

ja died he found his own law, lax as it was, insufficient to restrain his lusts. His followers were to be content with four lawful wives; according to tradition, he took to himself eleven lawful wives and two slave girls. In all these particulars Mohammed was not an ideal character. Yet his life and character have become the ideal for millions and the facts of his life can never be disputed. They rest on Moslem authority. We can say with Johnstone:

“If it be thought that the judgment passed on the prophet of Arabia is harsh, let it be remembered that the evidence on which it rests comes all from the lips and the pens of his own devoted adherents. The voice of foes or detractors of his own time, or of time immediately following, has not yet reached the ears of later ages. Everything that could tend to his glory was eagerly sought out and treasured up by men jealous of his good name; and everything that might seem to detract therefrom was carefully suppressed. His lightest words were sacred to them, his most trifling actions were the example they strove to follow. To them he was the highest and most excellent of the creatures of God’s hand—last and most perfect of the messengers who declared his will to man. The vast body of tradition which was traced back to the lips of those who had most closely

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