

Scottish Sceptic, David Hume, on the Subject of Mohammed, and Islam

A little something to go with that other bon mot from David Hume to which Hugh Fitzgerald has already drawn attention.

“But would we know, whether the pretended prophet (*that is, Mohammed* – CM) had really attained a just sentiment of morals?

“Let us attend to his narration; and we shall soon find, that he bestows praise on such instances of treachery, inhumanity, cruelty, revenge, bigotry, as are utterly incompatible with civilized society.

“No steady rule of right seems there to be attended to; and every action is blamed or praised, so far only as it is beneficial or hurtful to the true believers (*that is, the Muslims* – CM).” – David Hume, “Of the Standard of Taste: Paragraph 4” (1757).