

as to which was right, Christianity or Islam. Lull declared that if they could prove that Islam was superior, he would gladly give up his Christianity and become a Moslem. Leading Mohammedan ^{teachers} ~~debaters~~ met him in public debate. After his long and careful study, Lull knew the doctrines of Christianity fully, and at the same time knew the Mohammedan doctrines almost better than the Mohammedan teachers themselves did. Individuals began to gather around him and to declare their desire to become Christians. Before long the sultan ordered that Lull should be seized and thrown into a dungeon, where he remained for several months. All this time Moslems were coming to him frequently, arguing with him, urging him to become a Moslem. They promised him honors, fame, sensual pleasures, every sort of opportunity if he would become a Moslem. Lull said, "You promise me wonderful opportunities and great pleasures in this life, if I become a Moslem, but I promise you that if you will believe in Christ, you will receive eternal life, and joy that passes all understanding." Eventually Lull was ordered to be put on a ship that was going to Europe, and ^{told} that he would be tortured and killed if he ever came back.

In some way Lull managed secretly to escape from the ship, just as it was departing. Some of his converts hid him, and he remained in hiding, in Tunisia, for several months, instructing his converts, and talking with such others as would come to him. A sizeable group of converts was won to Christ. After a time, he managed to get away safely and to go back to Europe in order to gather recruits, to try to forward the training of others for Mohammedan missions, and to make another attempt to preach publicly in Tunisia.

A second time Lull came to Tunisia and spoke again in public, and the results were much the same as on the first occasion. He was again driven off