

whole Koran, so does it extend also through Mohammed's whole life. For in the suras, pretended to have been revealed at Mecca before the Hegira, there are 65 such passages; and in those dictated at Medina after the Hegira there are 62. *Nor is there a single passage in the Koran in which the purity of the Scripture text is called in question.* The charge of corruption is an after-thought of Mussulman doctors, and belongs to their tradition, which has of late fallen much into discredit, and its religious injunctions into desuetude. The Koran farther acknowledges the miraculous conception and birth of Christ and His prophetic character; and ascribes to Him the judgment of the quick and the dead at the last day. Much is said of the Holy Spirit, of faith, and of the fear and the love of God. I might mention other things, but I forbear. Of course the sonship of Jesus (in the coarse sense of suggesting the assumption of the Virgin into heaven), the doctrine of the Trinity, and various other points of Christian doctrine, are opposed in the Koran; and all is mixed up and confounded in the crazy way in which that book was dictated, and ultimately arranged. Still, with almost naive inconsistency, it insists on the Divine character of the Bible, and often treats with irony, or with indignation, those who reject it, threatening them with eternal ruin and frightful torments.

"Now while there is abroad, generally, a spirit of religious inquiry, and has been among the Mussulmans ever since 1855; while many are turning infidels, and still more are looking towards the Gospel with inquisitive glance and candid interest; is it so very strange that a serious old man should begin to think of Jesus—His miraculous birth, His miraculous power, His prophetic office, His death, and His coming to judgment? Should it be pronounced impossible for him to seek that Divine Spirit, of which the Koran speaks repeatedly, and aided by His inward light, to see and experience more than it was ever intended by the false prophet to convey? And would it be any more than must be expected in these days of revivals and Divine power, if these newly awakened inquirers should come by thousands to the text, and the undiminished doctrine of the sacred Scriptures? Surely not.

Well, some months ago this man began to preach what he knew of Christ, in the house of his disciples, and the result, as stated by these persons, is stupendous. In five months, they say, there were some 10,000 decided adherents to his doctrine, and some 20,000 who sympathized with his views, known or supposed to exist. That these are round numbers, for the accuracy of which they cannot vouch, these men frankly confess. They think there must be as many as that. I need not say that they may be very far beyond the reality; but that the movement is a great one there can be no doubt, from other considerations than their statements or estimates.

"The individuals referred to, with whom we are having intercourse, have been conversed with by Missionaries, by brethren from the Armenians, and by all the Osmanlee brethren: and there is but one impression about them. They are serious, humble, affectionate, confident, prayerful, and anxious for Divine truth: and they very much bear the aspect of young converts. They desire to enlighten and save others also. They have secret meetings for prayer and conversation. They—at least many of them—have ceased going into any mosque. They suppose that this is a work which God has commenced, and which he will carry eastward into Asia. They are on the most affectionate terms with the baptized and professing Mussulman Christians, look with entire confidence to the missionaries, and have declared

repeatedly, that they are children in knowledge, and are ready to be set right on all points in the light of Divine truth.

"Mr. Schaffler closes his letter with an appeal to the Prudential Committee, to 'make haste and furnish men and means' for the work in Western Asia, 'that the harvest, vast and white, fall not to the ground.'"

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