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Prof. Ignatius Goldziher,

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Honorable Sir:-

For scientific research purposes, kindly send me the name of place,- the year, month, day, hour and, if possible, minute of your birth. You will hear from me again in regard to this and other matters.

Yours very respectfully,

*John G. Powell*  
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P.S.:- You may address me in German or French, if more convenient.

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# U. S. Lost Chance In Constantinople, Says Orientalist

## Acceptance of Mandate Would Have Resulted in Library Which Could Have Brought Out Liter- ary Treasures

BUDAPEST, Aug. 14.—“I as a scholar regret deeply the refusal of the United States to accept the mandate over Constantinople because the learned world lost a unique chance to have an American library in Turkey which would have brought out the still hidden treasures of mediæval Turkish literature, the Koran commentaries and Arabian philosophy,” said Professor Ignatius Goldziher, famous Orientalist, who has just celebrated his seventieth birthday. The studio where Goldziher received the correspondent of The Associated Press is in itself a complete library of Oriental science.

“Either old Turkey must be re-established or else the Nationalists must totally modernize, it which would be a pity,” continued Professor Goldziher. “The Turks are the most honest people of the East. When a Turk pledges his word you can rely upon it, which is hardly the case with their neighbors. But when they come into touch with Western civilization they get spoiled.

“A Turk generally picks up the style of the Parisian boulevards, but is out of sympathy with the culture of the West. And they must not abandon their national customs. It was one of the tricks used by the Germans to delude the Turkish nation by the false hopes of mock civilization dangled before their eyes. The strength and value of the Turkish people is in their racial peculiarities, in their simplicity, honesty, poetical ability and one of the greatest blessings of America's control over Turkey would have been the preservation of these national qualities.

“According to the news I received from Germany, Oriental studies there have come to an end and the well-known Oriental Academy in Berlin is closed. But I sincerely believe this gap will be filled by American men of science who are aware of their responsibility to save the science of the Orient if its nations are doomed to decay.”