

Damascus, Syria,

8<sup>th</sup> June, 1896.



Professor Ignaz Goldziher -  
My dear Sir,

The card enclosed explains to you that I am the recipient of a Fellowship from the leading University of the United States. I have been spending the past year in Damascus, learning to speak Arabic and reading a small amount with a Shāfi'ite sheikh, being the sixth year of my studies in Arabic.

My purpose is to spend the coming year at some convenient center in Europe, and carry on studies in the history of Arabic literature, particularly as relates to the Tradition and "Adab" literature. Would you kindly write me what you plan to lecture upon next autumn, and what books you will read in Arabic? - I should like also to learn Turkish. - Do you give your lectures in German or in Hungarian?

I have been very much interested in your "Muham-  
madianische Studien". Much of my time has been  
spent in the Kitāb al-Ağām, at least three yrs.  
before I came to Damascus.

Any details you would be so kind as to give  
me, the date of the opening of the University, the  
average expenses of an ordinary student, the pos-  
sibility of a Dr's degree to a foreigner &c. &c., I  
should very much appreciate.

Sincerely yours,  
Frank D. Chestes. -

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