

rect idea of some of the attributes of God, but an absolutely false conception of others. The conception of God is too negative. Absolute sovereignty and ruthless omnipotence are his chief attributes, while his character is impersonal. The Christian truth, that "God is love," is to the learned Moslem blasphemy and to the ignorant an enigma.

**Monotheism
Contrasted
with Bible
View**

The monotheism of Mohammed must be distinguished from that of the Bible. James Freeman Clarke calls it the "worst form of monotheism," and sums up the distinction thus: "Islam saw God, but not man; saw the claims of deity, but not the rights of humanity; saw authority, but failed to see freedom—therefore hardened into despotism, stiffened into formalism, and sank into death. . . . Mohammed teaches a God above us; Moses teaches a God above us, and yet *with us*, Jesus Christ teaches God above us, God with us, and God in us."¹

**Doctrine
Regarding
Spiritual
Beings**

The Moslems assert their belief in three species of spiritual beings — angels, jinn, and devils. This belief is not theoretical, but is intensely practical, and touches every-day life at many points.

Angels

Angels are very numerous, were created out of light, and are endowed with life, speech, and

¹ *Ten Great Religions*, Vol. II, 68.