

Thee do we worship, and to thee do we cry for help!
 Guide thou us in the right path!
 The path of those to whom thou art gracious!
 Not of those with whom thou art angered, nor of
 those who go astray."

THE VERSE OF THE THRONE

"God! there is no God but he; the living, the Eternal.
 Slumber doth not overtake him, neither sleep.
 To him belongeth whatsoever is in heaven and on
 the earth.
 Who shall intercede with him except by his permis-
 sion? He knows what is between their hands and
 behind them;
 And they can not encompass aught of his knowledge
 except as he please. His throne is as wide as
 the heavens and the earth.
 The preservation of both is no weariness unto him.
 He is the high, the mighty."

**Laws and
 Stories of the
 Koran**

The great bulk of the Koran consists of ceremonial laws and stories. The stories of the Koran go back to Adam and the patriarchs, take in several unknown Arabian prophets or leaders, tell of Jesus Christ, Moses, and Solomon, but do not venture beyond Jewish territory, except to mention Alexander the Great and Lokman, who is identified with Æsop!

**Its Errors
 and Short-
 comings**

The Koran has many historical errors; it contains monstrous fables; it teaches a false cosmogony; it is full of superstitions; it perpetuates slavery, polygamy, divorce, religious intolerance, the seclusion and degradation of women, and it