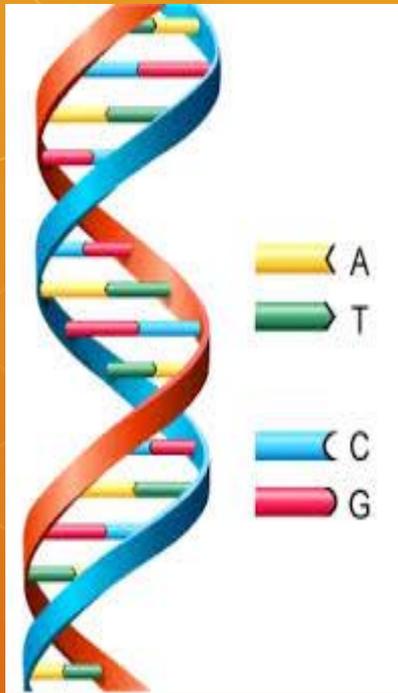


Muslim Identity and Integration

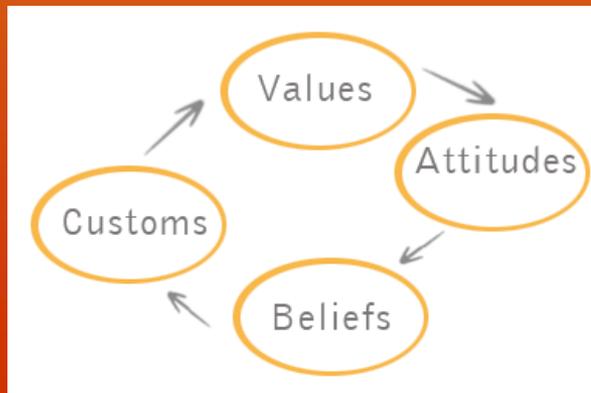
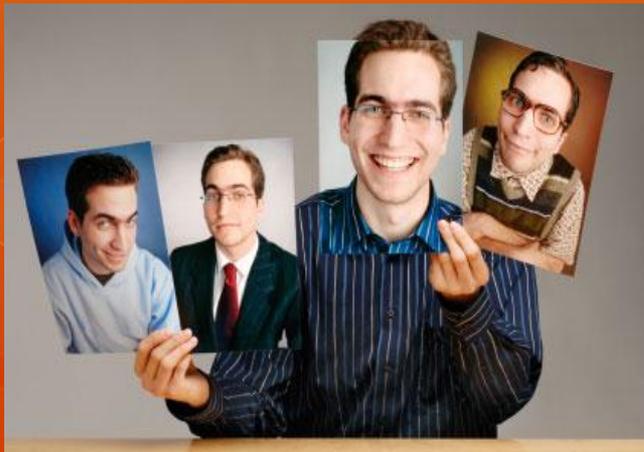
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The Critical Questions

- Muslim – Moi'min – Muhsin
- Identity - how did we get here?
- Intra-Integration
- Inter-Integration
- Engagement



Who
Am
I?



وَمِنْ آيَاتِهِ خَلْقُ السَّمَاوَاتِ
وَالْأَرْضِ وَاخْتِلَافُ
السِّنْتِكُمْ
وَالْوَانِكُمْ إِنَّ فِي ذَلِكَ لَآيَاتٍ
لِّلْعَالَمِينَ

And of His signs is the creation of the heavens and the earth and the diversity of your languages and your colors. Indeed in that are signs for those of knowledge. (30:22)

يَا أَيُّهَا النَّاسُ إِنَّا خَلَقْنَاكُمْ مِّنْ ذَكَرٍ وَأُنْثَىٰ وَجَعَلْنَاكُمْ شُعُوبًا وَقَبَائِلَ لِتَعَارَفُوا ۚ إِنَّ أَكْرَمَكُمْ عِنْدَ اللَّهِ أَتْقَاكُمْ ۚ إِنَّ اللَّهَ عَلِيمٌ خَبِيرٌ

O mankind, indeed We have created you from male and female and made you peoples and tribes that you may know one another. Indeed, the most noble of you in the sight of Allah is the most righteous of you. Indeed, Allah is Knowing and Acquainted. (49:13)

Identity - How Did We Get Here?

Muslim presence in England dates back to Victorian times.

1850s-1940s Muslims slowly began to form communities in England.

1. Sailors – Community in Cardiff
2. Converts
3. Woking Mosque was built - Roots

1940s-1950s – MIGRATION

1. Recruitment
2. WW1/WW2
3. Mangla Dam



قُلْ سِيرُوا فِي الْأَرْضِ

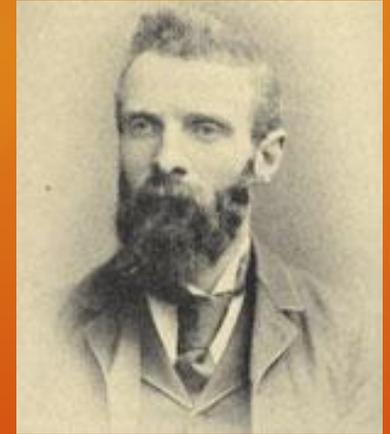
Say, "Travel through the land; (6:11)

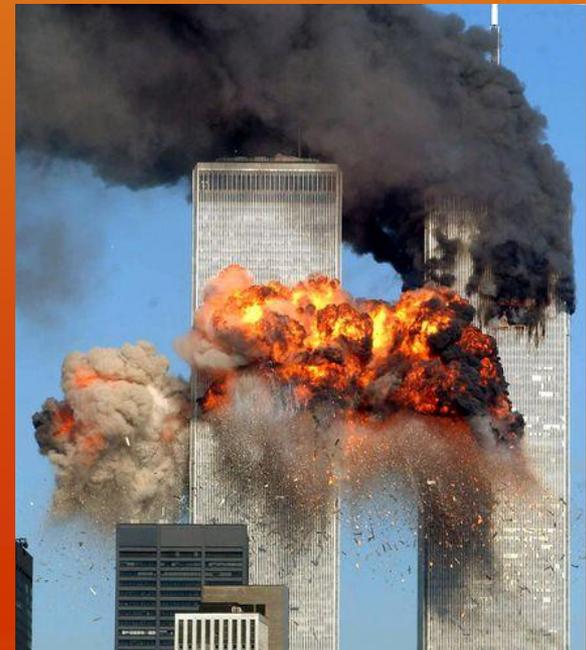
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الصَّابِرُونَ أَجْرَهُمْ بِغَيْرِ حِسَابٍ

and the earth of
Allah is spacious.
Indeed, the patient
will be given their
reward without
account.“ (39:10)

وَلَا تُفْسِدُوا فِي الْأَرْضِ بَعْدَ
إِصْلَاحِهَا وَادْعُوهُ خَوْفًا وَطَمَعًا
إِن رَّحِمَتِ اللَّهُ قَرِيبًا مِّنَ
الْمُحْسِنِينَ

And cause not corruption upon the
earth after its reformation. And
invoke Him in fear and aspiration.
Indeed, the mercy of Allah is near to
the doers of good. (7:56)





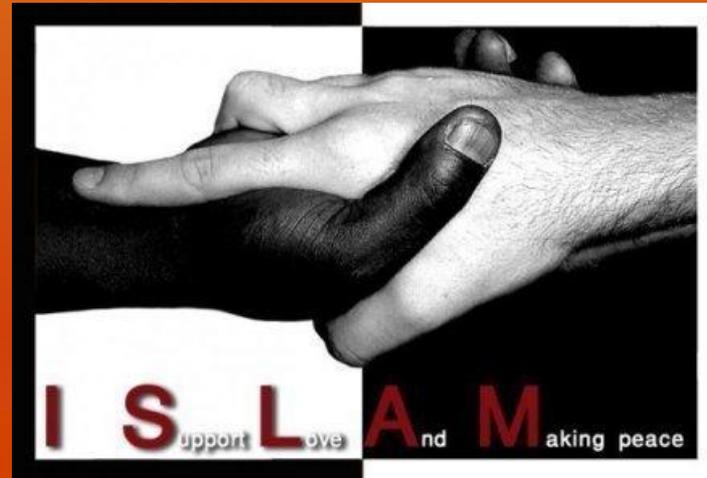
وَمَا أَرْسَلْنَاكَ إِلَّا رَحْمَةً لِّلْعَالَمِينَ

And We have not sent you (O Muhammad ﷺ), except
as a mercy to the worlds.

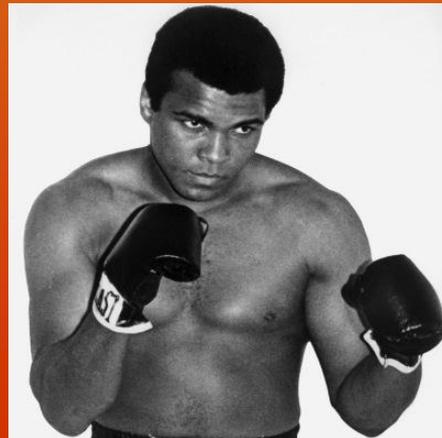
Al-Quran 21:107

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Intra-Integration



Inter-Integration

1. Islam is a gift to the World-West
2. Not everything is to do with religious integration, but rather our social integration is needed.
3. A critical study of your own “Islamic” practices
4. Seek the Good – Patience- Mercy
5. Islam – a **UNIVERSAL** religion, not Pakistani, not Bangladeshi, not Arab.

Engagement

- **State responsibility**

- **Our responsibility**

- 1. Psychological**

- 2. Active use of our rights**

- 3. Engaged Citizens**

فَاعْفُ عَنْهُمْ وَاصْفَحْ ۚ إِنَّ اللَّهَ يَحِبُّ الْمُحْسِنِينَ

Pardon them and overlook [their misdeeds].
Indeed, Allah loves the doers of good. (5:13)



يَا أَيُّهَا الَّذِينَ آمَنُوا أَوْفُوا بِالْعُقُودِ

O you who have believed,
fulfil [all] contracts. (5;1)

كُنْتُمْ خَيْرَ أُمَّةٍ أُخْرِجَتْ لِلنَّاسِ
تَأْمُرُونَ بِالْمَعْرُوفِ وَتَنْهَوْنَ عَنِ
الْمُنْكَرِ وَتُؤْمِنُونَ بِاللَّهِ

You are the best nation
produced [as an example] for
mankind. You enjoin what is
right and forbid what is wrong
and believe in Allah.