

in the attributes of Allah we must go still further. In the Moslem system and according to the Koran, fortified by Tradition, *all sin is, after all, a matter of minor importance*. It is the repetition of the creed that counts, and not the reformation of character. To repeat the *kilimah*, "There is no god but Allah and Mohammed is Allah's prophet," *ipso facto* constitutes one a true believer. All other considerations are of less import. So confidently is this asserted by Moslem teachers that they say, even if one should repeat the *kilimah* accidentally or by compulsion, it would make him a Moslem. In a fanatic company, I was told, it would be decidedly dangerous for a non-Moslem to say "the creed" even casually in conversation because, so they said, they would "then take the Nasrani by force and circumcise him." Repeating the creed is the door into the religion of Mohammed.

The Koran teaches that the first sinner was Adam (Surah 2:35), and yet the general belief of Moslems to-day is that all the prophets, including Adam, *were without sin*. Especially is the latter asserted in regard to Mohammed, the seal of the prophets; Koran, Tradition, and history to the contrary notwithstanding. The portion of unrepentant sinners is hell-fire (Surahs 18:51; 19:89 and 20:76); the punishment is eternal (43:74-78) and there is then no repentance possible (26:91-105). All the wealth of Arabic vocabulary is exhausted in Mohammed's fearful and