

**His Power as  
Mediator**

Mohammed holds the keys of heaven and hell. No Moslem, however bad his character, will perish finally; no unbeliever, however good his life, can be saved, except through Mohammed. Islam denies the need of a mediator or of the incarnation, but it is evident that, in popular thought and in Moslem writings, Mohammed *acts as a mediator, without an incarnation, without an atonement, without demand for change of character.* For illustration, let this story of the Jew suffice, although it could be matched with a hundred others equally absurd, yet equally credited:

**Story of the  
Jew**

“In the days of the children of Israel there was a sinful man who, for the space of two hundred years, wearied every one by the enormity of his offenses. When he died they threw his corpse upon a dunghill, but no sooner had this been done than Gabriel, coming to Moses, said: ‘Thus saith the Almighty God, This day my friend has departed from this world, and the people have cast his corpse upon a dunghill. Now let that corpse be dressed and prepared for burial without delay; and ye shall speak unto the children of Israel, that they forthwith recite the burial service over his bier if they desire pardon.’ Then Moses marveled exceedingly, and inquired why forgiveness was required, and God answered: ‘The Lord well