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Dear Macdonald, I read your lecture on ~~religion~~ with increasing admiration and pleasure, though - naturally, for my part I cannot agree with the conclusion (end of p. 37) You give a wonderful critical analysis of the asceticistic doctrine; why did you not pay heed to the theories of the Unitarians about the questions treated in the Lecture f.i. the theory of the ~~gods~~ regarding the ~~fire~~ and the ~~water~~ (p. 32 l. 16) of Allah? Further, I cannot help opposing to the view pronounced by you (p. 31) and others (lastly by M. Wittmann in his treatise on the philosophy of Avicenna) viz. to combine the ^{lay stress} ~~all~~ with the eternal Logos. Yourself ~~give~~ (p. 31, l. 16) the fundamental difference between the two conceptions. The ~~god~~ is meant as a ~~deus~~ ^{on the same level} (as the quality of ~~god~~, grace and the others. It is for that reason that the Muhammedites oppose against such a quality the conception of ~~je~~ is ~~gods~~ ~~deus~~ (borrowed, as I pointed out, from Philo, Decalog. § 9). I regret not to can quote your lecture in my forthcoming lectures on Islam, the chapter on "Dogmatic evolution" being already pointed. I hope this volume will appear till June, l. 11 AM. The printing advanced to the 12th sheet. You know, these are the lectures prepared by me for America. I am again always very suffering; I feel my whole biography in all my bones. Did you hear already, that we will have as early as May a special Islam-Review edited by Becker? I wrote for the first number an article on the denomination of the Levell ~~ugli~~. A thousand kind regards to Mrs. Macdonald. Yours truly Goldziher