

his work is differentiated from the canonical Gospels. Though extremely interesting as a specimen of an early free paraphrase of the evangelical narrative, it furnishes no additional detail such as we might expect from a history made up of selections from sources from which the selection known

to us in the four Gospels was made. The want of any steady aim in its divergences from the authoritative sources of church teaching, what we might call its whimsicality, rendered it unacceptable to any considerable body either within or without the Church.

## Christ in Islam.

SAYINGS ATTRIBUTED TO CHRIST BY MOHAMMEDAN WRITERS.

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63. iv. 157. Christ said: Look not unto the wealth of the people of this world; for the glitter of their wealth takes away the light of their faith.

64. iv. 173. Christ said: Four things can be attained only with toil—silence, which is the beginning of devotion; humility; constant prayer; and poverty.

65. iv. 182. Jesus used to take with Him nothing but a comb and a pitcher. One day, seeing a man comb his beard with his fingers, He cast away the comb; another day, seeing a man drink out of the river with his hands, He threw away the pitcher.

66. iv. 256. Jesus was asked, Why dost Thou not buy an ass to ride? He answered: I am too precious with God for Him to let an ass interrupt my thoughts of Him.

67. iv. 272. Jesus passed by a man who was blind, leprous, crippled, paralysed on both sides, and with his flesh scarred from elephantiasis, but was saying: Praise be to God, who has kept me free from that wherewith He has afflicted many of His creatures. Jesus said unto him: Sir, what form of affliction is that which has been kept away from thee? He answered: O Spirit of God, I am better off than those into whose hearts God has not put that knowledge of Himself which he has put into mine. Jesus said: Thou hast spoken truly; give me thine hand. He gave his hand, and straightway became the fairest and best-looking of men, for God had healed him of his afflictions. So he accompanied Jesus, and shared His devotions.

68. iv. 279. Jesus asked the children of Israel: Where does the seed grow? They answered: In the mould. He said: Of a truth I say unto you, wisdom grows not save in a heart like the mould.

69. iv. 281. Ibn El-Jala said: God revealed unto Jesus: When I examine a man's heart, and

find not therein any love for this world or for the next, I fill it with love of me and sedulously guard it.

70. *Ibid.* Jesus was asked: What is the best of works? He answered: Resignation to God, and love of Him.

71. iv. 284. Jesus said: Blessed is the eye that sleeps and thinks no evil, and wakes unto sinlessness.

72. iv. 298. The apostles asked Jesus: What action is just? He answered: That of him who works for God without desiring that any one should praise him for it.

73. iv. 313. Jesus said: Actions are of three sorts—those which are evidently right, which ye should ensue; those which are evidently wrong, which ye should eschew; and those which are doubtful, which are to be referred to those who know.

74. iv. 332. On the authority of Ta'us: The apostles asked Jesus, Is there any one on earth to-day like Thee? He answered: Yea; whosoever has for his speech prayer, and for his silence meditation, and for his vision tears, he is like me.

75. iv. 354. When Jesus thought on death, His skin dripped blood.

76. iv. 362. Jesus said: Ye company of apostles, pray unto God that this cup (death) may be easy for me; for I fear death with a terror which is like the pains of death.

77. iv. 363. Jesus, passing by a skull, kicked it with His foot, and bade it speak by the will of God. It said: O Spirit of God, I was a king in past time. One day, when I was seated in my kingdom on my throne of state, with my crown on my head and my armies and courtiers around me, the Angel of Death appeared unto me. Then each of my members fell apart, and my spirit went forth to him. Would that all those armies had been but one troop! Would that all that dense company had been solitude!