

himself. He was the prophecy as well as the prophet of his religion.

**The Low  
Ideal of  
Character  
in Islam**

A stream cannot rise higher than its source; a tower cannot be broader than its foundation. The measure of the moral stature of Mohammed is the ideal in Islam. His conduct is the standard of character. We need not be surprised, therefore, that the ethical standard is so low. Raymund Lull, the first missionary to Moslems, used to show in his bold preaching that Mohammed had none of the seven cardinal virtues and was guilty of the seven deadly sins; he doubtless went too far. But it would not be difficult to show that pride, lust, envy, and anger were prominent traits in the prophet's character. To read the pages of Muir or Koelle or Sprenger is convincing.

**Proof**

The following instances, taken from Koelle's *Mohammed and Mohammedanism*<sup>1</sup>, are sufficient proof:

**Mohammed's  
Treachery**

"The first to fall as victims of Mohammed's vengeance were some individuals of the Jewish persuasion who had made themselves obnoxious above others by attacking him in verse. He managed to produce an impression amongst the people that he would like to be rid of them. The hint was readily taken up by persons anxious to ingratiate themselves in the prophet's favor. The

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<sup>1</sup> P. 169.