

medan world, of which we have had glimpses in the foregoing chapters—so great in its extent, so deep in its degradation, so hopeless without the gospel—is one of the grandest and most inspiring problems ever undertaken by the Church of Christ. It may be as Dr. H. H. Jessup says, a work of “surpassing difficulty which will require a new baptism of apostolic wisdom and energy, faith, and love,” and may “tax the intellect, the faith, the wisdom, the zeal, and the self-denial of the whole Church in every land”; but, unless Christ’s great commission has lost its meaning and his power is insufficient for this undertaking, the Mohammedan world must and will be evangelized. While other religions and systems of error have fallen before Christian missions, like Dagon before the ark of Jehovah, Islam, like mighty Goliath, defies the armies of the living God and the progress of Christ’s kingdom. In three continents it still presents an almost unbroken phalanx, armed with the old proud and aggressive spirit of defiance.

**A Moslem
Defiance**

Only five years ago Sheik Abd ul Hak, of Bagdad, a Moslem of the old school, wrote an article on behalf of the Pan-Islamic league. It appeared in a French journal and was entitled, “The Final Word of Islam to Europe.” From this remarkable, outspoken, and doubtless sincere defiance we quote the following paragraph: