

accompanied with him was jealously sifted and scrutinized, though not tested by the canons of Western criticism; it is on this that our knowledge is founded and our judgment based. And the followers of the prophet can scarcely complain if, even on such evidence, the verdict of history goes against him."

**Idealized in  
Mohammedan  
Tradition**

The life and character of Mohammed as portrayed by his earliest biographers is, however, not the present-day conception of the prophet. In the Koran and in the earliest sources Mohammed is thoroughly human and liable to error. Later tradition has changed all that, made him sinless and almost divine. The two hundred and one titles of honor given him proclaim his glory. He is called Light of God, Peace of the World, Glory of the Ages, First of all Creatures, and names yet more lofty and blasphemous. He is at once the sealer and abrogator of all former prophets and revelations. They have not only been succeeded, but also supplanted by Mohammed. No Moslem prays to him, but every Moslem daily prays for him in endless repetition. He is the only powerful intercessor on the day of judgment. Every detail of his early life is attributed to divine permission or command, and so the very faults of his character are his endless glory and his sign of superiority. God favored him above all crea-