

mission given in it to polygamy, divorce and slavery, proved that it was not the religion of the future, not the religion of humanity, and must come to an end.

In fact, the many false and evil elements in Mohammedanism, have made it one of the curses of mankind. It has spread abroad the spirit of cruelty and lust, and under it are found the unnatural vices, the oppression of subject races, and the degradation of woman, which belonged to Europe before the era of Christianity. Its teachings of the doctrine of fatalism are an insurmountable obstacle to all advance, whether in civilization or morals. Man becomes the mere sport and implement of an irresistible destiny. It has in it no element of permanent, social and moral progress. The science and intellect of some of the races which embraced it could not save it. It so lacks the Christian respect for the individual, and the Christian benevolence, that it never suits itself to liberal Government or to advanced civilization. The splendor of Spanish and Asiatic Arab art and architecture is only seen in ruins; the science which once led the world in investigation only remains in words which have become histories, and in discoveries which have preceded modern researches; while the barbaric tribes whom the followers of Mohammed then so despised, and who were in such low intellectual and moral condition during the Arabic period of glory, now lead the world's progress.

The death of the Sheik-al-Islam calls attention to the wane of Mohammedanism. For several years past the influence of the priests in Cario and Constantinople has been very greatly diminished. The revolt of Mohammed Ahmed, who styled himself El-Mahdi, or the