

shari comments thus: "The evil of His creation and of His creatures, both those who are responsible and those who are not responsible," etc. The common Moslem idea, undoubtedly taken from the Koran and Tradition, is that Allah created hell and created Satan such as they are. He is the creator of evil Jinn as well as of the good Jinn; and He made them evil in the same sense as He made the scorpion poisonous and arsenic deadly. Why did Allah create hell? To fill it with infidels. In describing creation Moslem theologians take pains to establish the fact that the universe is not infinite; God alone is that and to believe two infinities possible, is *shirk*, polytheism. A Persian Mullah, in recent years, offered to give an English traveller logical proof of the fact as follows: "Let us suppose that the Universe is infinite. Then from the centre of the earth draw two straight lines diverging at an angle of  $60^\circ$  and produce them to infinity. Join the terminal points by another straight line to form the base of a triangle. Since one of the angles is  $60^\circ$  and the two sides are equal, the remaining angles are  $60^\circ$  each and the triangle is equilateral. Therefore, since the sides are infinite, the base is also of infinite length. But the base is a straight line joining two points (*viz.*, the terminal points of the sides), that is to say, it is limited in both directions. Therefore, it is not infinite, neither are the sides infinite, and a straight line cannot be drawn to infinity. Therefore, the Universe is