

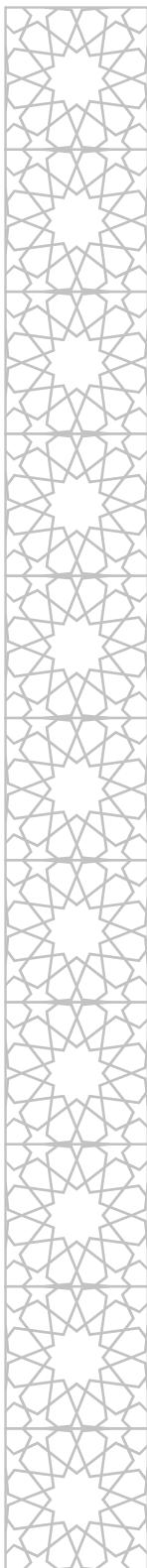
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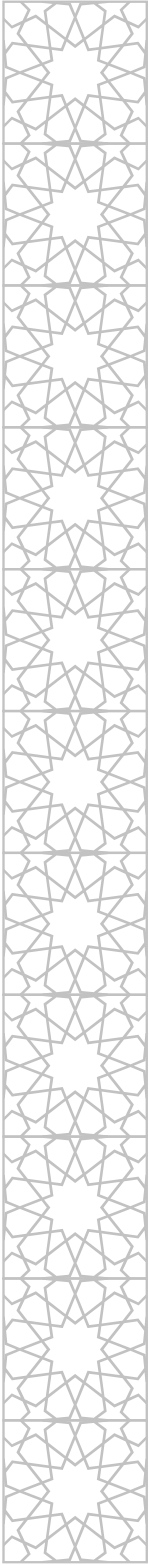


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ISLAM AND THE CHINESE TRADITIONAL CULTURE*

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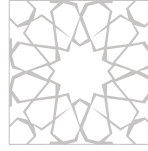
ABSTRACT

Some modern western scholars have put forth a thesis that with the demise of the former Soviet Union a new era has begun in which war and clash will take place between civilizations instead of countries. It has also been claimed that the clash of civilizations is inevitable. It is predicted that in the post Soviet scenario the Chinese and Islamic civilizations may collaborate and the new rival of the West shall be the Sino-Islamic block.

Without delving into an analysis or refutation of the above thesis the present paper tries to understand meaning of the culture and civilization and their relationship with particularistic and universal ethical values. The paper makes an effort to understand ethical foundations of the traditional Chinese culture as well as that of the Islamic culture. It also explores the future of universal ethical values and suggests a co-existence model for a better and sustainable human society in order to relieve humanity from the nightmare of a possible clash of civilizations.

* This is an enlarged and revised version of a paper presented in the International Conference on "Islamic Studies in China" held at the Chinese University of Hong Kong, 2008.

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THE GLOBAL FINANCIAL CRISIS CAN ISLAMIC FINANCE HELP?*

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A B S T R A C T

The paper discusses the primary cause or causes of the financial crises that have plagued almost every country around the world over the last three decades. Of particular significance is the prevailing subprime mortgage crisis in the United States which is more severe than any in the past and has had devastating spillover effects worldwide. It argues that one of the major causes of these crises is the lack of adequate market discipline in the financial system. This leads to excessive lending, high leverage and ultimately the crisis. Unwinding gives rise to a vicious cycle of selling that feeds on itself and leads to a steep decline in asset prices accompanied by bank failures and economic slowdown. Risk-sharing along with the availability of credit for primarily the purchase of real goods and services and restrictions on the sale of debt, short sales, excessive uncertainty (*gharar*), and gambling (*qimār*), which Islamic finance stands for, can help inject greater discipline into the system and, thereby, substantially reduce financial instability.

* This paper was originally based on a lecture delivered under Ibn Khaldun Lecture series at the Institute of Islamic Banking and Insurance, London, on 10 November 2008, which has been published by various journals because of its crucial importance. This particular version is specially modified, revised and updated by the author in light of the academic evaluation, comments and suggestions of the peer-reviewers at the roster of quarterly *Insights*.

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AN OVERVIEW OF THE SCIENTIFIC THOUGHT AND TECHNOLOGY IN THE SUBCONTINENT DURING 18-19TH CENTURIES

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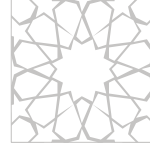
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Qur'ān's repeated invitation to mankind to ponder upon the realities of the outer world as well as within themselves, as the signs and proofs of various articles of Islamic belief system has always fascinated Muslims with knowledge of astronomy, biology and other natural sciences. This tradition of learning, though at times its progress in the correct direction was impeded due to several factors, always had a central place in the Muslim civilization. The present paper presents an overview of the scientific thought in the subcontinent during the 18 –19th centuries. It is being argued that the subcontinent in the medieval times had a well-established scientific and technological tradition of its own which was vigorous and outward-looking. The encounter between European science and its counterpart in the subcontinent is not one of simple conquest and diffusion from the West to the East. Rather the intelligentsia of the subcontinent during the late eighteenth and early nineteenth century was in no respect different from early modern societies in Europe, China or elsewhere. With their own norms, ideals and standard of scholarship the medieval scientific community of the subcontinent surely had a deeply rooted culture of scientific learning. The reassessment presented here is based upon contemporary historical and biographical sources as well as modern scholarly researches on the subject.

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SAID NURSI'S APPROACH TO THE ENVIRONMENT A SPIRITUAL VIEW ON THE BOOK OF UNIVERSE

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Said Nursi uses the unique term “the Book of Universe” to define the environment from a spiritual perspective. However, Nursi’s approach to the environment seems more holistic than the materialistic one. This term means that everything in the universe holds wisdom in its creation and needs to be understood. With its harmony and immaculate order observable in the cooperation of all creations, through nutrient distribution and seasonal changes, it is a guidebook which points to Creator’s attributes and being. The universe has its own maintenance system, recycling its own waste products, hence reflecting Creator’s name *al-Quddūs*, the Absolutely Pure. According to Nursi, all creation has two faces: one that looks to the Creator, and one that looks at the creation. Since humans have been made the custodians of earth by the Creator, they have the responsibility to protect the environment, consume thriftily, and appreciate the blessings given; otherwise they risk throwing the balance of the universe off and degrading the blessings of the Creator.

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THE GLORIOUS QUR'ĀN AND AGRICULTURE

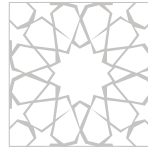
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A B S T R A C T

This short article presents an overview of how one of the most basic human activities namely agriculture is mentioned in the *āyāt* and the context of the Glorious Qur'ān. The article is divided into two parts; the first part analyzes the Qur'ānic technical vocabulary related to agricultural activity and the second part delves into Qur'ān's treatment of agriculture, classifies those *āyāt* of the Qur'ān that relate to agriculture and interprets a selection of these. For the purpose of this classification and interpretation we present a four-fold model. Both parts rely heavily on classical Arabic lexicons, *Ḥadīth* collections and the classical Qur'ān commentaries (*tafāsīr*).

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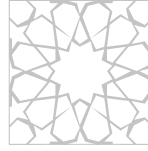
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Preface

The International Helsinki Federation for Human Rights (IHF), on 7 March 2005, released a report, “Intolerance and Discrimination against Muslims in the EU: Developments since September 11.” This 160-page report is based on information collected from a variety of official institutions, NGOs, mass media and individual religious and civil-rights activists in EU countries.

The report consists of three parts: introduction and recommendations to the EU member states; a general summary on the situation of Muslims in the EU; and an in-depth mapping of intolerant attitudes and facts on discriminatory actions directed against Muslims in the eleven countries of the European Union where the largest Muslim communities exist.

* This article is based on the Introduction, Summary and Recommendations for the EU member states, from, Ann-Sofie Nyman, “Intolerance and Discrimination against Muslims in the EU: Developments since September 11,” A Report by the International Helsinki Federation for Human Rights (Vienna: IHF, March 2005), pp. 7–27. It was originally posted at the IHF website and was available at <http://www.ihf-hr.org/documents/doc_summary.php?sec_id=3&d_id=4029>. However, all the data from the IHF website went offline except for the OSA Archivum and an announcement that IHF was forced to file for bankruptcy and consequently was close down on 7 December 2007. It is now available in PDF at: <<http://www.art1.nl/nprd/factsheets/Intolerance%20against%20muslims%20in%20the%20EU%2003-2005.pdf>>. We are publishing it with due acknowledgement and gratitude to the author, IHF and the Art1.nl.



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1. Her books include: *Collins need to Know? Islam: Understand the religion behind the headlines* (London: HarperCollins, 2008); *Islam: A Dictionary* (Birmingham: IPCI, 2006); *GCSE Islam — The Do-it-Yourself Guide* (New Delhi: Goodword Books, 2002; reprint Birmingham: IPCI 2004.); *Readings in Cross-Cultural Dawah*, ed., Ridzuan Wu (Singapore: Darul Arqam, 2001); *What Every Christian Should Know About Islam* (Leicester: Islamic Foundation, 2000); *The Mysteries of Jesus (A Muslim Examination of the Origins of the Christian Church)* (Oxford: Sakina Books, 2000); *The Problem of Evil* (Delhi: Adam Publishers, 2000); *The Sign of the Gnat* (Delhi: Adam Publishers, 2000); *The Beloved Prophet* (Knebworth: Able Publishing, 1999); *Living Islam* (New Delhi: Goodword Books, 1998); *A Basic Dictionary of Islam* (Goodword Books, New Delhi, 1998); *The Beautiful Promises of Allah* (New Delhi: Goodword Books, 1998); *The Muslim*



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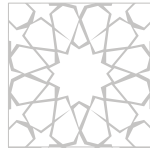
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It is an established fact that any person wishing to have a reasonable understanding of the Qur'ān should be familiar with the life of Prophet Muḥammad (peace be on him) and that both the Qur'ān and the Prophetic *Sunnah* form the primary sources of Islam. Taking into account these rudimentary facts, one welcomes contributions that attempt to shed light on both sources and more importantly texts that demonstrate how closely the two are connected. Sohaib Sultan, as the author of a decidedly recommendable work *The Koran for Dummies*,¹ according to Jane I. Smith who wrote the preface for the text under review (pp. ix–xiii), made another worthy contribution by presenting this annotated and explained selection of *āyāt* of the Qur'ān and the Prophetic statements; this text appeared as one of the long list of books in the Skylight Illumination Series.

Sultan introduced his fifteen chapter annotated text by explaining the basics of Islam, tracing the compilation of the Qur'ān and the *Ḥadīth*

1. Sohaib N. Sultan, *The Koran for Dummies* (Hoboken, NJ: Hungry Minds Inc. 2004)



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The book, *Democracy in Islam*, sets to resolve the question whether Islam is compatible with democracy. While the book speaks about the issue of Islam and democracy—which is part of a larger global contestation affecting nation states and politico religious stripes—it demonstrates that the political agendas promoting democracy and human values can be grounded in the primary sources of Islam—the Qur’ān and the life pattern (*Sunnah*) of the Prophet Muḥammad (peace be on him)—its law, culture and history.

The Book covers a wide range of themes and relates them to the main theme: Islam’s compatibility with democracy. But there are four issues which are given particular attention: The principles of Islam’s political theory and the notion of democracy therein; the value of Islamic legal ideas and its contribution to the European legal philosophy and law; Islam and human rights; and the Notion of *Jihād* and its qualifications. The book comprises of Seven charters preceded by “Introduction” and followed by “Notes (References),” “Bibliography” and “Index.”

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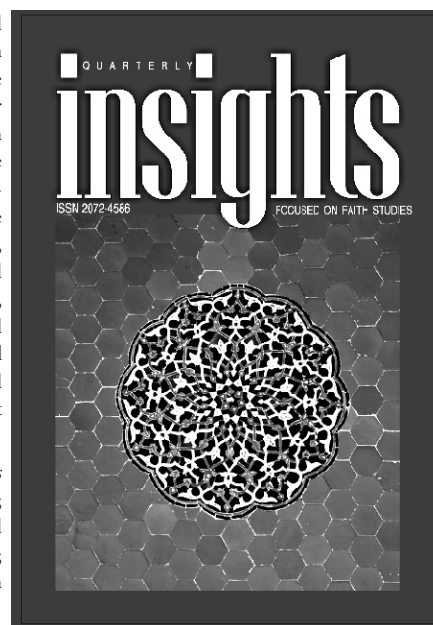
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Long Vowels

ا	ā
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ی	ī
و	ū
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ے (Urdu)	ē

Short Vowels

ا	a
ی	i
و	u

Diphthongs

ا	(Arabic) aw
و	(Persian/Urdu) au
ی	(Turkish) ev
ی	(Arabic) ay
ی	(Persian/Urdu) ai
ی	(Turkish) ey

Doubled

و	(Arabic) uww
و	(Persian) uvv
و	(Urdu) uvv
ی	iyy

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آ is transliterated as (ah) in pause form and as (at) in construct form.

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