

doctrine of the Cross. The Cross of Christ is the missing link in the Moslem's creed, and not only in the Koran and in the early traditions, but in the practical experience of every missionary, especially in lands that are wholly Moslem, nothing seems to stand out more prominently than Islam's hatred of the Cross. The Koran gives Jesus Christ a high place among the prophets, and confers on Him names and titles which, if rightly interpreted, would place Him above them all, and yet it does so only by denying his death and his atonement. Modern Islam differs in no respect from orthodox Islam in this particular, and although the followers of the new Islam may speak in the highest terms of Jesus Christ as regards his character, his miracles and his influence on history, they occupy the orthodox position in this respect; nor do they find a place in their doctrine of salvation for Christ's atonement. A recent writer, and a missionary of long experience in Persia, goes so far as to say that there is "not a single important fact in the life, person and work of our Savior which is not ignored, perverted, or denied by Islam." Their chief denial, however, is of his death. There are three passages in the Koran which seem to indicate that Christ **did** die:

"But they (the Jews) were crafty, and God was crafty, for God is the best of crafty ones! When God said, 'O Jesus! I will make thee die and take thee up again to me, and will clear thee of those who misbelieve, and will make those who follow thee above those who misbelieve, at the day of judgment, then to me is your return. I will decide between you concerning that wherein ye disagree.