

more nor less than a Mohammedan Missionary, and I marked with interest the effect he produced upon those around him. Simply dressed, but with a natural dignity in his appearance which instinctively commanded respect; intensely earnest, and with an evident reserve of fiery force behind, this pilgrim from Mohammed's native land could sway the people whither he would. Asiatics are naturally eloquent, and a man like this, who passed his life in discoursing at the mosques, and in exchanging ideas with men of many different countries, and who, moreover, bore with him all the prestige which surrounds a dweller in the Holy City, could make the staring Turkis round him believe and do what he liked. Never, indeed, have I been more impressed with the influence which Mohammedan religious leaders can exercise, and how dangerous that influence may be when exercised by ignorant but zealous apostles.

I thought, too, that I was able to realise in some way how religious systems take birth, and religious leaders arise. All the great religions have arisen in the East and perhaps from men not very dissimilar to this Arab