

and etymology are broken to avoid the natural inference that these "prophets" were guilty sinners. Those who desire to know how far even Indian Moslems can go in defence of this untenable position must read the pamphlet of James Munro, Esq., on the recent *Zanb* Controversy in Bengal and the Punjaub.<sup>1</sup> It is evident that this desire to justify "the prophets" is nothing else than a practical lowering of the standard of ethics. What Adam or David or Mohammed did may *appear* to be sinful, but it really was not. God is merciful and clement.

(4) *There is a lack of harmony in Allah's attributes.* Raymund Lull (1315), the first missionary to Moslems, pointed out this weakness in the monotheism of Islam. He puts forward this proposition: "Every wise man must acknowledge *that* to be the true religion which ascribes the greatest perfection to the Supreme Being, and not only conveys the worthiest conception of all His attributes, but demonstrates the harmony and equality existing between them. Now their religion [*i.e.*, Islam] was defective in acknowledging only two active principles in the Deity, His will and His wisdom, while it left His goodness and greatness inoperative, as though they were indolent qualities and not called forth into active exercise. But the Christian religion could not be charged with this defect. In its doctrine of the Trinity, it conveys the highest conception of the

<sup>1</sup>Baptist Mission Press, Calcutta.