

The did not favor the Nestorians or Christians at all, but they tolerated them and they received much from them of the learning of the ancient Greek and Roman and through the Nestorians the learning of the ancient world passed over to the Muslims, and the Muslims moved forward in learning they were by far the most civilized people in the Middle ages, that is the people who passed on the treasures of ancient learning, but that is getting a little bit ahead of our present point. We are speaking about their conquests and they went forward with these conquests, conquering Mecca and soon gathering more and more people with them and they did not hold people in subjection, they gave people their choice, except l and the people were not held in subjection, they became a part of their group and they went out to conquer others and they told them that if you are a true Muslim, if you follow him, they say, one drop of blood shed for a Mohammed ~~the~~ one drop of blood shed for the spread of Islam will do more good for you than many years of penance or devotion could possibly do for you. There is nothing that is better for your suols that ~~t/n~~ to die fighting for Islam and they put this great stress now and the great glory of dying for Islam and they said the true believer, the Muslim, they said, in the next life, he has a life of absolute enjoyment. has eighty lives in the life to come, eighty beautiful wives, Mohammed and it was a strictly sensuous paradise which he described to ~~the~~ them, much detail about it and for the Arab living in the hot sun with very little of this world's pleasures it was well worth giving up what little good he had in this life, was the wonderful treasure that Mohammed promised them in the next life and the religion of Islam had nothing for womankind. Woman is practically a slave or a in the teachings of Mohammed. There is nothing good for a woman in this religion, but the men followed him in this teaching and before many years were passed, all Arabia was conquered for Islam and ~~this~~ ^{this land} which had never before been united which had been a land of wandering tribes fighting against each other constantly