

so as to cause the unbeliever through the knowledge of Islam to be friendly to Islam."

Certainly one acquiesces quietly in the present state of things for one sees that the attempt to attain anything through insurrection is without prospect of success. And yet the fanatic does not give up hope: indeed that hope draws nearer through a clearly defined medium. It is said in Java that Europeans are still possessed of "Ghaib," *i. e.*, a peculiar magic power, but that a time is coming when their destiny will overtake them. In the meanwhile one should prepare himself, through a knowledge of supernatural powers, for the future course of things. For God has prepared the magic power for His faithful ones. The teachers of magic say that their pupils receive these powers in order to shake off in the future the government of the white people. For God will one day assuredly put an end to the unnatural condition of His people remaining under the dominion of the Kafir. There must, however, first be enough magic power developed amongst the people.

It is to be observed how eschatological expectations point to these magic powers. The same magic (*Ilm ullah*), which protects the rebellious country from the consequences of sins, bestows power also in a battle against the unbelievers. Trust in magic and eschatological fanaticism urge the people to the most hopeless insurrections. When the renowned Captain Christoffel surprised a native Sultan, he took his stand, so say the people, a gun in either hand, and was absolutely invulnerable until a bullet laid him low! Therefore the Bugis of the Celebes gave magic bullets to the people of Onda which in a future battle with the Dutch would strike when even thrown from the hand.

In the stories which are in circulation about the holy war in North Sumatra mention is made again and again