

knoweth all the sins which that sinner hath during these two hundred years committed; and, verily, he never could have been pardoned. But, one day, this wicked man was reading the Torah¹ and, seeing there the name of the blessed Mohammed, he wept and pressed the page to his eyes. This honor and reverence shown to my beloved was pleasing unto me, and from the blessed effects of that single act I have blotted out the sins of the whole two hundred years.' Lovers of the blessed Mohammed! rejoice in your hearts, and be assured that love for the holy prophet, the Lord of creation, is, in every possible condition, the means of salvation."

Alas! that the only true commentary on these stories is the awful gloom and darkness that still rest on the sinful Moslem world, and which neither the Koran, with all its literary beauty, nor Mohammed has, in any way, removed, but rather increased. A stream cannot rise higher than its source, and this chapter has shown us the chief source of Islam in the life of its founder. The religion which Mohammed founded bears everywhere the imprint of his life and character. Mohammed was not only the prophet, but the *prophecy* of Islam. It became what it

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¹ Counsel or instruction proceeding from a sacred source; more specifically, the Mosaic law or the Pentateuch.