

irresistible, and inevitable before any event transpires. To the Christian, God's will is secret until he reveals it; when he does we feel the imperative of duty. Were a Moslem to pray to Allah, "Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven," he would be guilty of folly, if not of blasphemy. An archangel and a murderer, a devil and a gnat equally execute the will and purpose of Allah every moment of their existence. As he wills, and because he wills, they are what they are, and continue what they are.

**Fatalism  
Preventing  
Progress**

No wonder that this article of the Moslem faith has left no place for progress in the lands under Mohammedan rule. For, as Canon Sell says: "It is this dark fatalism which, whatever the Koran may teach on the subject, is the ruling principle in all Moslem countries. It is this which makes all Mohammedan nations decay."

**Religion of  
Good Works**

While every one who confesses the faith of Islam is a Moslem or true believer, yet it is incumbent on all who believe to show their faith by outward observance of the five religious duties of Islam. These five duties merit reward and are called "the pillars," or foundation, of religion. Their pious observance is the mark of a true Moslem; to break loose from any one of them is to be in peril of damnation. The first of the five pillars of religion, according to the Koran and Tradition, is Confession.