

added to his loss and they have plotted a great plot and said, Ye shall surely not leave your gods; ye shall surely neither leave *Wadd* nor *Suwah* nor *Yaghuth* nor *Ya'ook* nor *Nasr*,¹ and they led them astray," etc. But this dogma is no less aimed at the Jews whom the Koran accuses of deifying Ezra (Surah 9:30) and Christians who believe in the Trinity. This Trinity Mohammed misunderstood or misrepresented as consisting of Allah, *Jesus* and the Virgin Mary.² The deity of Christ is utterly rejected (Surahs 19:35, 36; 3:51, 52; 43:57-65; 5:19, etc.), and His incarnation and crucifixion denied, although not His miraculous birth (Surahs 19:22-24; 3:37-43, 47-50; 4:155, 156).

The word *Allah* is called by Moslem theologians *Ism-ul-That*, the name of the essence, or of the Being of God. All other titles, even that of *Rabb* (Lord) being considered *Isma-ul-Sifat*, i.e., names of the attributes. In this first name, therefore, we have (barren though it be) the Moslem idea of the nature of God apart from His attributes and creation (in accordance with the motto at the head of this chapter), although at the same time in sharp contrast with Christian ideas of the Godhead.

As is evident from the very form of the Moslem creed their fundamental conception of Allah is nega-

¹Of course these were *Arabian* idols, but the Koran is full of such strange anachronisms.

²See Chapter VI.