

the progress is blocked; "instead of wealth, universal poverty; instead of comeliness, rags; instead of commerce, beggary—a failure greater and more absolute than history can elsewhere present." In regard to what Islam has done and can do in Africa, the recent testimony of Canon Robinson is conclusive. Writing of Mohammedanism in the central Sudan, he says:

"Moreover, if it be true, as it probably is to some extent, that Mohammedanism has helped forward the Hausas in the path of civilization, the assistance rendered here, as in every other country subject to Mohammedan rule, is by no means an unmixed good. Mohammedan progress is progress up an impasse; it enables converts to advance a certain distance, only to check their further progress by an impassable wall of blind prejudice and ignorance."

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an Impasse**

There is a brighter side to this dark picture of the present social conditions in the Mohammedan world. The day-dawn of an intellectual awakening has come in Syria, Egypt, India, Algeria, Persia, and other lands. Those relatively few Moslems who received a liberal education in government or mission schools, or who became enamored with Western civilization, have revolted against the old Islam. This clash of modern life and thought with medievalism gave birth to the new Islam. Though

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