

became a center from which warriors poured out upon the countries land about and during the next century and a half their progress seemed to be absolutely impossible to stop and so this land, this whole eastern area which had much of it Christian and all of it becoming more and more open to the spread of Christianity was now just swept over with this new force which completely changed the face of the world in that area. And perhaps one other word about Islamic doctrine, that is the doctrine of fatalism. They take the scriptural teaching of the sovereignty of God and they carry it to such an extreme that it becomes a , it becomes simply fatalism, Islamic submission, whatever our Lord wills, and in fact everything that they do the common phrase is , if Alla chooses, if Alla wills, and an Islamic driver in Jerusalem, you get into his car and you start for Jericho and you go round and round these curves lickety split with these deep drops below and you say, be careful we might drop, well, he says, when Alla chooses we will, he says, we can't die before it is fates so why worry and it is carried into every aspect of life, a fatalism which makes good warriors, it helps in that regard, but it does not make for progress in life and it is a perversion of true scriptural doctrine carried to such an extreme that it is very harmful in every aspect of life. Now there is one interesting thing about Mohammed, he forbade the use of alcoholic liquors, strictly forbade it and in among his followers in general, there has been very very little use of alcoholic liquors, it is strictly forbidden by the religion, it alcoholic beverages at all, but in the direction of sensuousness, it has been rather encouraged than frowned upon by the religion and in many areas they have sunk to a very low ebb in this regard. Mohammed permits each follower four wives, they are forbidden to have more than four wives, but they can divorce one at will and so , the present king of Arabia, a very fanatical Muslim, never has at one time more than three wives, he always keeps the fourth place vacant in case he should see someone he would like to marry and as soon as he marries one, he divorces one and Mohammed gave the rule that they were restricted to four wives. Now