

but the Superior of the Mission used to support me till a misfortune happened by which I lost him. Being left lonely the simplest thing I could do was to take to sea life. I therefore went to the shipping office and got shipped in the "Avoca" a coolie ship bound for Trinidad. I came to this Island towards the latter end of November last and I with several others received our discharge. For the present I am sheltered by the Rev. John Morton of the Canadian Presbyterian Mission where I am waiting till it pleases God to open out a way for me.

WHY I BECAME A CHRISTIAN

We all know that there are many religions in the world but that all cannot be true is a self evident fact because each contradicts another. For example Hinduism says that to give false evidence to save a higher caste is both meritorious and right but christianity says just the reverse: "Thou shalt not bear false witness."

Mahommedanism says that in heaven there is eating and drinking and hours or houries but Christianity says "The Kingdom of heaven is not of meat and drink" and they that shall be accounted worthy of the resurrection of the dead neither marry nor are given in marriage but are as the angels of God.

Buddhism teaches no God and Paganism is a superstitious atheism. The Brahmins of India propound one theory and the Deists of the West another. Amongst all these perplexities and doubts whom are we to believe. Has no light from above visited this world of ours? Has no celestial Native left his home to come down to this world of ours and let in a ray of light? As for myself before my conversion I would say yes and Mahommed was that one but since my conversion I have to play a different music.

But why did I leave Mahommedanism? I left it because the Quran is full of contradictions and God cannot be a God of confusion and hence the Quran and Mahommed cannot be from God: For example, in the Quran in one place it admits the Divinity of Christ, calling him Spirit of Allah and the Word of Allah and in another place stoutly denying this Divinity and stigmatises those who believe in the Trinity and Divinity of Christ as idolators and Infidels. In one place it admits the death of Christ and in another place it denies the same. A book which has such glaring mistakes cannot be the work of God but that of a mad man.

The Quran is at a variance with the Bible. In the Bible it says that Satan fell owing to pride, but the Quran says, by not worshipping Adam when he was commanded by God to do so. The Bible says that Abraham

was commanded by God to offer up Isaac, but the Quran makes him to be Ishmael. The Bible says Noah's three sons were saved from the deluge, but the Quran asserts two only were saved and one was drowned. The Gospel says Christ was born in a manger, but the Quran declares that he was born in a cave. This clearly shows that Mahommed could not have read the Bible because if he had done so he would have come to right conclusions. As he was told by illiterate men so he wrote, and the Quran is but the word of a man. If the Mahommedans raise a question of the Bible being corrupted after the death of Mahommed, it becomes them to produce a genuine Bible to shew our error and until this be done we can rest assured that their assertions are false.

And what shall I say as to the character of Mahommed—having Christ before him as exemplar and preceptor we might have expected something better from him. The difference between the two is as high as the heaven is from the earth. Mahommed was of the earth and spoke of earthly things, his very heaven is material and sensual. Christ was from above and spoke of heavenly things.

Modern Mahommedanism is downright idolatry and cruelty. The kissing of a black stone at the Caaba and drinking ab Zum-Zum is equal to the Hindus worshipping a stone called Shalgram and drinking Ganges water for eternal salvation. The Fagiah, Dool Dool Horse, etc., is the same as the Hindus Dorgah and Kali Poojahs.

Its treatment of women is most debasing, she is simply considered as the slave of men. According to Mahommed, everything is for man but there is nothing said about women. Why so? Because "the dark places of the earth is full of the habitations of cruelty." I thank God through Jesus Christ our Lord who has been pleased to call me out of this dark and gloomy superstition to his glorious Gospel light, Amen.

yours, etc.,

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OBITUARY NOTICE.

At West Branch, Nicholas River, Kent Co., N. B., on the 16th January, John Robertson, (Elder) died after a lingering illness in the 78th year of his age. He was born in Scotland. When he was about four years old his father and family crossed the Atlantic and settled in New Glasgow, Nova Scotia. At the end of eight years his family moved to Kent Co., N. B., where he spent the rest of his days. He began early in life the service he loved so well, engaging in Sabbath