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People think that Islam is not relevant in the modern world, especially the globalized world. It can only lead to terrorism, hatred, etc.



When we study Islam as an ideology and see its early history we will come to understand that, from the historical standpoint, all that would generally come under the heading of progress had not existed in the pre-Islamic era. All this had come to the world only after the emergence of Islam.



Islam has a positive role to play in the global world; it was Islam that brought in the revolution that led to the formation of the modern world, especially the globalized world.



Previously when polytheism was popular, nature was worshiped, not investigated.

It was Islam that unseated nature from being an object of worship so that it was possible to investigate it. It was directly as a result of this that in time with Muslim contribution– in the medieval age – and the later European contribution of the industrial age that lead to the formation of the modern world.





Islam was destined to become a world religion and to create a civilization which stretched from one end of the globe to the other.



During the early Muslim caliphates, first the Arabs, then the Persians and later the Turks set about to create classical Islamic civilization.



Islam is a religion for all people from whatever race or background they might be. That is why Islamic civilization is based on a unity which stands completely against any racial or ethnic discrimination.



**LET'S
WORK
TOGETHER**

The global civilization thus created by Islam permitted people of diverse ethnic backgrounds to work together in cultivation various arts and sciences.





The global civilization created by Islam also succeeded in activating the mind and thought of the people who entered its fold. P K Hitti in his book *History of the Arabs* has called the companions of the Prophet of Islam as ‘A Nation of Heroes’



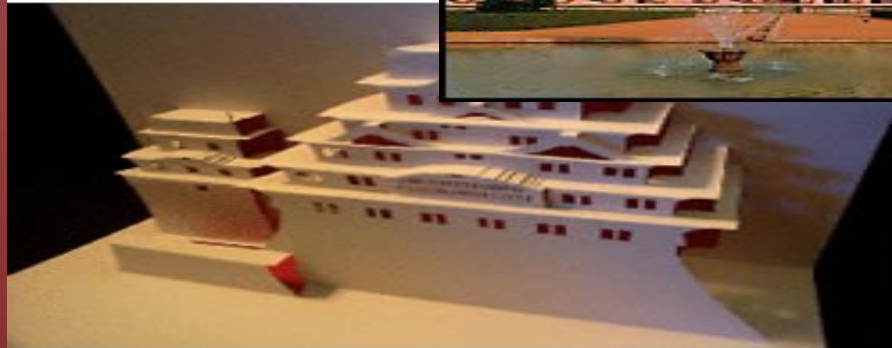
In general Islamic civilization emphasized the harmony between man and nature as seen in traditional design of Islamic cities. Maximum use was made of natural elements and forces, and men built in harmony with, not in opposition to nature.



Basilique du Sacre-Coeur



Taj Mahal

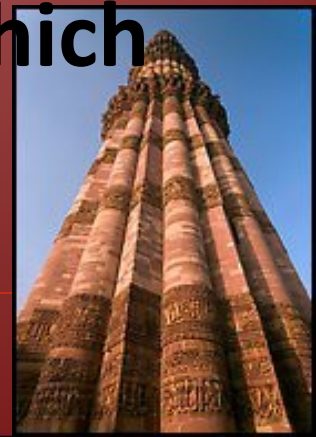


Himaji Castle



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One of the major achievements of Islamic civilization is architecture which combines technology and art.

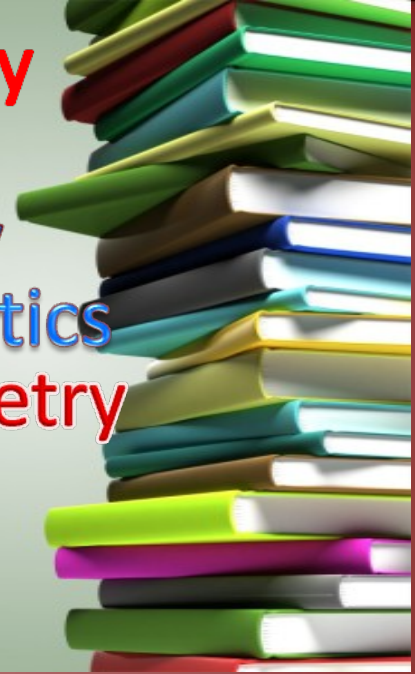




The great masterpieces of Islamic architecture from the Cordoba Mosque and the Dome of Rock in Jerusalem to the Taj Mahal in India display this perfect wedding between the artistic principles of Islam and remarkable technological know-how.



Philosophy
Physics
Chemistry
Mathematics
Trigonometry
Algebra
Botany
Medicine



Islamic civilization, championed the cause of science and religious education, law and literature as worthy endeavors. It even cultivated new and challenging branches of foreign language, such as philosophy, physics, chemistry, mathematics, trigonometry, algebra, botany and medicine and made significant contributions to these branches of human sciences.



Ibn Sina 'Avicenna'



*Mohammed Ibn Zakaria
Alhazi 'Rhazes'*

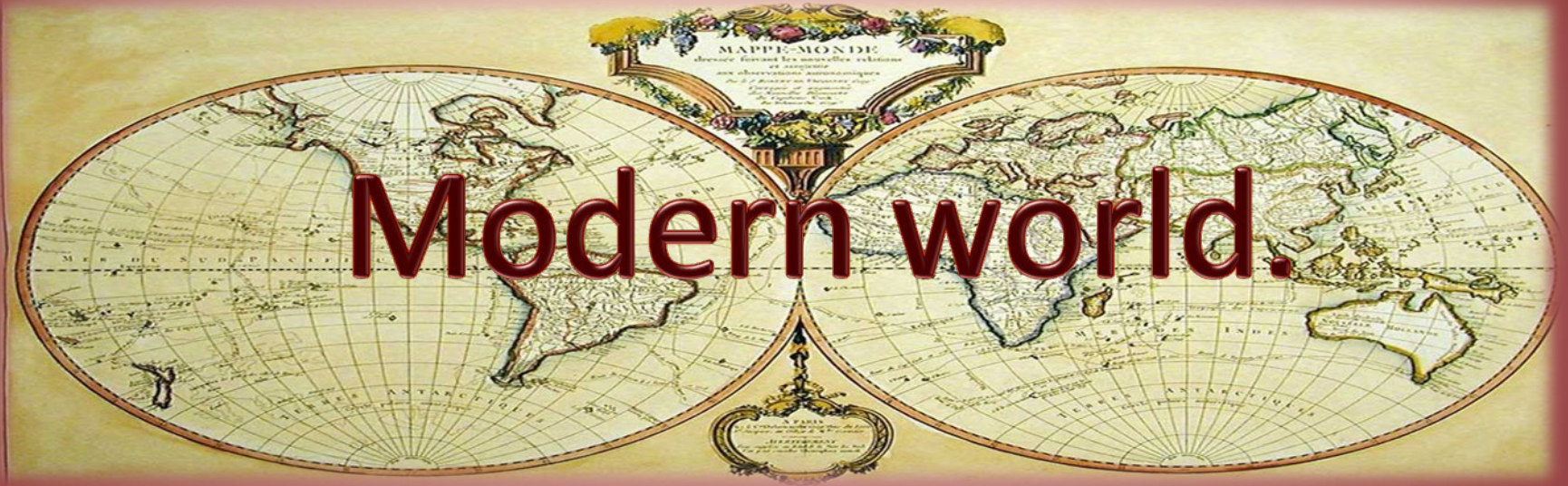


*Abul Qasim Al-Zahrawi
'Albucasis'*



*Abu Marwan Ibn Zuhr
'Avensoar'*

From this we can see how the Muslim civilization captured all the knowledge of antiquity – Greek, Persian, India, etc. – and translated their works and carried it further through the independent study of thousands of Muslim scholars, supported by all their respective rulers, throughout the medieval period.



Islam actually laid the foundation for the modern world.

This occurred through two processes. First the religion of Islam, as it is based on Monotheism, unseated nature from its place of worship so that it could be investigated and secondly in the traditional age by the Muslim civilization consolidated and developed on the source material and passed them on to the Western world so that they could usher in the scientific age.

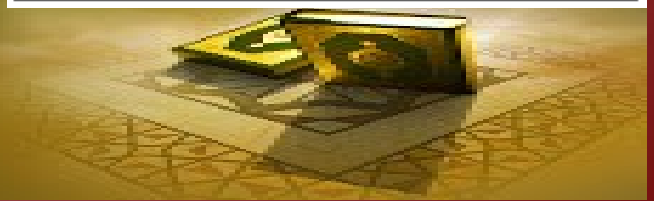


If we need the globalized world with no discrimination and aggression, for such view of globalization requires all citizens of the world to have mutual understanding of their similarity with other humans and their need for safety. As humans of different races, religions and civilizations, it is important that we continue to learn from one another our glorious past as well as our pain.



قرآن كريم

"Most surely man is in loss, except those who believe and do good, and enjoin on each other truth, and enjoin of each other patience" (Al-Quran ,Chapter Al-Asr: 2-3).





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