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moon and the vernal equinox, so that few can ~~ever~~ even guess when Easter will be observed in any particular year.

Until 1936 the Greek Orthodox church and the western churches celebrated Easter at different times, and two great Easter celebrations were held in Jerusalem. ^{if} It had been important that we know the precise date of Easter, ^{each year} God would have given us clear information about the matter.

Mohammedanism has been ^{very} one of the world's most effective instruments for sealing off millions of people from any access to the gospel, and is still one of the greatest obstacles to the progress of the knowledge of Christ, as can easily be ^{noted} seen by anyone who talks with a missionary from ~~north Africa~~ or from any other Islamic country. One of the great causes of the rapid growth of Islam was the heated disputes among Christians over matters that the Scripture does not make clear. These disputes were so bitter in those early centuries that great divisions occurred in the Christian church, and large groups of earnest Christians broke off all relationship. No one can truly understand the nature of Christ, the God man, beyond the few clear statements in the Scripture. Yet the Nestorians, who did not have as clear an idea of the nature of Christ as some of their opponents and were completely rejected by the great bulk of European Christianity, ~~penetrated~~, carried on one of the greatest missionary works in the history of the world. Christianity penetrated into Arabia at an early time. There is no doubt that it had been known in the area in which Mohammed was reared but its progress was so hindered by the heated arguments over matters on which the Scripture is not clear that little was done to really evangelize these areas. When Mohammed came forward with a considerable amount of Biblical truth, mixed with a great amount of serious error, his mixed teaching received wide acceptance and to this day the Muslim movement continues to be one of the greatest contenders for the souls of men.