



PROGRAM SCHEDULE

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 18, 2015

Room 250 B | Time: 10:00 AM - 11:30 AM

ISLAMIC HUMANISM: A MODEL OF INDIVIDUAL HUMAN DEVELOPMENT TO THE FULLEST POTENTIAL BASED ON THE QUR'ANIC CONCEPT OF HUMAN BEING

Muslim terrorists collectively represent less than 0.01% of the Muslim world, but their numbers are growing, partly because of the nature of the Western response to such terrorism, including military retaliation and rampant Islamophobia, which tends to characterize Islamic teachings themselves as the source of terrorism. What we have is not a clash of civilizations, but a clash of ignorances on both sides as to the cause of the divide. There is dire need for proper education on both sides. This program will present the heart of Islam within the framework of a model of Islamic Humanism developed 25 years ago as a method of raising Muslim children, especially in the West. It is a model of individual human development to the fullest potential based on the Qur'anic concept of a human being and defines the purpose of human life and the tools available to us to realize that purpose. It is a universal concept based on a primordial covenant between each individual spirit and the Universal Spirit made at the beginning of human life. The model not only presents Islam in its proper light, but also emphasizes the common religious heritage of all of us.

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