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Dear Sir, Being a hard Scotchman  
and one well acquainted with your real career  
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your work on "Egypt & Syria", which is very  
interesting. There is a custom of Mohammedans  
of pre-initiating into their Mohammedan system  
one who may have previously left their religion  
for the Christian order; - the desiring to  
return again to his original faith. It is  
some ceremony of marching him through the  
streets in company with camels - to performing  
some abhorrent services to the animals.  
Please are you acquainted with any such  
rites. Carlyle speaks of it in some of his  
discourses - but I cannot find it

Yours obedtly -  
E. W. Chipman  
E. W. Chipman



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Please give me your opinion which  
I shall much esteem.

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CONCERNING

## THE TRIAL OF JESUS.

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