

But is a literary thing of the type of language and they boast about it that you must read it in the original arabic, it cannot be translated. (question 9½) Yes, it is very poetical, not poetry in the sense that it is all arranged in equal lines or of that sort, there is a great deal of lãteration and a great deal of beautiful imagry and that sort of thing. He was a real literary master. (question 10) Doubtless yes, and it says the only leaders were very stern and just men. For instance Mohammed was succeeded by his uncle of and Omar, a young man who was very thoroughly convinced of Mohammed's teaching and seems to have been very earnest in it and it was under him that they captured Jerusalem and when they did Omar came across the desert in order to take the city and he road on a camel, they say, and had a negroe slave and the slave would walk in front of the camel and it was too much for him and he got pretty tired, and so Omar said, here we will trade about, and he said, you ride and I will walk for awhile and so they did and when they got to Jerusalem, it was the slave's turn to be riding, he was right in the middle of his hour and so Omar just said, you just stay there it is your turn, so they came marching into the gates of Jerusalem and here was this negroe slave sitting up on the camel and Omar walking in front of them and all the populace welcomed the man on the camel thinking that he was the head of the and, of course, when they found out what had happened, they thought that this is no bloodthirsty conqueror doing this, this is a man who has definite principles, a man of great humility. On the other hand when this same Omar heard that Alexandria was captured and that Egypt, the greatest library in the ancient world was captured and the general sent word to the and said, oh, my, what shall I do with this, all of these thousands of books, and Omar said, anything in them that agrees with the Koran is unnecessary that anything that disagrees with the Koran is wrong so you might as well burn them, so they burned the greatest library of the ancient world. That is not characteristic of the attitude of Islam. They did build up a very great literary civilization and they took over greatly the culture of the