

of Islam laid down the canon that it is justifiable to lie in praise of the prophet. In regard to the Mohammedans of Persia, Dr. St. Clair Tisdall says: "Lying has been elevated to the dignity of a fine art, owing to the doctrine of *Kitman-ud-din*, or religious deception, which is held by the Shiah religious community."

Mohammed was apparently confused as to the number and character of the commandments given Moses. "A Jew came to the prophet and asked him about the *nine* wonders which appeared by the hand of Moses. The prophet said: "Do not associate anything with God, do not steal, do not commit adultery, do not kill, do not take an innocent before the king to be killed, do not practise magic, do not take interest, do not accuse an innocent woman of adultery, do not run away in battle, and especially for you, O Jews, do not work on the Sabbath."

Islam and the
Decalogue

The lax and immoral interpretation by Moslem theologians of the Third, Sixth, Seventh, Eighth, and Ninth commandments of the decalogue are very evident. But that interpretation is based on the Koran itself, which is full of the vain use of God's name and needless oaths, which permits murder in *jahad* or religious war, which allows polygamy, divorce, and the capture of slaves.

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