Prof. Ignatius Goldziher,

BUDAPEST

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,

[Signature]

Psychical Researcher & Scientist

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

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BUDAPEST, Aug. 14.—“I as a scholar regret deeply the refusal of the United States to accept the mandate over Con-
stantinople because the learned world lost a unique chance to have an Amer-
ican library in Turkey which would have brought out the still hidden trea-
urses of medieval Turkish literature, the Koran commentaries and Arabian
philosophy,” said Professor Ignatius Goldziher, famous Orientalist, who has
just celebrated his seventieth birth-
day. The studio where Goldziher re-
ceived the correspondent of The Asso-
ciated 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 Goldzih-
ner. “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 be-
fore their eyes. The strength and
value of the Turkish people is in their
racial peculiarities, in their simplic-
ity, 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 respon-
sibility to save the science of the
Orient if its nations are doomed to
decay.”