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"Dilger to Basel"

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**Description:** A report of a Christian turned Mohammedan who visited him twice - Dilger's report is concerned with their arguments and no clear picture emerges of the man himself, other than he was propagating Mohammedanism and had been a Wesleyan. Catechist Afwireng reckoned he had lapsed on account of the Wesleyan's high church taxes, According to Dilger the arguments in favour of Mohammedanism which the man advanced to justify his conversions were firstly that the Koran was an older book than the bible, and in the origin of the human race; secondly that there were so many different churches among Christians while all Mohammedans believed the same thing; thirdly that Mohammedanism taught people to follow Christ anyway (his evidence for this was a tract published in London called 'The Way to Heaven' with the motto 'No saviour but Christ'). Dilger's main counter argument was in terms of Mohammedanism armed conversion campaigns being wrong (he cites the destruction of the church in North Africa).

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