

# Modern World - A Different Perspective

Session Four



# Course Outline

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## **Muslim Responses to Modernity**

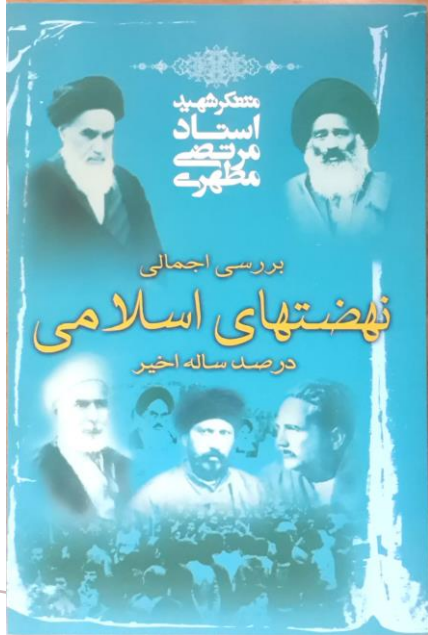
In the last 150  
years

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## **Present and the Future**

My duty and my  
path today!

# *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


*MUSLIM  
RESPONSES  
TO THE  
MODERNITY*

In the West itself



# LET US DEFINE WEST FIRST...

Here it means Western Europe and North America

Country	Muslims (official)	Muslims (estimation)	% of total population	% of World Muslim population	Community origin (predominant)
 Kosovo	N/A	1,584,000 (CIA); <sup>[98]</sup> 2,104,000 (Pew 2011)	95.6	0.1	Indigenous (Albanians, <a href="#">Bosniaks</a> , Gorani, Turks)
 Albania	1,646,128	2,601,000 (Pew 2011)	58.79 (official); <sup>[85]</sup> 82.1 (Pew 2011)	0.1	Indigenous (Albanians)
 Bosnia and Herzegovina	1,790,454 (2016 census)	1,564,000 (Pew 2011)	50.7 (official); <sup>[89]</sup> 41.6 (Pew 2011)	0.1	Indigenous (Bosniaks, Romani, Croats, Turks)
 North Macedonia	N/A	713,000 (Pew 2011)	33 <sup>[101][102]</sup>	<0.1	Indigenous (Albanians, Turks, Romani, Torbeši)
 Cyprus	N/A	200,000 (Pew 2011)	22.7 (Pew 2011)	< 0.1	Indigenous (Turks)
 Montenegro	118,477 (2011) <sup>[99]</sup>	116,000 (Pew 2011)	19.11 <sup>[99]</sup>	< 0.1	Indigenous (Bosniaks, Albanians, "Muslims")
 Russia	N/A	16,379,000 (Pew 2011)	11.7 (Pew 2011); 15 (CIA) <sup>[104]</sup>	1.0	Indigenous and Immigrant
 France	N/A	5,720,000 <sup>[91]</sup>	8.8 (Pew 2017)	0.3	Immigrant
 Austria	N/A	700,000 (2017 study) <sup>[86]</sup>	8 <sup>[86]</sup>	< 0.1	Immigrant
 Bulgaria	577,000 (2011 census) <sup>[90]</sup>	1,002,000 (Pew 2011)	7.8 (official); 13.4 (Pew 2011)	< 0.1	Indigenous (Pomaks, Turks)
 Belgium	N/A	781,887 (2015 est.) <sup>[87]</sup>	5.9 <sup>[88]</sup> _7 <sup>[87]</sup>	< 0.1	Immigrant
 Switzerland	N/A	433,000	5.7 (Pew 2011)	< 0.1	Immigrant
 Germany	N/A	5,300,000-5,600,000 (BAMF 2021) <sup>[92]</sup> 4,119,000 (Pew 2011); 4,700,000 (CIA) <sup>[93]</sup>	5 (Pew 2011)	0.2	Immigrant

# *ONE SIDE POINT...*

There were some groups of Muslims in the West that became completely assimilated to the extent of completely losing their Muslim identity and faith



African Slaves  
in America



India  
Indentured  
laborers in  
caribbean



Lebanese in  
South America



# *MUSLIMS IN THE WEST & SHIAS AS WELL*

Some general  
characteristics

# *SOME CHARACTERISTICS*



Immigrant  
population



Weak socially,  
politically,  
economically



Linkages to the  
East



Sense of  
superiority  
with respect to  
the East and  
sense of  
inferiority with  
respect to the  
locals



# *SOME CHARACTERISTICS*



Not in the  
mainstream  
issues of the  
country



Not connected  
to the other  
downtrodden



Tabligh  
outreach to non  
Muslims is  
limited



Growing in  
number

# *SOME CHARACTERISTICS*



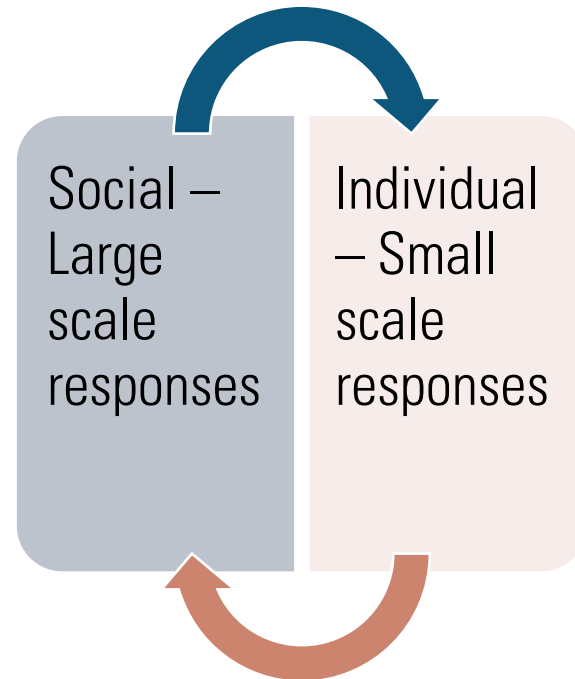
Facing  
Islamophobia at  
times and  
social pressure



Divided along  
ethnic and  
sectarian lines



# *TWO TYPES OF RESPONSES THAT WE NEED TO SPEAK*





*SO HOW DO SOCIAL  
RESPONSES TO  
MODERNITY IN THIS  
SETTING LOOK LIKE*

Let's look at some general characteristics

# *SOME FEATURES OF MUSLIM RESPONSES*



## Reflexive and Reactive

Though of, planned, guided responses are less in number. Mainly short term and defensive in nature.



## Inward looking

Focused on "community" issues only. Cut off from the local populations and national issues.



Scale of response is limited. Have rarely seen a full-fledged Islamic movement.



## Scale of Response

# *SOME FEATURES OF MUSLIM RESPONSES*



## Limited intellectual activity

Intellectual output has been limited from the ulama and other thinkers to formulate a strong, robust response



## Lack of Broad Vision

Vision was limited to making space, assimilating, peacefully integrating with Muslim identity.



Missing out of key opportunities present in those societies.



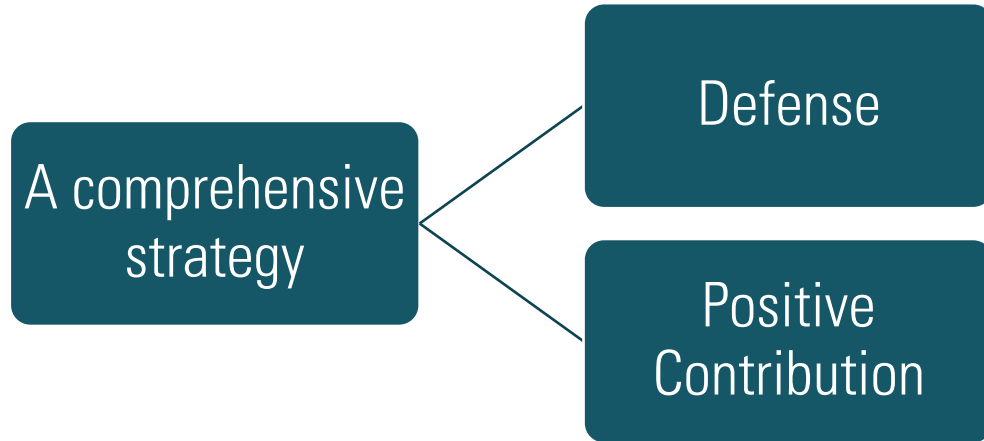
## Opportunities



*SOME VERY  
PRACTICAL  
POINTS!*

Even at individual, family and community level  
we can do so much. There is so much  
untapped potential!

*WE NEED A STRATEGY!*





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*THE DEFENSE*

**WE NEED TO HELP OURSELVES AND OUR  
PEOPLE!**

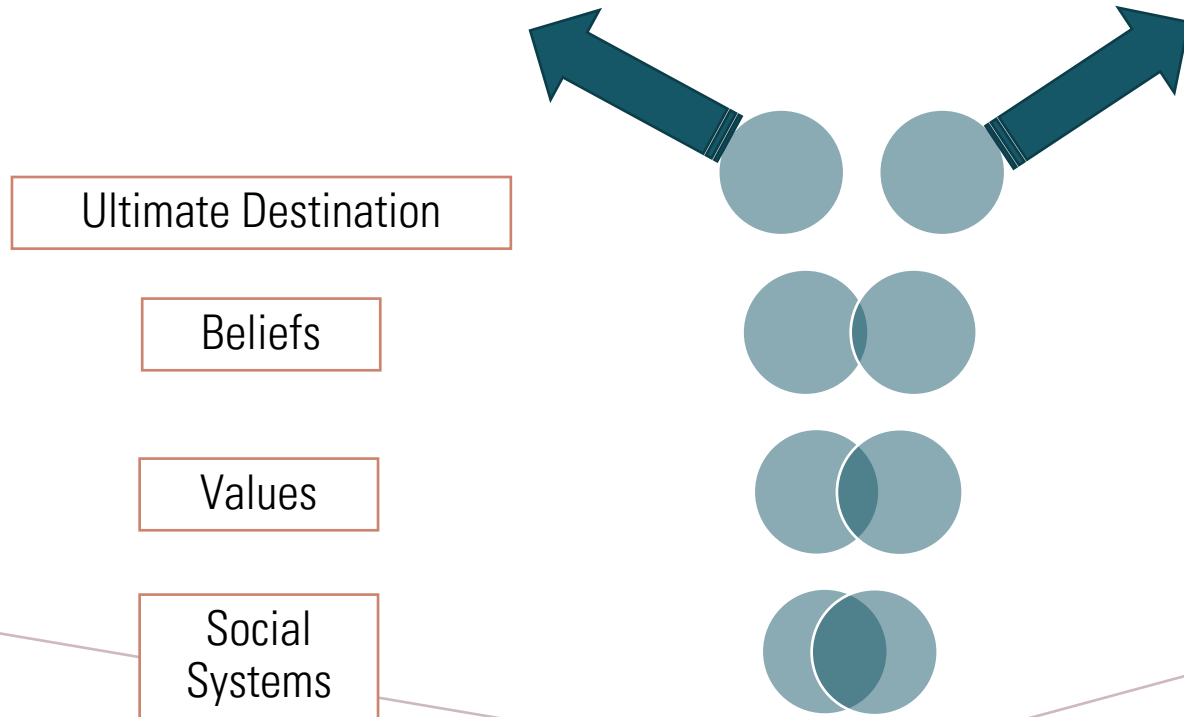
# *READ, READ & READ ...*

- History of the Modern World
- Canadian History
- The modern world today
- Canadian society today
- And much more...



العالمُ بزَمَانِهِ لَا تَهْجُمُ عَلَيْهِ اللّوَابِسُ

# *UNDERSTANDING THE RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN THE MODERN WORLD & ISLAM*



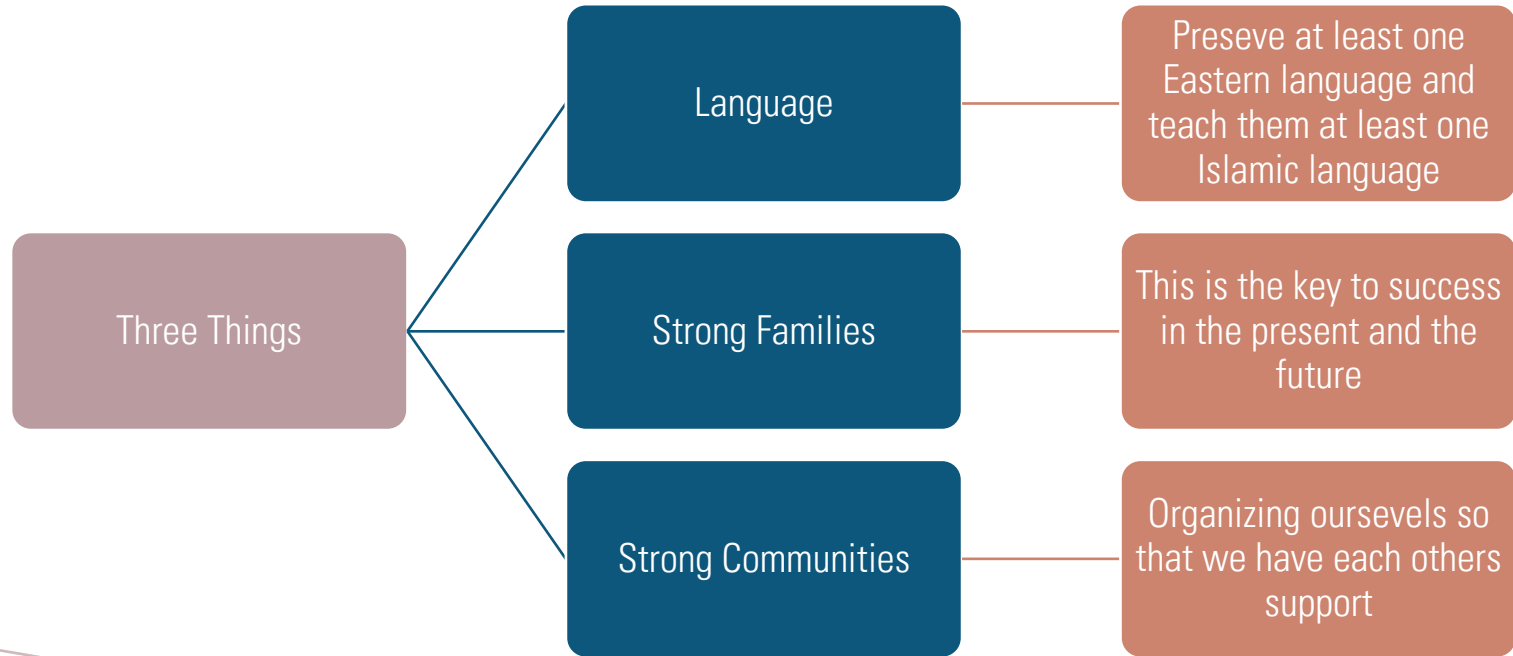
## *BENEFIT FROM THE POSITIVES BUT...*

Protect yourself  
from negative  
influences of  
the Modern  
World



يَا أَيُّهَا الَّذِينَ آمَنُوا إِن تَطِيعُوا الَّذِينَ كَفَرُوا يُرَدُّوكُمْ  
عَلَىٰ أَعْقَابِكُمْ فَتَنْقَلِبُوا خَاسِرِينَ

# *SOME PRACTICAL TIPS*





# *YOUR POSITIVE CONTRIBUTION*

TAKING A STEP TOWARDS BUILDING A VIRTUOUS SOCIETY!

*A VERY SENSITIVE QUESTION : BUILDING THE  
RIGHT **IDENTITY!***



**“How could somebody steal my identity  
when I still haven’t figured out who I am?”**

**Identity is very important!**



Imagining and creating a new **Canadian Shia-Muslim  
Identity**

# *STRENGTHENING ISLAMIC WORLDVIEW*

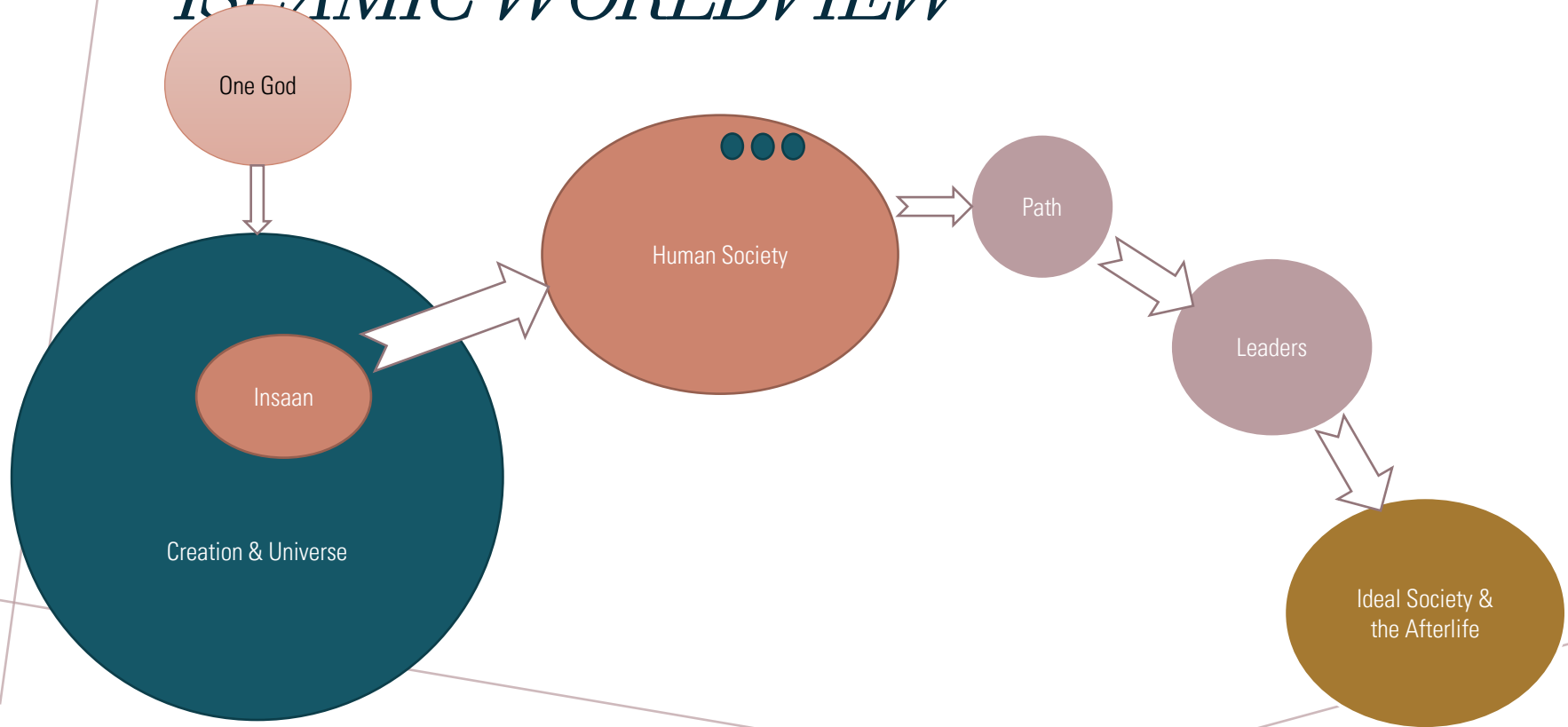
We have to dig deeper and get to the real **tasty** knowledge!



Otherwise intellectually we will be overwhelmed.



# *ISLAMIC WORLDVIEW*



# *LIVE TAWHID & FOCUS ON SPIRITUALITY*

We need to experience realities of Islam!



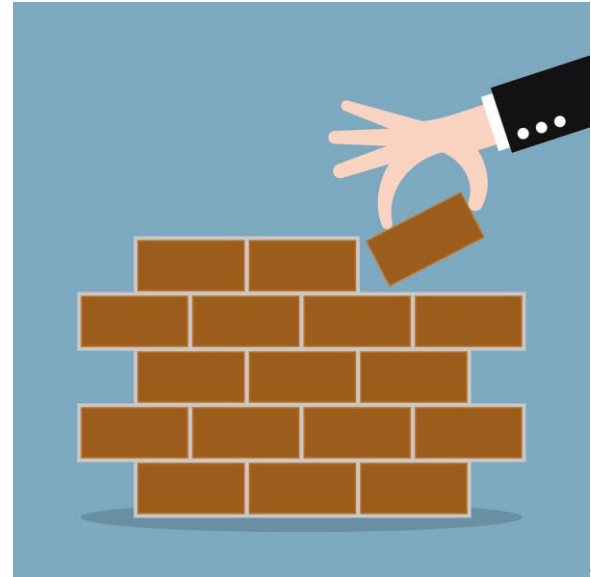
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الْقَلْبُ حَرَمُ اللَّهِ فَلَا تُسْكِنُ فِي حَرَمِ اللَّهِ غَيْرَ اللَّهِ

Conceptual knowledge is good but it can fade away if not put into practice!

# *CREATE ISLAMIC ATTRACTIONS : SYMBOLS & SOCIAL SYSTEMS*

If you can use Islam to really solve people's problems and establish justice, you are the winner



## *KEEP AN EYE ON THE MUSLIM WORLD*

Developments  
in other parts  
of the world,  
especially  
Muslim world  
are very  
important!



# CONSTANT EFFORTS TILL ZUHUR...

HE is definitely going to come!



و رجال كانّ قلوبهم زُبر الحديد لايشوبها شك في ذات الله، اشدُّ من الحجر،  
لو حملوا على الجبال لازالوها رجال لاينامون الليل، لهم دوىّ في صلاتهم  
كدوىّ النحل، يبيتون قياماً على اطرافهم و يصبحون على خيولهم، رهبان  
بالليل، ليوث بالنهار. هم أطوع له من الأمه لسيدها كالمصايح كأنّ قلوبهم  
القناديل و هم في خشيه الله مشفقون، يدعون بالشهاده و يتمنّون ان يقتلوا  
في سبيل الله، شعارهم: يا لثارات الحسين. اذا ساروا يسير الرعب امامهم  
مسيره شهر، يمشون الى المولى ارسالاً، بهم ينصرالله امام الحق

If not me, then Allah will choose others!

# Thank You

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