Modern World – A Different Perspective

Session Three

Today's Session

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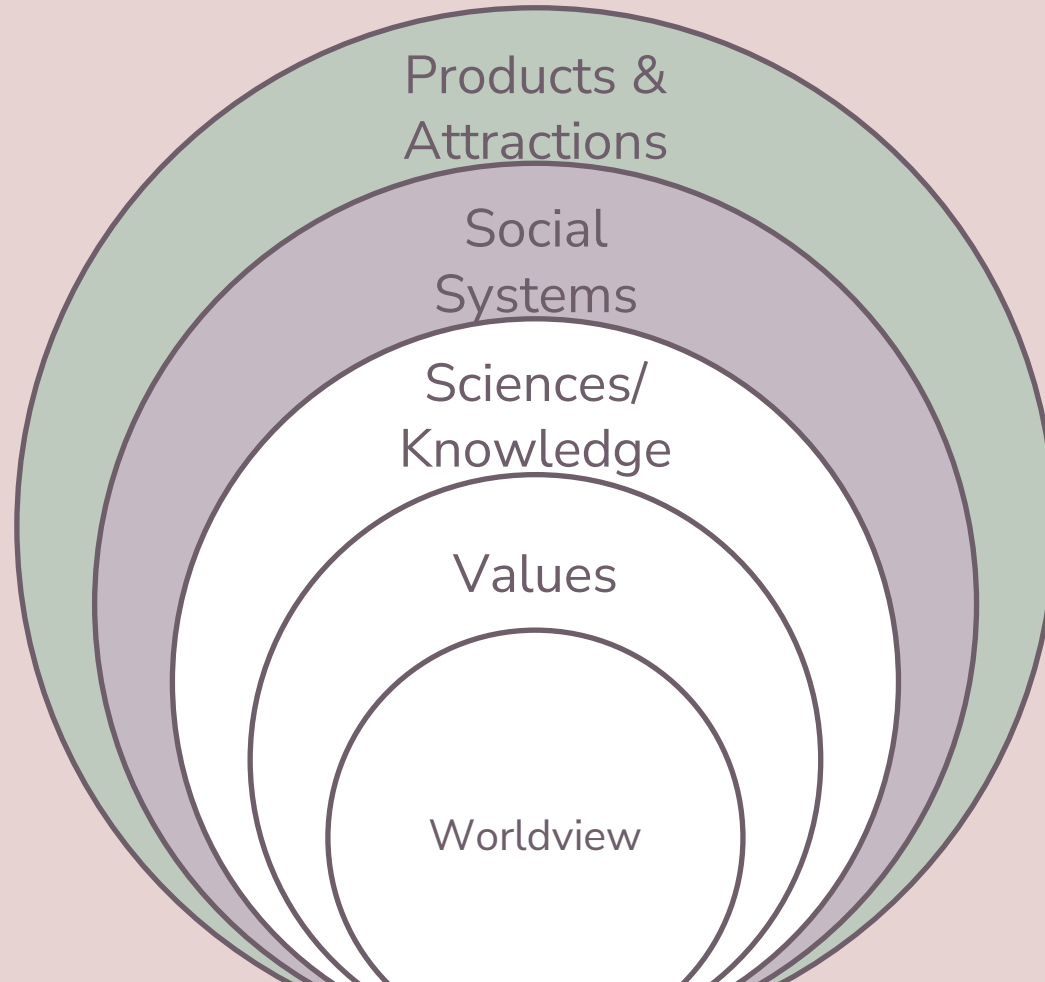## Rise of Modernity

Social Systems and Products

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Muslim Responses to Modernity

In the last 150 years

ISLA IS A COMPLETE CIVILIZATION!

Products & Attractions

Social Systems

Sciences/ Knowledge

Values

Worldview

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By 15th 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

Something happens in parts of Europe at the turn of 15ᵗʰ century

This changed everything in Western Europe and later globally! Foundations of a new society were being laid!

It was the beginning of the Modern Civilization

Modernity as a Civilization

WORLDVIEW – Fundamental realities – what is real and what is not?

VALUES – What is good and what is bad?

KNOWLEDGE – Different sciences and fields of knowledge

SOCIAL SYSTEMS – How the society is run?

ATTRACTIONS / SYMBOLS – What exemplary out is produced to attract others
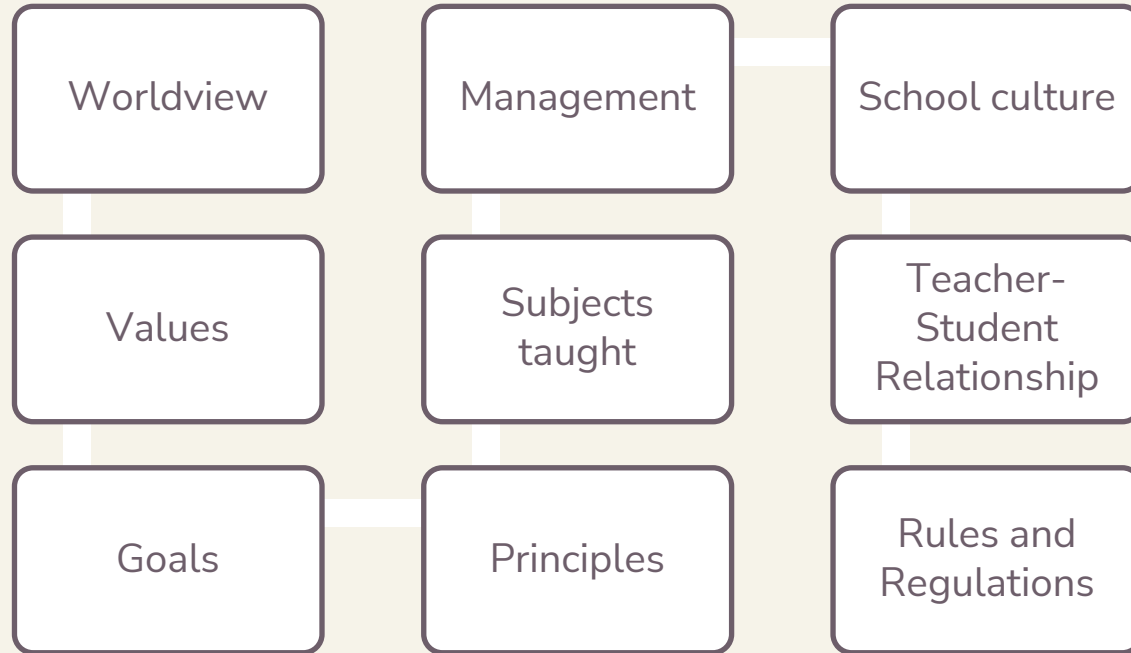
What is a school?

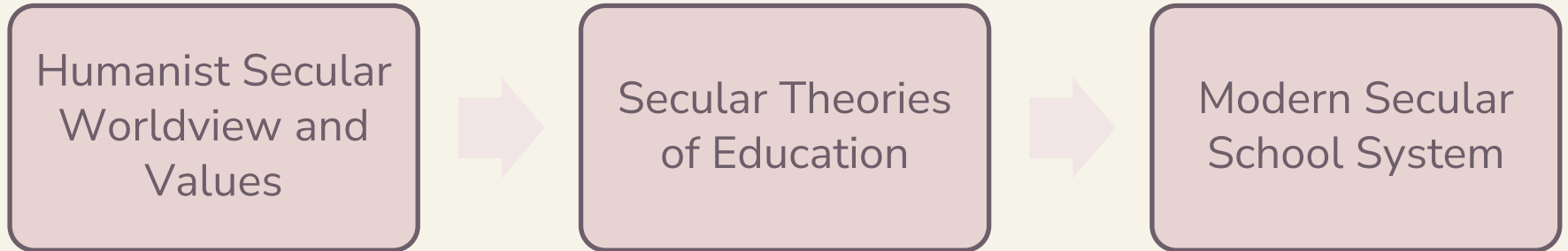

It is just a place to go and learn some things!

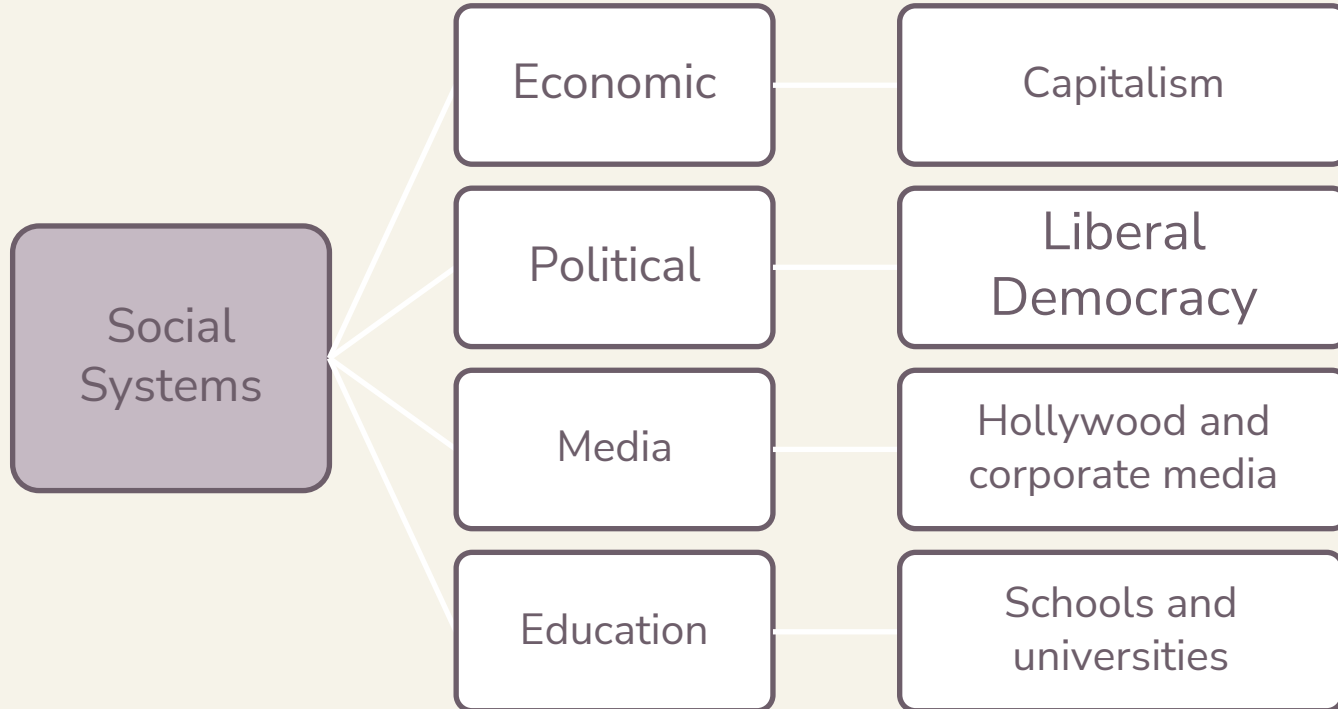How many of you have heard of SDG 4 – Education 2030?

Modern educational system – what is it?

Worldview	Management	School culture
Values	Subjects taught	Teacher-Student Relationship
Goals	Principles	Rules and Regulations

Social Systems – What runs the society. You interact the most and they are build on theories developed in the previous layer
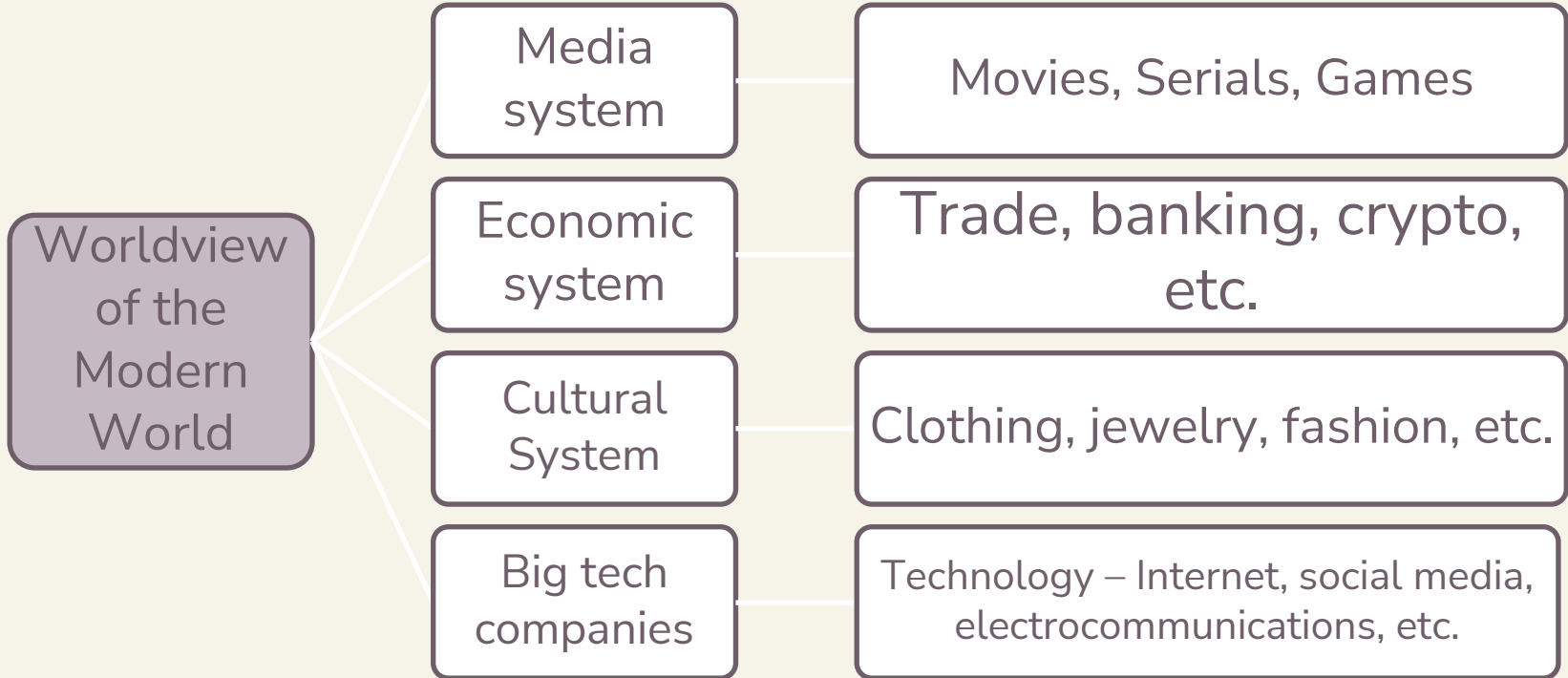
Humanist Secular Worldview and Values

Secular Theories of Education

Modern Secular School System

Different important social systems that impact our lives heavily

Social Systems

- Economic — Capitalism
- Political — Liberal Democracy
- Media — Hollywood and corporate media
- Education — Schools and universities

Products

Worldview of the Modern World

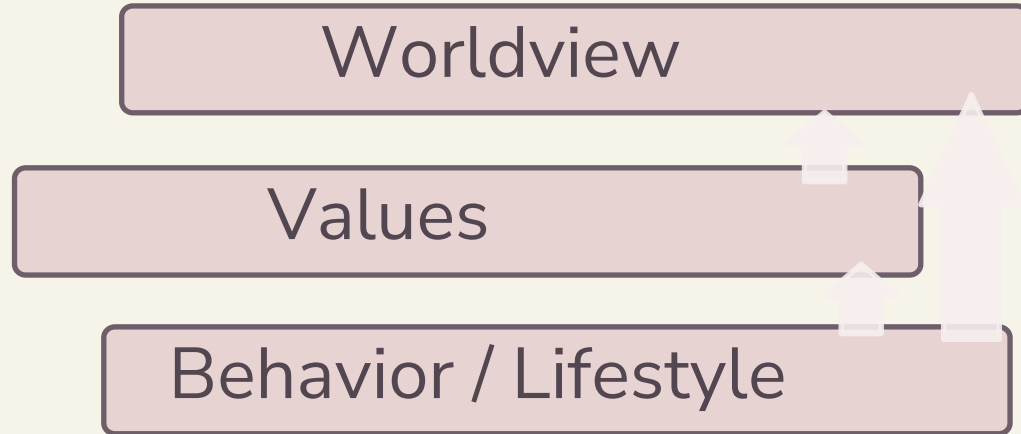|	
Media system	Movies, Serials, Games
Economic system	Trade, banking, crypto, etc.
Cultural System	Clothing, jewelry, fashion, etc.
Big tech companies	Technology – Internet, social media, electrocommunications, etc.

When people are surrounded by products of the modern world they affected…

Civilization is very powerful. It can shape us!

The worst form it can take is that it shakes the very foundations and roots of a person's personality : the worldview & the ideology!

So this is what happens …

Worldview

Values

Behavior / Lifestyle

It is not necessary that the worldview and values first change resulting in change in behavior and way of life.

But how do actions/behavior change?

Behavior / Lifestyle

Attractions: Social Systems + Symbols

وَ لاَ تَمُدَّنَّ عَيْنَيْكَ إِلَى مَا مَتَّعْنَا بِهِ أَزْوَاجاً مِنْهُمْ زَهْرَةَ الْحَيَاةِ الدُّنْيَا لِنَفْتِنَهُمْ فِيهِ وَ رِزْقُ رَبِّكَ خَيْرٌ وَ أَبْقَى

Do not extend your glance toward what We have provided certain groups of them as a glitter of the life of this world, so that We may test them thereby. The provision of your Lord is better and more lasting. (Taha:131)

Example 1 – Money

Rich people are better human beings

It is good to treat rich people better than poor people

People behave differently with the rich and the poor people

Capitalist System, Media
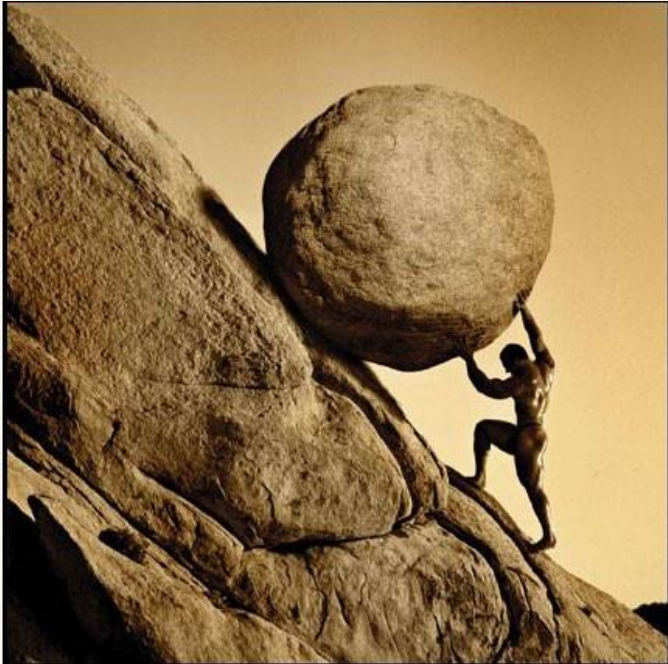
Example 2 – Language

Traditional Azadari is not beneficial

Being Emotional or Crying is not good

The way people talk and communicate – Drop in Emotions

Language – From Native Language (Urdu/Gujrati/Persian/Arabic) to English
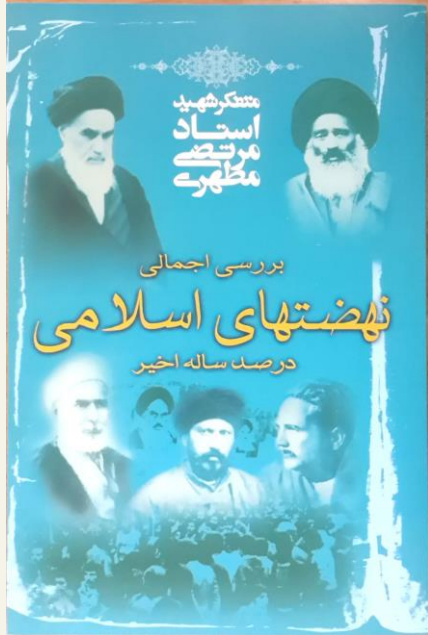
So are we doomed?

Of course not! All these challenges provide us a unique opportunities to grow and get closer to Allah!

Muslim Responses to the Modernity

From second half of 19th century onwards…

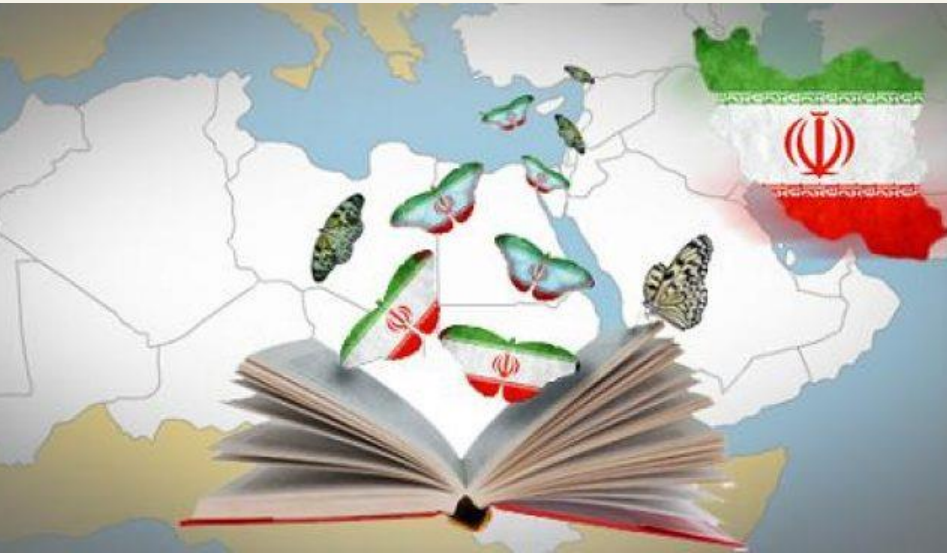# Around the Muslim world there are various responses…

- Sir Sayyid Ahmad Khan – Aligarh movement
- Ikhwan in Egypt
- Iqbal Lahori
- Maududi
- Constitutional movement in Iran
- Omar Mokhtar
- Wahabism
- Islamic Revolution of Iran - 1979

At outer level

- Old political system is discarded
- New political system is established
- New social system began to develop and operate
- Foreign influence is negated
- A new alternative role model emerges for the world

At a deeper level

- Islamic belief and values were emphasized
- Social systems started changing
- It created an alterative attraction
- Imam Khumayni wanted to prepare the ground for Islam to be practiced in the society

Thank You

Any questions?

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