

another; do not inflate prices; **do not hate one another**; do not turn away from one another; and do not undercut one another; **but be brothers**. A Muslim is the brother of a Muslim: he neither oppresses him nor does he fail him, he neither lies to him **nor does he hold him in contempt**. Piety is right here – and he pointed to his breast three times. It is evil enough for a man to hold his brother Muslim in contempt. The whole of a Muslim for another Muslim is inviolable: his blood, property, and honour.’

“Islam is the answer” is **not** a slogan. Unless Western peoples come to respect Islam & learn from it, they will destroy themselves because of their national and cultural separatism. **Hold fast, all of you together, to the rope of Allah; do not be divided. Recall Allah’s favour upon you. You were enemies and He brought about reconciliation between your hearts so that you became, by His grace, brothers.** (3:103)

Quote: Struggling to Surrender (this incident happened in modern day America) “...*The crowd parted and let us through*. No one wanted to be there. We have to overcome all kinds of resistance and compassion in situations like this, to dig down once again into a deep reserve of brutality. It may look easy but it actually takes considerable practice. When I stepped outside the gate, I turned around. There was movement in the crowd, something like a dancing motion, like a swirling breeze rustling through tall grass, as they maneuvered for position. Then came a loud clapping sound & within seconds, an angry cyclone had ripped through, leaving several bodies uprooted on the schoolyard tar. I ran – like everyone else, I ran. Running, scattering. From the police? From the pain? From the horror? Who knows? We all ran!

That night, and other days and nights like it, kept coming back to me while I listened to ‘Abd al ‘Alim Musa’s lecture to the Muslim students at the University of San Francisco. Confused emotions – learned reflexes – were colliding with my impressions of the speaker. He was a tall, strong, imposing black American, clever and sharp-witted. Ten years earlier, he could have been a dangerous opponent. I was told that once he had been a member of the Black Panthers and that he had gone to prison because of it. It was hard to see that in this man, who was so much at peace with himself and others.

A few questions into the question-and-answer period, he was asked, “Do you feel Islam has affected your life?” His expression changed, as if he were surprised or impatient with the question, like when I have to explain an idea to one of my students for the tenth time. “People just don’t realize – they really can’t believe the power of Islam,” he said, shaking his head. Then he aimed his finger at Grant and me on the other side of the room and proclaimed: “The very fact that you have white men like these sitting together with black men like us” (referring to the Afro-American Muslims who had accompanied him) “as brothers, when just ten

years ago we were killing each other in the streets, tells you how much impact Islam can have on a life!” It was as if he were reading my mind.”

Can we ever forget Malcolm X’s words and his battle with America’s racism. It bears repeating **decades** after they were uttered because racism continues to plague this country that continues to suffer under the delusion that it’s great. “I have been utterly speechless and spellbound by the graciousness I see displayed all around me by people of all colours. You may be shocked by these words coming from me. But on this pilgrimage, what I have seen, and experienced, has forced me to **rearrange much of my thought patterns** previously held, and to toss aside some of my previous conclusions . . . **Perhaps if white Americans could accept the Oneness of God, then perhaps, too, they could accept in reality the Oneness of Man** – and cease to measure and hinder and harm others in terms of their “differences” in colour. . . Each hour in the Holy Land Arabia enables me to have greater spiritual insights into what is happening in America between black and white.”

Equality & fraternity, as well as liberty, are religious categories. Only where they are conceived as such can these lofty ideals become reality. This is the bare truth. America needs an Islamic Summit...to find true brotherhood. Otherwise they can drink all the beer they can & brotherhood will remain a figment of their sick imagination. Think South Africa’s “For Whites Only” days are over...get a copy of the book by that name to see/know the stark ugly truth. Or try digesting *Jihad: Islam’s 1,300 Year War On Western Civilization* by Arthur Kemp, the South African white supremacist.

Shortly after his election to the European Parliament, BNP leader Nick Griffin told a television interviewer that there is “no place in Europe for Islam.” He added: “Western values, freedom of speech, democracy & rights for women (*what rights? How to make porn as millions of Western women are doing; Letterman was accused of promoting a hostile, uncomfortable work environment. The controversy sheds new light on the widespread objectification of women in the American workplace, NOW said*) are incompatible with Islam, which is a cancer eating away at our freedoms & our democracy.” Griffin declared his agreement with the words of Flemish far right MP Verstrepen: “We urgently need global chemotherapy against Islam to save civilization.” During his trial on a charge of inciting racial hatred Griffin justified these statements on the grounds that Islam is “a dragon ... the terrible mortal enemy of all our fundamental values & something which, unchecked, will bring misery and disaster...” **One can only pity such political hardliners united by lunacy**. Something that chemotherapy cannot help. Islam is the certain cure. Mankind’s unity lies in submission to God. “Submission” to the Western mind is such a bad word.

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Racism

A **Pigment** of the imagination

Man’s gravest threat to man...

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for a **minimum** of reason.

‘Abd al ‘Alim walked over to me after the program and extended his hand. I could **not** remember the last time I had shaken hands with a black man – I mean, really shaken hands, with warmth and love. **Had I ever?** And it hurt deeply, because it hurts to release our pains, for we first have to wrench them out and face them again. And pains that we have gotten used to – that we have even come to depend on – can be difficult to release and forget. At that time, I had only been a Muslim for about a month. I would learn a great deal from ‘Abd al ‘Alim during the next five years that I spent in San Francisco. However, the **deepest lesson** I took from him was of the **brotherhood of man**.

Jeffrey Lang: Struggling to Surrender

Racism: **HEDEOUSLY DEFORMING**

Leprosy of the Soul

O Mankind! We created you from a male and female, and made you into nations and tribes that you may know each other **not that you may despise**

Quran: 49:13 **each other...**

Islam has the Answer

I do **not** admit the dog in the manger has the final right to the manger, even though he may have lain there a long time. I do **not** admit that a great wrong has been done to the Red Indians of America, or the black people of Australia. I do **not** admit that a wrong has been done to those people by the fact that a stronger race, a higher grade race...has come in and taken their place.' **Winston Churchill** – as RACIST a statement as one can read by one of Britain's "great" leaders. Obviously "great" only to those who share his racist ideology. The 'dog in the manger', by the way, meant the Arabs of Palestine, who objected to Zionist stealing of their land.

The greatest disease that afflicts man. The worst disease a child gets is not measles or mumps; it's racism from its parents. We have not been able to eradicate it because it's not a physical ailment – like AIDS, TB or smallpox. It's located in the mind, the heart, the soul. God is the Doctor of these unseen elements of man. And He, not one to mince words, like politicians, says: "**Adam was created from dust.**" And God was responsible, and is to be held responsible, for our different colours & languages. Thank God for that. Imagine if he had put Hitler or any of the other racist Western political leaders, like Churchill, in charge. Realize that in the garden of humanity every flower has its own fragrance. Sure there are weeds but there are not all one colour. Racism seems to be on a highway with absolutely no brakes. Too few have been the floodgates that have sought to turn it back, too weak the counterflow.

Organizations are popping up that claim to want justice for a specific group. This is one-eyed justice. **What the eyes sees as similar or different is not the biological reality.** Australian aborigines, though dark-skinned, are the furthest of all humans in blood chromosomes from the Africans. All Europeans are a hybrid race, 65% Asian/35% African genes. Set aside the "surface" genes, and the human races are, no escape, ONE RACE. It's written in our blood. It should now become written in our souls. We may dislike a person; we may have a reason. We are never justified in a collective judgment and summary condemnation. Fight Racism. Recognize its many disguises, its subtle masquerades, its deceptions and delusions. Racism is an enemy to a wonderful & productive life.

Racism does not limit itself to biology or economics or psychology or metaphysics; it attacks along many fronts and in many forms, deploying whatever is at hand, and even what is not, inventing when the need arises. There is a strange kind of tragic enigma associated with the problem of racism. No one,

or almost no one, wishes to see themselves as racist; still racism persists, real and tenacious.

In the *Scientific American*, Allan C. Wilson and Rebecca L. Cann published a study of DNA samples taken from people around the world. They write: 'Our genetic comparisons convince us that all humans today can be traced along maternal lines of descent to a woman who lived about 200,000 years ago, probably in Africa. Modern humans arose in one place and spread elsewhere.' It is easier to trace the DNA through the female than the male because the DNA 'is transmitted to successive generations only by mothers'. They strengthen this evidence with the observation that 'A genome or full set of genes, is complete because it holds all the inherited biological information of an individual'. This certainly affirms that all humans have the same mother as well as sharing the same lineage, that a single pair of parents, Adam and Eve, as taught in the three revealed religions, did exist. These scientists believe Eve may have come from Africa. Many Muslims believe that Adam and Eve first inhabited what is now Saudi Arabia. Either way we may suppose their skin colour to have been dark. Only as mankind spread out, did they evolve into diverse racial and linguistic groups. That being so, as affirmed by genetic studies, why do American/European white supremacists hate dark-skinned people? It can only be that they hate a part of themselves.

Western culture throughout the centuries has taught fear and contempt of racially and culturally 'different' people and in its languages has retained derogatory terms for these 'others'. By contrast, the history of the Islamic civilization shows little evidence of racism. However, in recent times, some Muslims, under the impress of the Western example, have begun to develop feelings of racial prejudice. Following the retreat of Western imperial powers, Muslims have the opportunity to develop away from Western attitudes and ideologies. Toward Islam.

In the days before Islam, racism & slavery existed, but Islam effectively abolished the inferiority associated with slavery & integrated people of various ethnic origins into a single civilization. Muslims are one ummah & Islam is their culture & allegiance. God says: "Verily this brotherhood of yours is a single brotherhood." (21:92). God has created us different so that we may know & distinguish one another: worth lies not in belonging to a nation but in belonging to God, in consciousness of Him. Getting on with the differences in creation is a part of the trials of this life, a test of our kindness & humanity towards those who are 'other'.

"Do you not see that God sends down rain from the sky? With it We then bring out produce of various colours. And in the mountains are tracts white and red, of various shades of colour, and intense black in hue. Similarly, **among men**, and crawling creatures, and cattle, **they are of various colours.**" We should rejoice in the variety of mankind and try to learn

about the cultures and languages of others. We enjoy fruits of diverse kinds, and take pleasure in the differences in nature, so why not also take pleasure in the differences between peoples?

The Muslim world has never been afflicted with the intense problems which still affect the Western world. There still exist in the US groups of white supremacists who want to bring back racial apartheid and even slavery. Then, besides the problems of race, there are also problems arising from the discrimination of the rich against the poor. However, God does not judge human beings on the basis of their race or nationality or social class, but on the basis of their quality of worship and their actions.

In the first days of Islam, the pagan Arabs practised slavery. Many slaves liked the message of equality and, attracted to the truth of Islam, converted. The behaviour of the first Muslims tells us that they did not uphold racist attitudes. For instance, Abu Bakr rescued Bilal from torture by buying and then freeing him. Bilal was then honoured with the dignity of being appointed to make the call to prayer: he was the first muezzin. God commands in the Quran that to express remorse for certain sins a Muslim should emancipate a slave if financially able to do so. If a slave woman bore a child she was immediately considered free.

Islamic law provided legal means to enable slaves to purchase their freedom. Islam was thus the first civilization to gradually abolish slavery and, much more important, the attitudes of racial and cultural superiority which, in non-Muslim societies, have kept the descendants of slaves – even after a hundred years of emancipation – in positions of inferiority. In Islamic societies, slaves were a part of the household and fully integrated into the community, many attaining positions of great eminence – Harun al-Rashid was the son of a slave.

Muslims are infected by Western ideologies. Their qibla is the White House in the US instead of the Black House in Mecca. The Western nations have nowhere created a successful, stable plural society. Even between nations there is not so much peaceful co-existence as a cynical balance of power. Only Islam has ever succeeded in establishing and sustaining a feeling of common humanity among different peoples and cultures. Many verses of the Quran and the sayings of the Prophet (p) reiterate that all people are equal. "O my servants, I have forbidden oppression for Myself and have made it forbidden amongst you, so do not oppress one another."

The Prophet's (p) voice spoke eloquently, almost elegantly, but forcefully: 'Do **not** envy one