

a<sup>1-2</sup>  
 come unto thee in a thick cloud," and thereafter whenever Moses went up the mountain or entered into the tabernacle to receive revelations "the Lord descended upon it in a cloudy pillar." Job also tells us that "thick clouds are a covering to him," and Isaiah says that he "rideth upon a swift cloud," which reminds us of the Ghost song of the Arapaho representing the Indian redeemer as coming upon the whirlwind. Moses goes up into a mountain to receive inspiration like Wovoka of the Paiute and Bi'ünki of the Kiowa. As Wovoka claims to bring rain or snow at will, so Elijah declares that "there shall not be dew nor rain these years, but according to my word," while of the Jewish Messiah himself his wondering disciples say that even the winds and the sea obey him.

a<sup>1-2-3</sup>  
 Fasting and solitary contemplation in lonely places were as powerful auxiliaries to the trance condition in Bible days as now among the tribes of the plains. When Daniel had his great vision by the river Hiddekel, he tells us that he had been mourning for three full weeks, during which time he "ate no pleasant bread, neither came flesh nor wine in my mouth, neither did I anoint myself at all." When the vision comes, all the strength and breath leave his body and he falls down, and "then was I in a deep sleep on my face, and my face toward the ground." Six hundred years later, Christ is "led by the spirit into the wilderness, being forty days tempted by the devil, and in those days he did eat nothing." Another instance occurs at his baptism, when, as he was coming out of the water, he saw the heavens opened and the spirit like a dove, and heard a voice, and immediately was driven by the spirit into the wilderness. In the transfiguration on the mountain, when "his face did shine as the sun," and in the agony of Gethsemane, with its mental anguish and bloody sweat, we see the same phenomena that appear in the lives of religious enthusiasts from Mohammed and Joan of Arc down to George Fox and the prophets of the Ghost dance.

→ Dancing, which forms so important a part of primitive rituals, had a place among the forms of the ancient Hebrew and of their neighbors, although there are but few direct references to it in the Bible. The best example occurs in the account of the transfer of the ark to Zion, where there were processions and sacrifices, and King David himself "danced before the Lord with all his might."

*My did Michael  
 despise David  
 so then?*

#### MOHAMMEDANISM

Six hundred years after the birth of Christianity another great religion, which numbers its adherents by the hundred million, had its origin in the same region and among a kindred Semitic race. Its prophet and high priest was the cataleptic Mohammed, who was born about the year 570 and died in 642. In infancy and all through life he was afflicted with epileptic attacks and fainting fits, during which he would lose all appearance of life without always losing inner consciousness. It was while in this condition that he received the visions and revelations on which he built his religious system. Frequently at such times it was necessary to wrap him up to preserve life in his body, and