

Charles Martell stopped them at the battle of Tours. But they held most of Spain for c. 6 or 7 centuries. At about the time of Raimond Lull his father had been one who had fought in driving back these Mohammedans. During the previous century and a half the crusades had taken place. Great numbers of knights had gone to the Holy Land in order to bring back the Holy Sepulchre and fight the infidels. The crusades were coming to an end. They had proven pretty much a failure, and Mohammedanism was then the dominate, the most powerful religion in the world as far as the culture, the civilization, the wealth and accomplishment of its people were concerned. Its great centers were in Egypt and in N. Africa.

R. Lull was born in the island of Majorca and as a young man he went back to Spain and became the _____ of the king. That is to say he was in charge of the household of the king. He provided the entertainment for the palace. He had a very fine position there. He had great musical ability. He had poetical ability. But he indulged in all the types of life that were common at that time and all the sorts of wickedness characteristic of courts. He was in his early 30's when one day as he was composing some leud erotic poetry he looked up and thought felt as though he saw standing before him, Jesus Christ with His nail pierced hands, and the blood flowing from the wound in his side, looking at him with a tone of reproach. He brought == dropped the poem in disgust and after a little while he recovered from the impression that it made on him, he tried again to write the poem and again he had the feeling that he saw Christ hanging on the cross looking at him with reproachful eye. Everytime he tried to devote his poetic abilities to the service of Satan he had this strong feeling about Christ and what Christ had done until after a little he reached a point he said After what Christ did for me on the cross, I must devote everything I have to serve Him. As Paul said, Woe is me if I preach not the gospel. I don't think Lull felt quite that way at this time but he