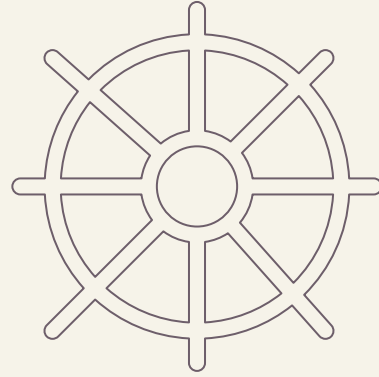


# Modern World - A Different Perspective

A 4-session Course





## Striving in the right direction!

وَمَنْ أَرَادَ الْآخِرَةَ وَسَعَىٰ لَهَا سَعْيَهَا وَهُوَ  
مُؤْمِنٌ فَأُولَٰئِكَ كَانَ سَعْيُهُمْ مَّشْكُورًا

# Islamic Balanced Lifestyle

Comprehensive and complementary schedule



One of our  
important and  
fundamental needs  
is knowledge

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Wa ma adaraka ma  
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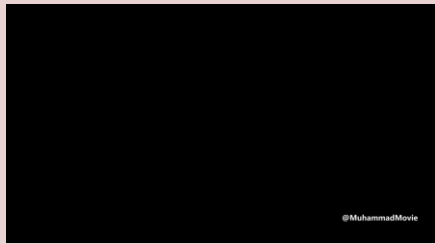
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# Introduction to Islamic Civilization

Our present and future is  
connected to our past!



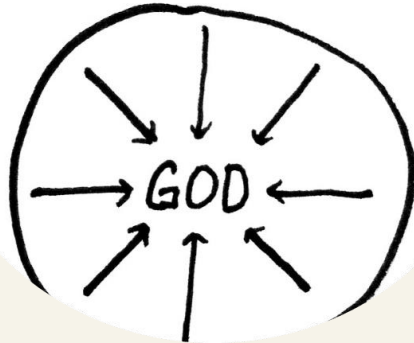
# Social Project!



# Worldview

**One God** was his first message and invitation!

God-Centered



« قولوا لا اله الا الله تفلحوا »



# Islam has a comprehensive worldview



# Values & Morals

He wanted to change their values & morals



- ❖ Things that are important or unimportant for people
- ❖ Values deeply affect priorities and actions

# Values he taught

+

Social justice

Spirituality &  
Taqwa

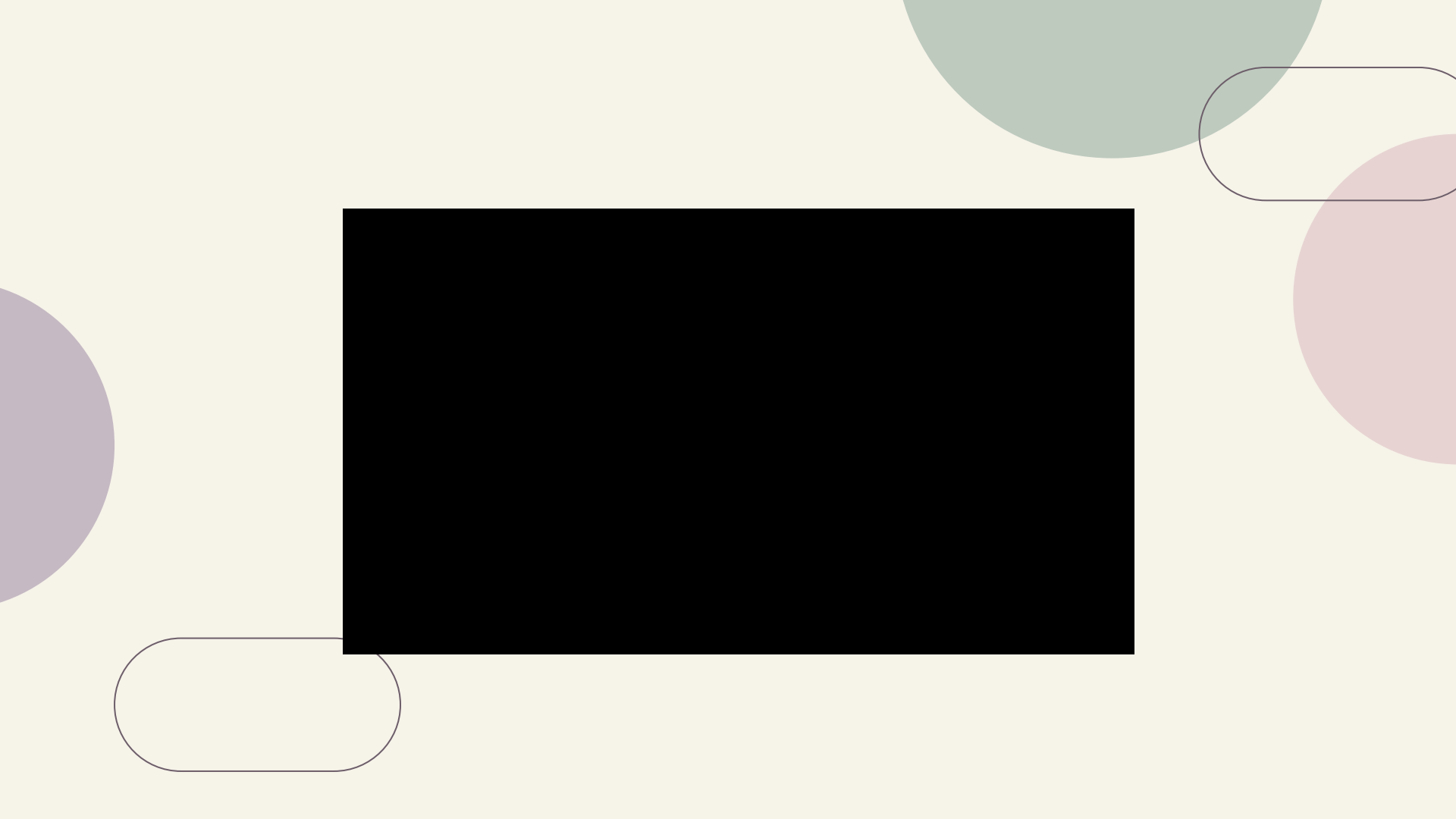
Haram *dunya*

Halal pleasure

Gender  
segregation



A careful balance between  
spiritual values and halal-  
material values

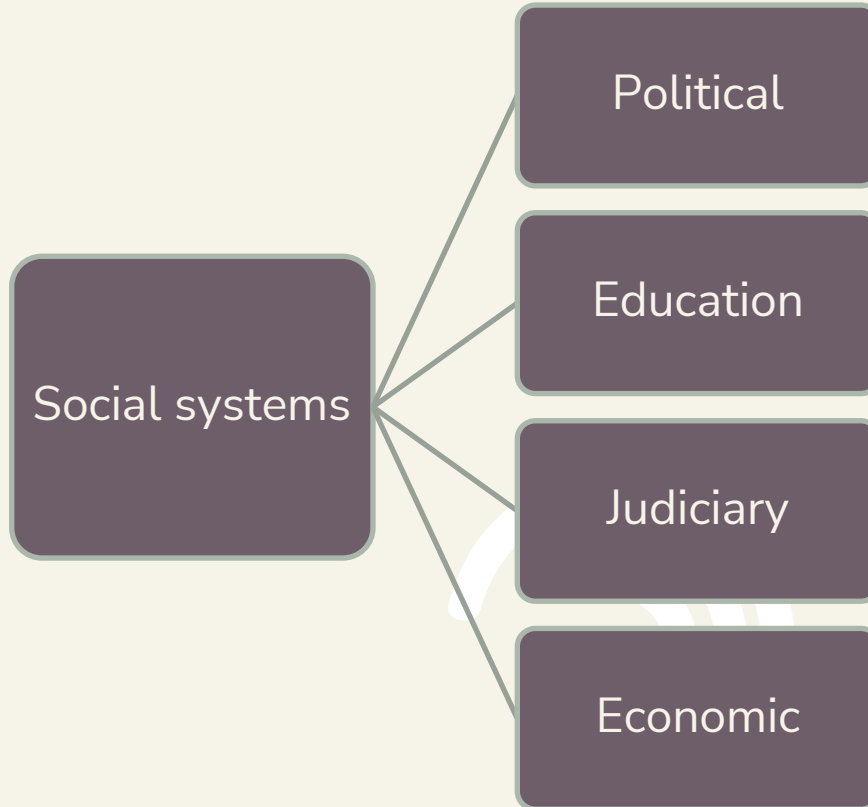


# He did something more...



- ❖ Set up a government –  
When he reached Medina!
- ❖ He came with laws to run the society – Shariah
- ❖ System of courts for delivering justice
- ❖ He set a system of education

# Social Systems



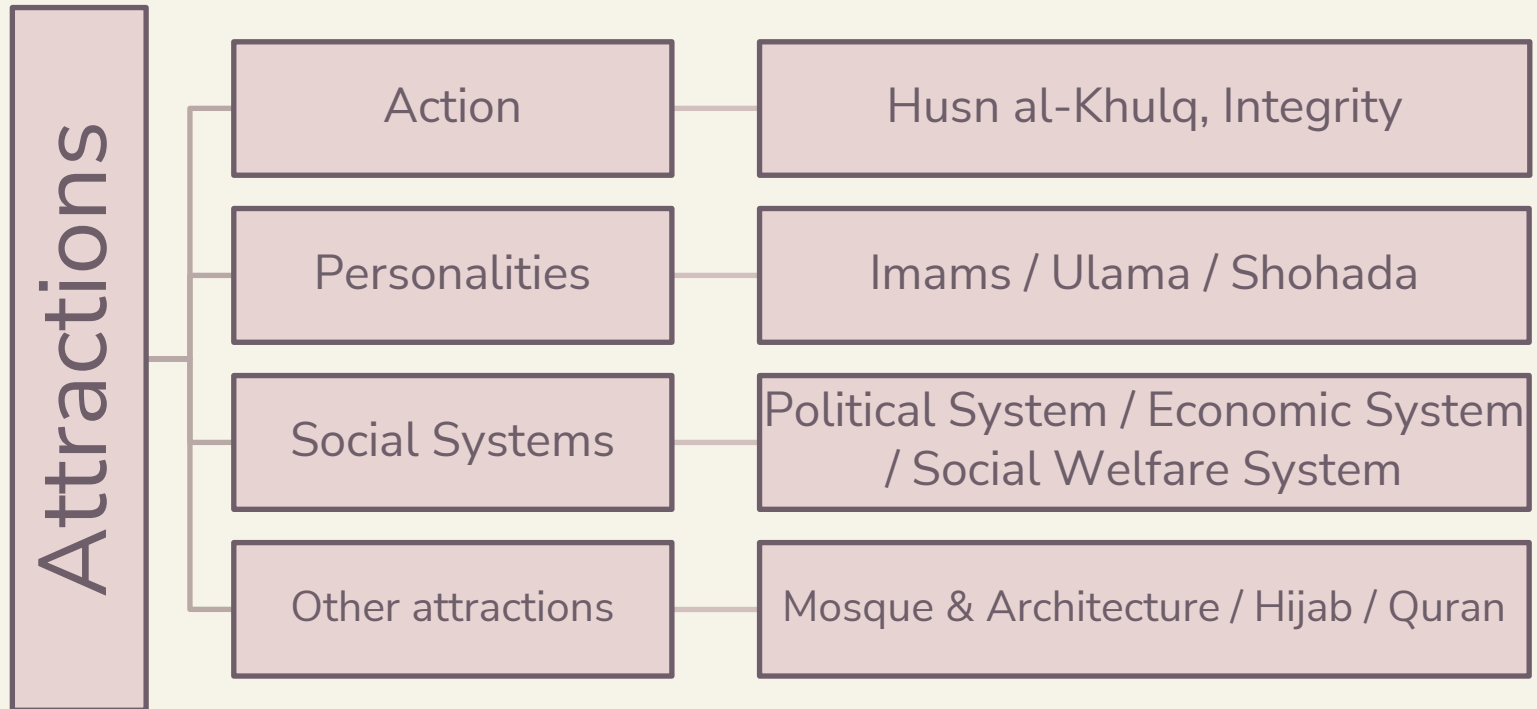
# Link between Islamic values & Islamic social systems

Values affect all social systems!

Fair distribution of wealth is good.  
The concentration of wealth in the hands of a few rich is bad

Islamic banking system forbids *Riba* (interest) and encourages real work & business.

# Islam generated a lot of attractions!



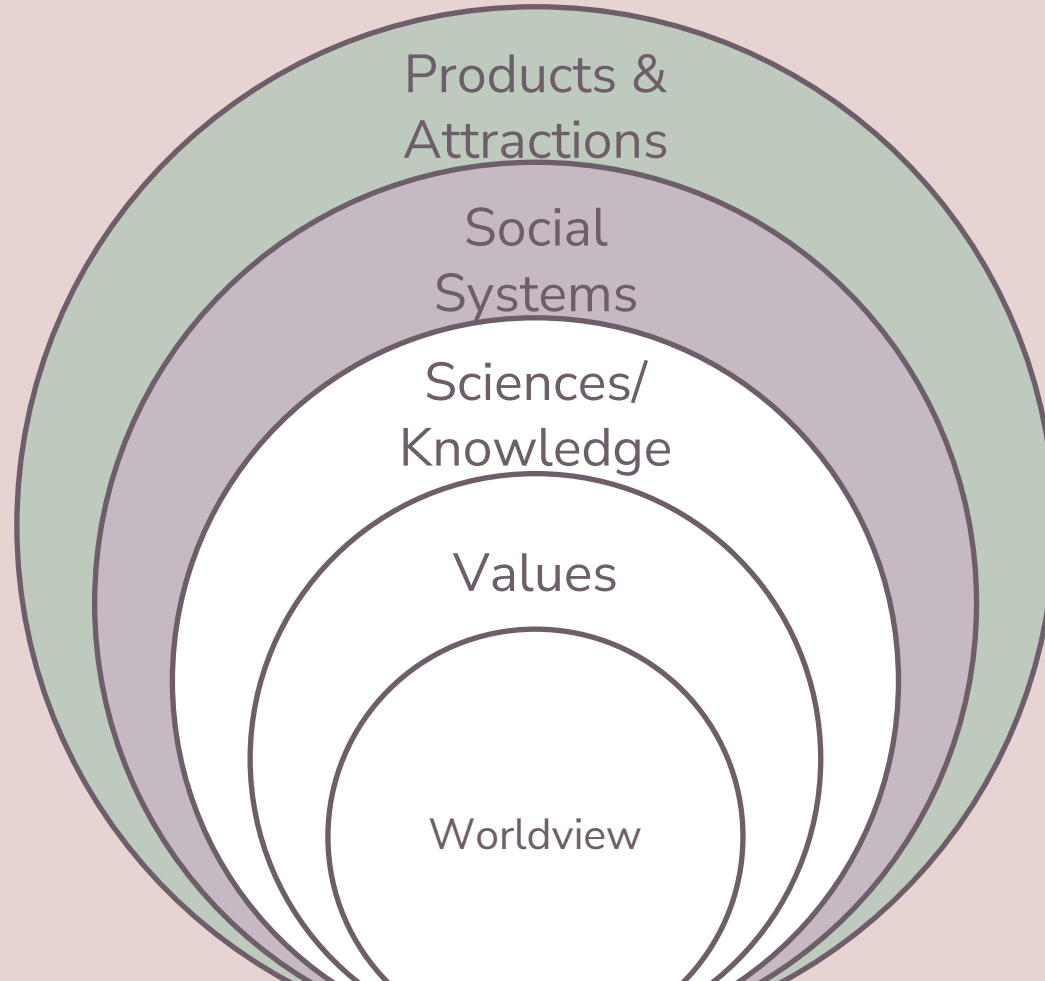


# But what is the aim of all this!



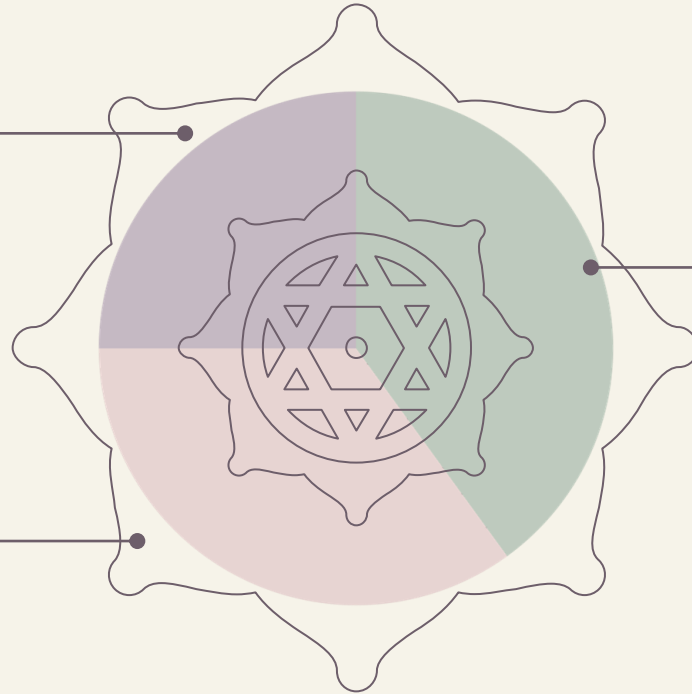
- To End Humanity's Suffering (7:157)
- Establish a Just Society (57:25)
- Global Society with material and spiritual progress for everyone (9:33)
- True felicity in the Eternal Life

# SUCH A THING IS CALLED CIVILIZATION!



# Three important things about civilizations

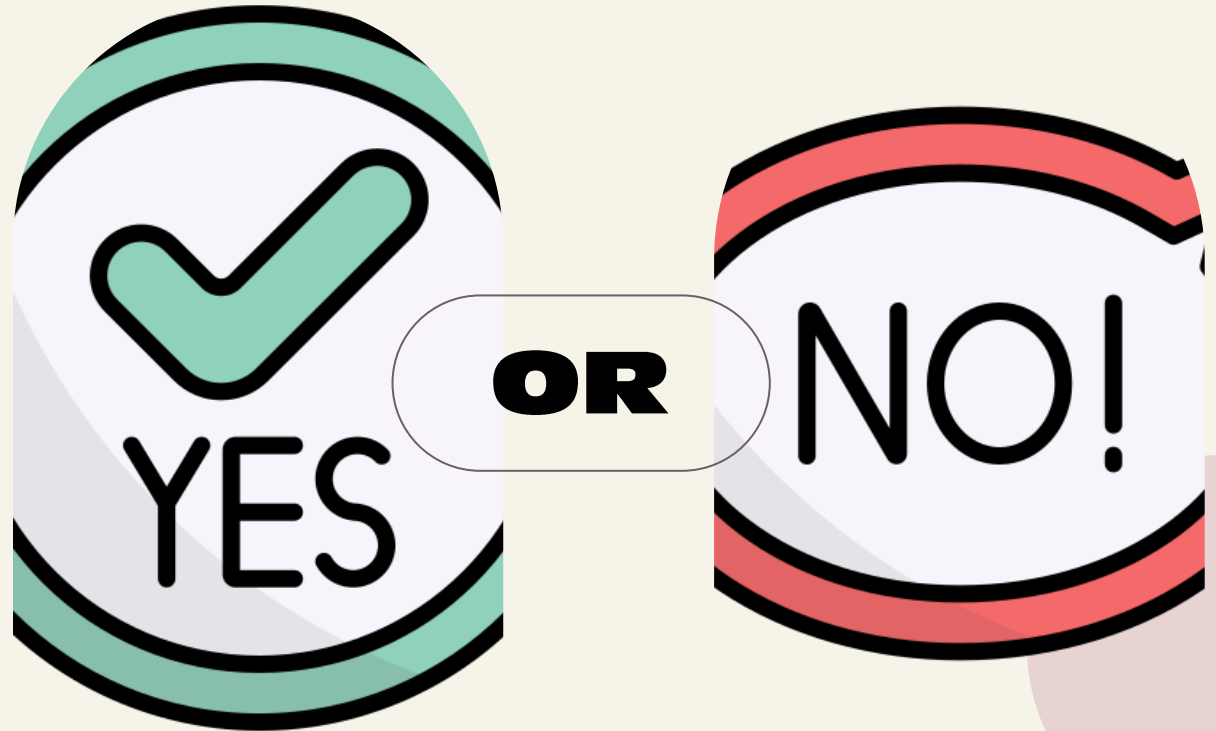
**Massive  
geographical  
spread**



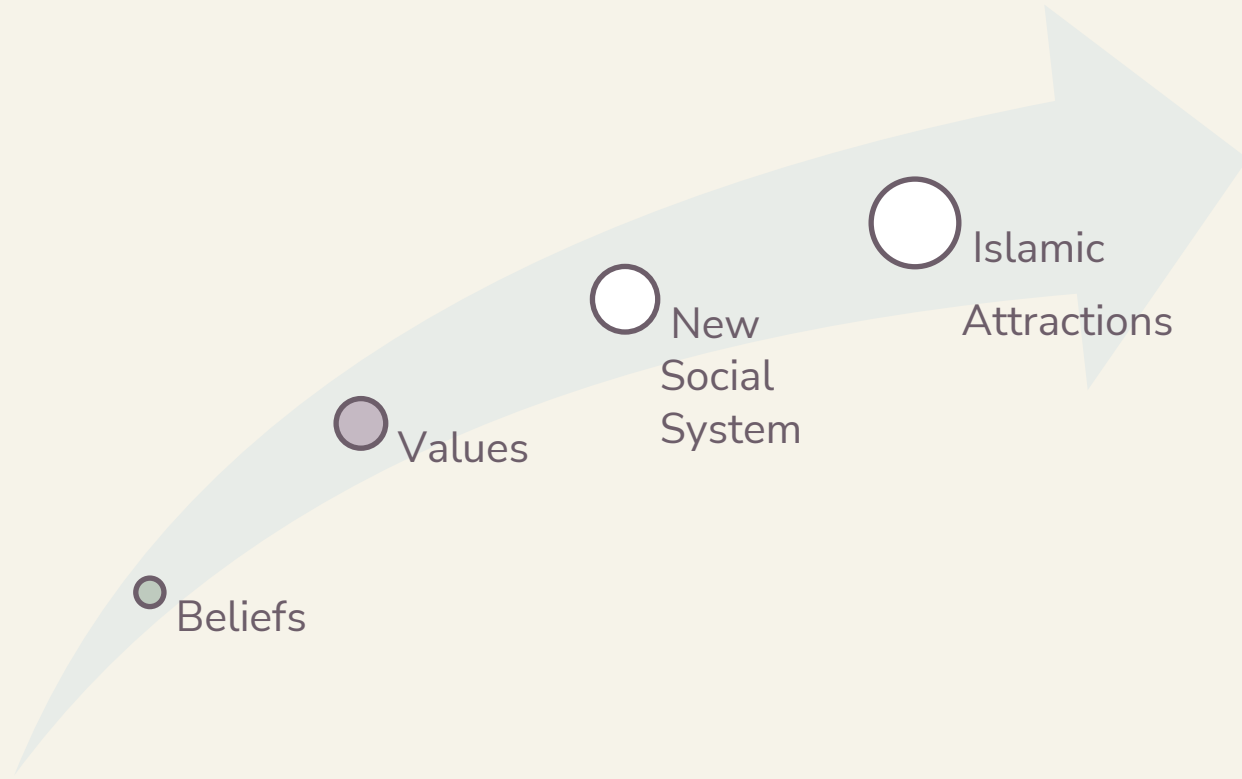
**Reflects  
dominant  
trends**

**All  
layers  
are  
active**

So did the Holy Prophet (s) fulfill his mission?



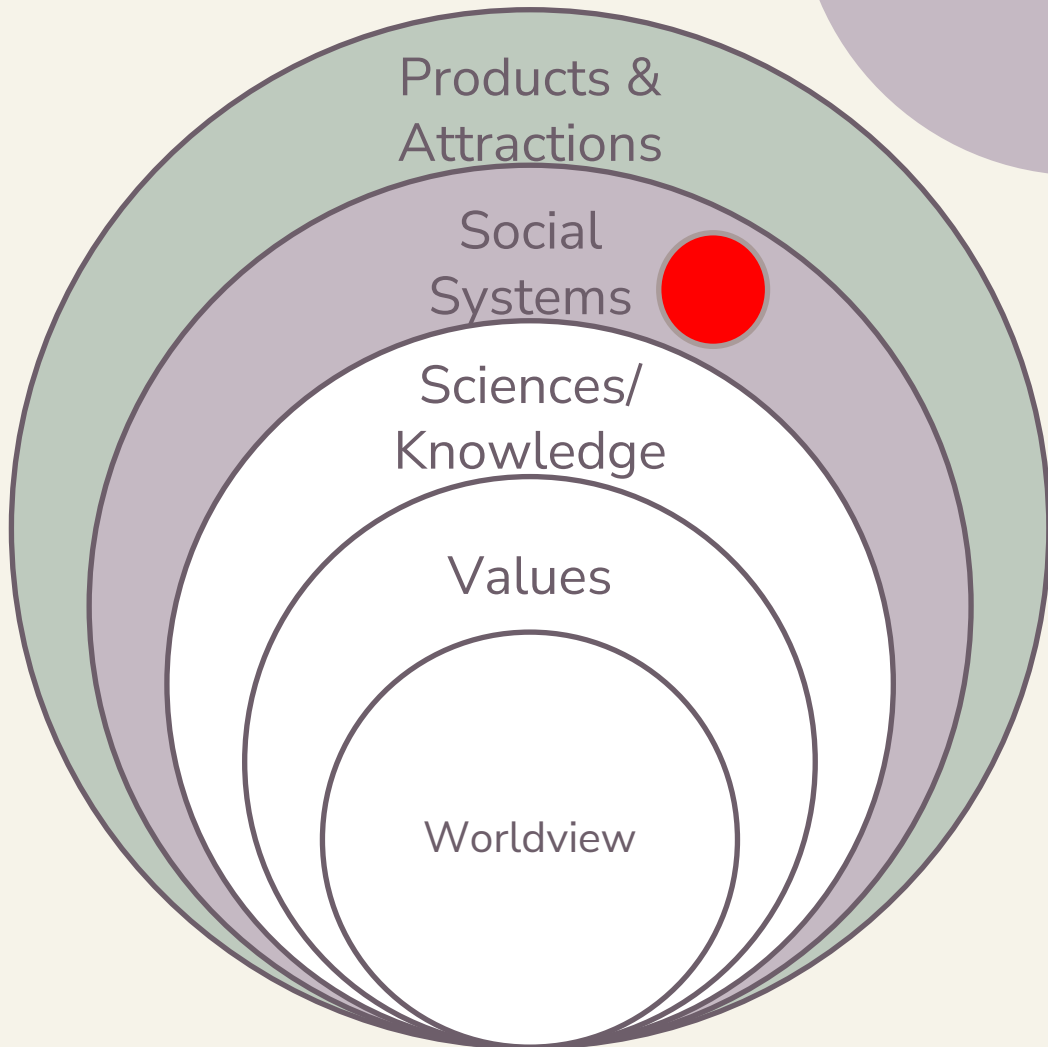
# The Holy Prophet (s) laid foundations of a new civilization



# Then what happened after the Holy Prophet? (8<sup>th</sup> to 15<sup>th</sup> century)

Saqifah and Islam went off track!





# Role of the Imams



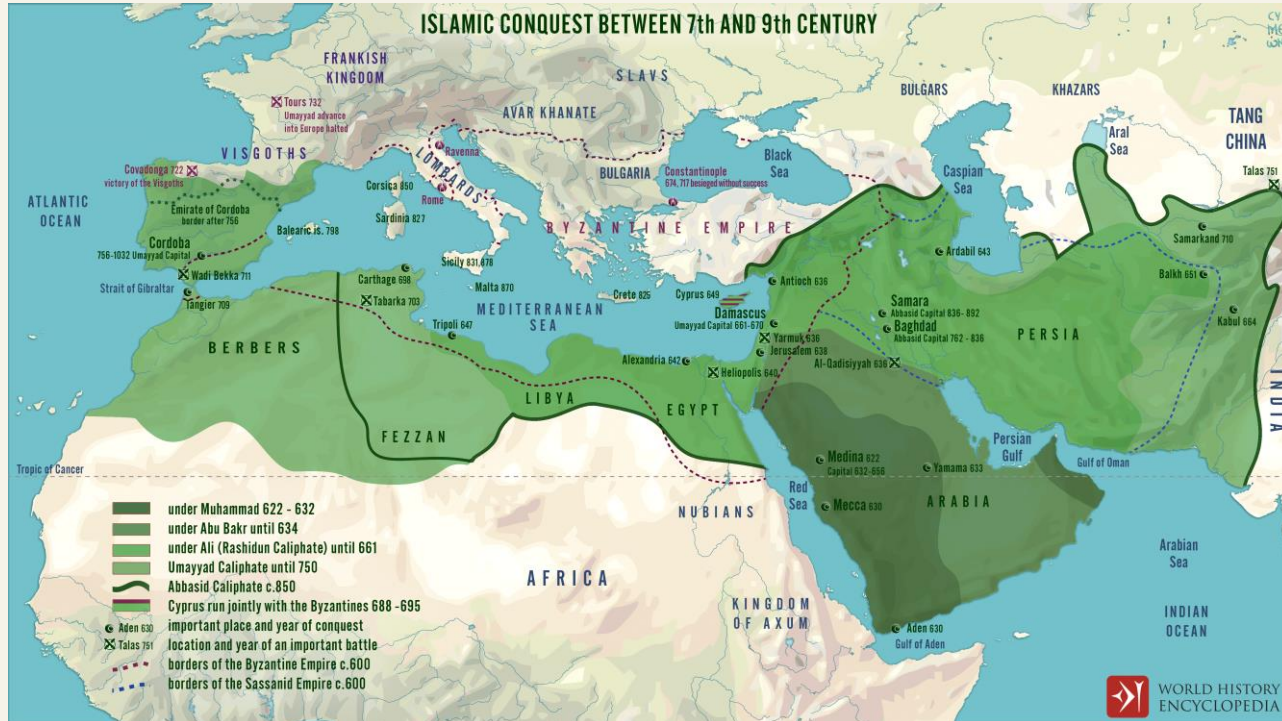
Strengthen  
Islam in each  
layer,  
especially the  
three core and  
'soft' layers!



# Rapid Spread of Islam



# Political Spread



Moslem scholars divided the medieval peoples into two classes—those that cultivated science, and those that did not. In the first class they named the Hindus, Persians, Babylonians, Jews, Greeks, Egyptians, and Arabs. These, in their view, were the elite of the world; the others, of whom the Chinese and the Turks were the best, resembled animals rather than men.<sup>72</sup> The judgment sinned chiefly against the Chinese.

The Moslems continued, in this period, their unchallenged ascendancy in science. In mathematics the most signal advances were made in Morocco and Azerbaijan; we see here again the range of Islamic civilization. In 1229 Hasan al-Marraqushi (i.e., of Marraqesh) published tables of sines for each degree, and tables of versed sines, arc sines, and arc cotangents. A generation later Nasir ud-Din al-Tusi (i.e., of Tus) issued the first treatise in which trigonometry was considered as an independent science rather than an appendage to astronomy; this *Kitab shakl al-qatta* remained without a rival in its field until the *De Triangulis* of Regiomontanus two centuries later. Perhaps Chinese trigonometry, which appears in the second half of the thirteenth century, was of Arabic origin.<sup>73</sup>

The outstanding work of physical science in this age was the *Kitab mizan al-hikmah*, or *Book of the Balance of Wisdom*, written about 1122 by a Greek slave from Asia Minor, Abu'l Fath al-Khuzini. It gave a history of physics, formulated the laws of the lever, compiled tables of specific gravity for many liquids and solids, and proposed a theory of gravitation as a universal force drawing all things towards the center of the earth.<sup>74</sup> Water wheels, known to the Greeks and Romans, were improved by the Moslems; the Crusaders saw such wheels raising water from the Orontes, and introduced them into Germany.<sup>75</sup> Alchemists

**Islamic Civilization was the leading civilization.**





# Political system is corrupt and fragmented



**Deviation and weakness in all other areas!**



## By 15<sup>th</sup> Century everything had started weakening...

Attractions  
were mostly  
present

Some values  
had been  
damaged

Social systems  
had began to  
weaken

Main elements  
of worldview  
were intact

# Thank You

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