry a new wife every three weeks till they could say they had divorced twenty wives. Polygamy is destroying the family, and Islam is responsible for it.

VI. In the Koran there is an absolute denial of the death of Jesus Christ, and yet there is another verse, which declares that he did die or would die; and when the Mohammedan is asked to reconcile these two contrary teachings of the Koran, which are as follows: The first, "the Jews did not really kill Christ;" "O Jesus, I will cause thee to die;" the explanation is this "that when Christ comes back the second time to this world he will die." And side by side with the tomb of Mohammed in the city of Medina, is an empty tomb standing, made by the Mohammedans to receive the body of Christ when he comes the second time to judgment, and will die and be buried! And all this is manufactured in order to explain the glaring contradiction in the Koran.

VII. I have spoken of the degradation of woman. You have no conception of it in this country. Woman is trodden under foot. A man is regarded childless if he has only daughters. It is not lawful to mention the name of woman in Mohammedan society without begging pardon of those who are present for mentioning so vile a subject. A man has to use the masculine gender in speaking of a woman. In writing to a woman he will never put a feminine name on the outside of an envelope. I knew a man who had half a dozen daughters. I asked him how many children he had. He was displeased at me and said he had no child. "Whose girls are those?" I inquired. He replied, "They are nothing but girls; we don't count girls anything." They don't count women or girls. It is far different what religion does for women. Prof. Bosworth Smith, of Oxford, has written a book, "On Mohammed and Mohammedanism," a laudation of Islam. He would even place it above Christianity in its ethical fruits. I would like to ask him to take his wife and daughters, if he has any, and go to the city of Damascus, put them into a Mohammedan harem and divest himself and them, if possible, of all that he ever derived from the Bible and Christianity; let them live as the Moslems live; let him scourge his wives and daughters, and treat them as brutes, as the Moslems do, and after ten years of that experience write a new edition of his book on Mohammedanism.

VIII. The Mohammedan world is given over to falsehood and untruthfulness. There are in the Koran precepts requiring truthfulness and veracity; but the Mohammedan world is not a truth-speaking world. According to the Koran the Mohammedan judge must be a man of spotless integrity. I have yet to hear of the first Mohammedan judge in the Turkish empire who could not be bribed in open court with twenty-five cents. Perjury is universal. False witnesses are to be found in every town and city, and as none but Mohammedans are allowed to testify, all these false witnesses are Mohammedans. They come into court, hold up their hand, and take an oath in the name of the eternal God without blushing, and swear to a lie for which they have been paid one piastre (four cents). "Truth has fallen in the streets, and equity cannot enter."

IX. There are depths of immorality practised by the Mohammedans that cannot be described or mentioned in a Christian assemblage. They have descended to the very lowest depths of immorality—practising such a crime as the men of Sodom attempted to practise upon the angelic guests of the righteous Lot. This kind of immorality is so common in parts of Syria that the Christian population are afraid to allow their boys from ten to fourteen years of