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# THERE IS NO GOD BUT ALLAH

“One God the Arabian prophet preached to man;  
One God the Orient still  
Adores through many a realm of mighty span—  
A God of power and will.

“A power that at his pleasure doth create  
To save or to destroy,  
And to eternal pain predestinate  
As to eternal joy.”

—*Lord Houghton.*

**A**MONG all the religions of the world there is none that has a shorter creed than Islam; none whose creed is so well known and so often repeated. The whole system of Mohammedan theology and philosophy and religious life is summed up in seven words: *La ilaha illa Allah, Mohammed rasul Allah*. “There is no god but Allah and Mohammed is Allah’s apostle”—on these two phrases hang all the laws and teaching and morals of Islam. The logical development of Islam took place after the death of Mohammed in two ways: by the interpretation of the Koran and by the collection (or inven-