

Generally speaking, one fifth of the total population of Asia is Mohammedan. The following countries in Asia are predominantly and some almost wholly Moslem: Arabia, Asia Minor, Mesopotamia, Turkestan, Bokhara, Khiva, Persia, Afghanistan, Baluchistan, Java, Sumatra, Celebes, and the southern islands of the Philippine group. In Syria and Armenia the non-Moslem population outnumbered that of Islam.

The chief numerical strength of the Mohammedan faith, however, is in India, which has a larger Moslem population than all Africa and far more than the total populations of Arabia, Persia, Egypt, and the Turkish Empire combined. By the last census the number of Moslems in India is 62,458,077. In Bengal, including Assam, there are 27,076,733, and in the Punjab, 12,183,345. In the Dutch East Indies there are about twenty-nine million Moslems out of a total population of thirty-six millions. The number of Moslems in China is variously given from twenty to thirty or even forty millions. The largest number is in the province of Kan-su, in the extreme northwest, where 8,550,000 are reported. Some 6,500,000 are found in Shen-si, in the north, and 3,500,000 in Yün-nan, in the extreme southwest.

**Moslem
Strongholds**

In the Philippines there are about 300,000 Moslems, mostly in the southern group of is-

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and Russia**