

Mohammedanism is held, by many who have to live under its shadow, to be the most degraded religion, morally, in the world. We speak of it as superior to the other religions, because of its monotheistic faith, but I would rather believe in ten pure gods than in one God who would have for his supreme prophet and representative a man with Mohammed's moral character. Can a religion of immorality, or moral inferiority, meet the needs of struggling men?
—*Robert E. Speer*

But if ye fear that ye cannot do justice between orphans, then marry what seems good to you of women, by twos, or threes, or fours; and if ye fear that ye cannot be equitable, then only one, or what your right hands possess.

—*Palmer, Qur'an, IV, 71*

But those whose perverseness you fear, admonish them and remove them into bedchambers and beat them.

—*Palmer, Qur'an, IV, 77*

There is an impervious bar to all social intercourse between the sexes before marriage. . . . Such a marriage is more than a lottery; there can be no affection to begin with, and, except on rare occasions, it is not likely that it will turn out to be really happy. If it be thoroughly uncongenial, a man tries his luck once more in the same miserable lottery, and for his own happiness, and probably also for that of all concerned, annuls the previous bond. Hence polygamy implies freedom of divorce, and both together are the inevitable result of the seclusion of the female sex. But to abolish by law the two former without dealing with the far more fundamental institution which is its root, would be to carry on a war with symptoms only, and to introduce evils worse than those it is wished to prevent.

—*R. Bosworth Smith*