



FACING THE INTELLECTUAL AND CULTURAL CHALLENGES AMONG THE MUSLIM UMMAH IN THE 21ST CENTURY

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Paper's Content



Overview of the Fourth Industrial Revolution



Industrial Revolution Implications on people



IR4 impact on the Muslim ummah



Intellectual and cultural-Challenges in the Muslim ummah



CONCLUSION

EACH GENERATION HAS A NEW

• { وَالْأَنْعَامَ خَلَقَهَا لَكُمْ فِيهَا دِفْءٌ وَمَنَافِعُ وَمِنْهَا تَأْكُلُونَ (5) وَلَكُمْ فِيهَا جَمَالٌ حِينَ تُرِيحُونَ وَحِينَ تَسْرَحُونَ (6) وَتَحْمِلُ أَثْقَالَكُمْ إِلَىٰ بَلَدٍ لَّمْ تَكُونُوا بَالِغِيهِ إِلَّا بِشِقِّ الْأَنْفُسِ إِنَّ رَبَّكُمْ لَرَءُوفٌ رَّحِيمٌ (7) وَالْخَيْلَ وَالْبِغَالَ وَالْحَمِيرَ لِتَرْكَبُوهَا وَزِينَةً وَيَخْلُقُ مَا لَا تَعْلَمُونَ (8). (النحل: 5-8).

- 5. And the cattle too HE has created; and you find in them warmth and other uses; and of the flesh of some of them you eat.
- 6. And in them there is ornament and dignity for you when you bring them home in the evening and when you drive them forth to pasture in the morning.
- 7. And they carry your loads to a land which you could not reach except with great hardship to yourselves. Surely, your Lord is compassionate, Merciful.
- 8. And HE has created horses and mules and asses that you may ride them, and as a source of beauty. And HE will create what you do not yet know.

MOVING FORWARD



TEACHING/LEARNING AIDS IN THE PAST



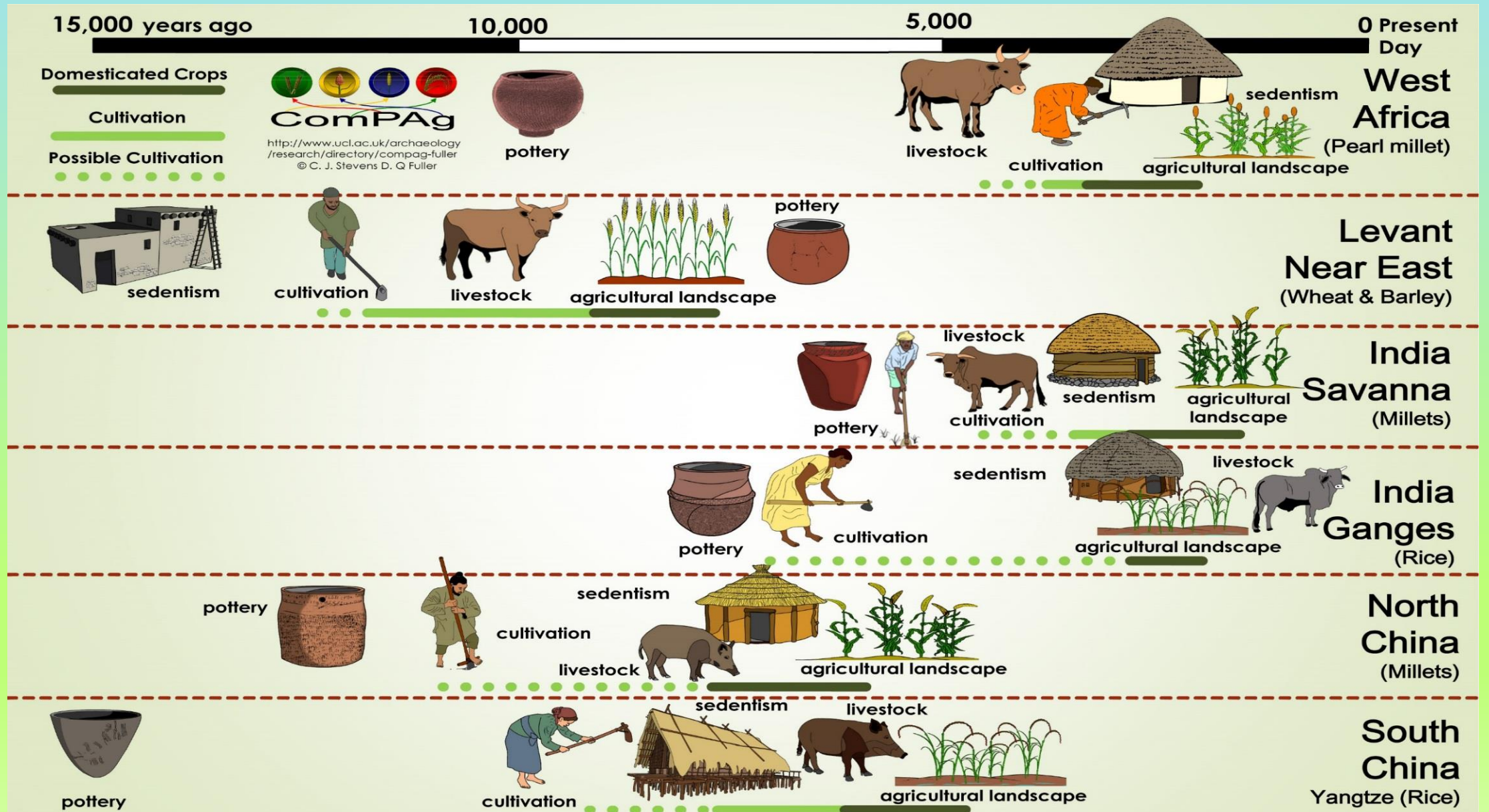
These kind of aids were used until 1950s in some countries

TEACHING/LEARNING IN 21ST CENTURY



Teaching /Learning devices in 21st Century

AGRICULTURE IN THE PAST



AGRICULTURE IN THE 21ST CENTURY



TELECOMMUNICATION

Evolution of the Telephone



1876 - Bell's original phone



1880's - Hand crank wall phone



1890's - candle-stick phone



1880's - cradle phone



1914 - Candle-stick rotary dial phone



1920's - Desktop rotary dial phone



1960's - Touch tone pad phone



1970's - Wall touch tone pad phone



1980's - cordless phone

CELLPHONES

HISTORY OF CELLPHONES

1983



Motorola Dynatac 8000X

1989



Motorola MicroTAC 9800X

1992



Nokia 1011

1996



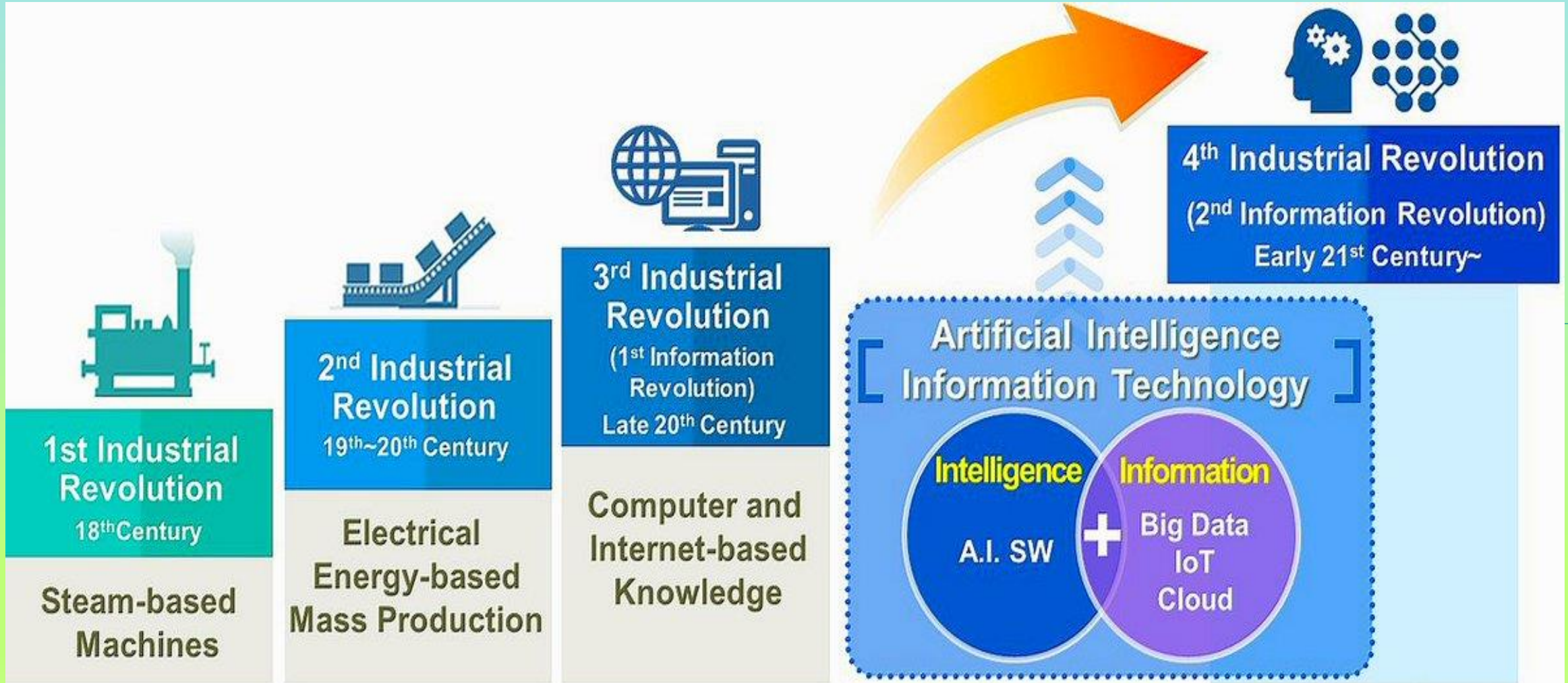
Nokia 9000 Communicator

2016



iphone 7

INDUSTRY REVOLUTION



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IMPLICATIONS



Intellectual

There are four main physical manifestations, of which are easy to determine by their tangible nature. These are:

- *Autonomous Vehicles,
- *3D Printing,
- *Advanced robotics, and
- *Artificial intelligent.

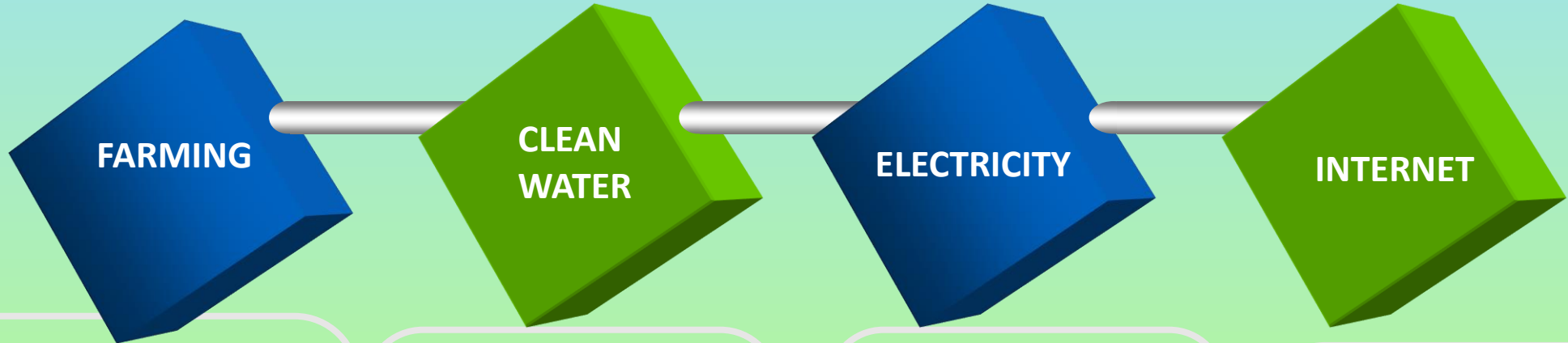
Culture and Moral decay

- *Affect individual identity,
- *Sense of privacy,
- *Notions of ownership,
- *Time management,
- *Financial difficulties.
- *Life style.

Religious practice

- *Liberal mosque where men and women mixed in prayers and lead by woman as an imam.
- *Call for secularism and/or liberalism of religious though.

IS IR4 BENEFICIAL FOR ALL?




The author said: “at least 600 million people live on smallholder farms without access to any mechanization, living lives largely untouched by the first industrial revolution”.

“Around one-third of the world’s population (2.4 billion) lack clean drinking water and safe sanitation”.


“around one-sixth (1.2 billion) have no electricity— both systems developed in the second industrial revolution”.

“And while the digital revolution means that more than 3 billion people now have access to the Internet, that still leaves more than 4 billion out of a core aspect of the third industrial revolution”.


INTELLECTUAL AND CULTURAL-CHALLENGES IN THE MUSLIM ummah



**Ethical challenges, such:
deception forgery, fraud, fornication,
homosexuality, assaults, rape, prostitution. bank
robbery, dishonesty and deceitful in running
businesses, stealing from homes, people and of cars,
and killing of innocent people**



**different ideologies under various names,
such as moderate Islam, political Islam and
Islam Modernism, enlightened thought,
equality between men and women.**



**freedom of opinion, freedom of
belief, freedom of expression,
freedom of choice, freedom of action
and etc.**

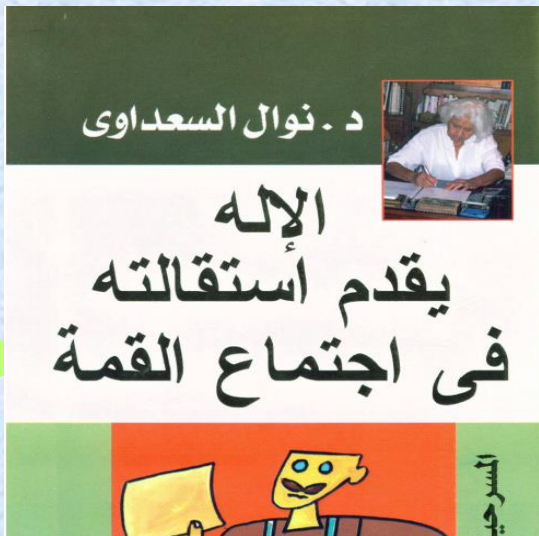
Intellectual

**The intellectual challenges:
Recently, some people in different parts
of the world -Muslims - have come to
claim that they are liberal intellectuals
who advocate freedom from religious
obligations and rites, on the grounds
that they are incompatible with living
in contemporary life**

SOME INDIVIDUAL RADICALLY CONTRADICTING ISLAMIC TEACHING

1

NAWAL AL-SAAWADI
an Egyptian atheist
doctor whom is renowned
for her study and books.



2

AMINA WADUD
is a Muslim American
whom sparked
controversy for her
actions as she had
lead a Friday prayer
in 2005.



3

SEREN ATES
is a Turkish lawyer and
activist of equality
between men and women
She opened a mosque, of
which was the first to
bring together men,
women and homosexuals
in for prayer in Berlin.



4

RABIA KABILI
opened the first
mosque in America
which allowed men and
women to pray
together in Berkeley



CONT.....

NEW CHALLENGES

The mixing of women and men in prayer especially in Eid prayers in public squares.



The homosexuals appearances and celebrations in public places to practice their rights !!!!



REASONS ?

1

Ignorance or forgetfulness of Islamic *moral values by some people*

2

The contrast between the school or educational institution and the real social life.

3

The media with all its means and forms.

4

· Influenced by liberalizations movements/ thoughts.

5

Unemployment, especially among young people

6

Family disintegration/ misunderstanding.

7

Disagreements among some Muslim scholars- al madhahib al fihiyyah

8

Lack of awareness of punishments

CHALLENGES IMPACT

- Such challenges will lead -in the near or distant future- to serious modifications/ changes/conflicts in religious, intellectual and ethical concepts, such as permissibility, mixing, gluttony, nudity, sodomy, and other things that are prohibited, and will be defended as personal rights and must be respected!!!!

HOW TO ELEMENATE SUCH CHALLENGES?

In order to eliminate such problems/ challenges, several measures must be taken into consideration, for example:

EDUCTION

**Redesign or update
Islamic Studies
curricula to mach
the contemporary
moral/ ethical/
Issues**

MEDIA

**Controlling the media,
broadcasting more
positive media
programs that will
contribute to the
construction of the
individual
behaviourally and
morally**

RELEGION

**Put up a religious
counsels and
empower it to
look overall the
fatwa and any
related religious
and Moral values
issues.**

AWARENESS

**Organizing
intensive
awareness
program for
all societies**

CONCLUSION

- **To conclude what is discussed above; the IR4 has a negative and positive impact on people life- financially, economically, intellectually, culturally, morally, privacy and trust.**
- **Likewise, the Muslim ummah will definitely face multi-dimensions of challenges such as the issue of same sex marriage, liberal mosque where men and women mixed in prayers and lead by woman as an imam, public advocacy of secularism or liberalism, robot sexual intelligent, designer baby, genetic engineering, and other matters related to religion, thought, culture and education.**

Cont.....

- **To overcome such challenges, the curricula of religious education at both official and private levels must be reviewed and updated to cope up with current trends to help societies understand correctly the teachings of Islam.**
- **Put aside the doctrinal differences in the jurisprudential issues, trying to converge between different points of view, accepting the other opinion, avoiding controversy and clinging to opinion, spreading the culture of tolerance, and establishing systems of practicing freedoms in light of the teachings of Islam.**

***Thank you very much
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