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THE SPREAD OF HIS RELIGION

The great religions of the world may be divided into two classes—the non-missionary and the missionary. Judaism, Zoroastrianism, and Hinduism, for example, are non-missionary and do not require their faith to be propagated by each believer, while Buddhism, Christianity, and Islam are missionary and do. Islam was such from its very origin. One hundred years after Mohammed's death his followers were masters of an empire greater than Rome at the zenith of her power. They were building mosques in China, in Spain, in Persia, and in southern India! The extent, the rapidity, and the method of the early Moslem conquest are a marvelous illustration of their fanatic zeal.

**Islam a
Missionary
Religion**

Only thirteen centuries have passed, and to-day there are two hundred and twenty-five million Mohammedans—one seventh of the population of the globe! Fifty millions in Africa, sixty-two millions in India, thirty millions in China, twenty-nine millions in the Malay Archipelago, and one quarter of a million in the

**Marvelous
Expansion**