

Internet Resources

Muslim Contributions to Civilization: Past and Present

I. Islam and Science

- A. (Article) Science and Civilization in Islam (Seyyed Hossein Nasr)
<http://www.fordham.edu/halsall/med/nasr.html>
- B. Overview of Islamic Culture and the Medical Arts (National Library of Medicine Exhibit)
http://www.nlm.nih.gov/exhibition/islamic_medical/islamic_00.html
- C. Resource page of Islam SET (Science, Environment and Technology) (www.islamset.com)
<http://www.islamset.com/introd.html>
 - i. History of Islamic Science
<http://www.islamset.com/heritage/history.html>
 - ii. History of Muslim Pharmacology
<http://www.islamset.com/heritage/pharmacy/index.html>
- D. History of Islamic Biomedicine (links to many articles on this topic, including chronology of Muslim civilization)
<http://www.mic.ki.se/Arab.html>
- E. Numbers
http://www.islamic-paths.org/Home/English/History/Literature/Arabic_Numerals.htm

II. Environment

- A. Islam and the Environment, theory and practice (Dr. Mawil Izzi Dien)
http://www.lampeter.ac.uk/trs/staffgallery/mawil_paper.html
- B. (Article) Islam and Ecology
<http://www.crosscurrents.org/islamecology.htm>

III. History and Civilization

- A. History of Islamic Civilization
<http://www.islamset.com/islam/civil/index.html>
- and -
<http://www.fordham.edu/halsall/islam/islamsbook.html>

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B. Influence of Islamic Culture on Western Civilization

<http://www.netiran.com/Htdocs/Clippings/Social/950300XXSO02.html>

- and -

<http://www.ais.org/~bsb/Herald/Previous/95/science.html> (The Middle Ages)

-and -

<http://mercury.spaceports.com/~islam/index2.htm> (The Renaissance)

C. Islam in Africa

i. The Advent of Islam in Africa

<http://web-dubois.fas.harvard.edu/DuBois/Baobab/narratives/islam/islam.html>

- and -

<http://web-dubois.fas.harvard.edu/dubois/baobab/narratives/islam/WestTrade.html> (West Africa)

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<http://baobab.harvard.edu/narratives/islam/EastTrade.html> (East Africa)

ii. <http://www.arches.uga.edu/~godlas/hunwick.html>

iii. Accounts of Ibn Battuta's Travels

<http://www.fordham.edu/halsall/source/1354-ibnbattuta.html>

D. Islam in Southeast Asia

i. Medieval Manuscripts

<http://www.fordham.edu/halsall/india/1655bernier.html>

ii. History of the Mughals

<http://www.wsu.edu:8080/~dee/MUGHAL/MUGHAL.HTM>

IV. Human Rights

A. HIGH COMMISSIONER FOR HUMAN RIGHTS ORGANIZING EXPERT SEMINAR TO DISCUSS ISLAMIC PERSPECTIVES ON UNIVERSAL DECLARATION OF HUMAN RIGHTS (press release)

<http://www.unhchr.ch/hurricane/hurricane.nsf/view01/F46C9D5A47F671DB802566AD005BB845?opendocument>

B. (Article) Human Rights and Islam: Some Points of Convergence and Divergence (Ali Salman)

<http://www.renaissance.com.pk/octvipo2y1.html>

C. (Article - good one) Antecedents of the idea of Human Rights: A Survey of Perspectives (Polly Vizard) (Section 3.1)

<http://www.undp.org/hdro/Vizard2000.html>

D. (Article - with reference to specific scholars) Muslim Support for Human Rights

<http://www.geocities.com/Athens/Parthenon/7185/Religion/muslim.hr.htm>

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E. Treatment of Minorities

<http://www.fordham.edu/halsall/source/pact-umar.html> (The Pact of Umar)

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<http://www.fordham.edu/halsall/jewish/jews-umar.html> (The Pact of Umar, another version)

- and -

<http://www.islamfortoday.com/minorities.htm>

V. Woman's Contribution to Islamic Thought

A. Women and the Interpretation of Islamic Sources (Heba Raouf Ezzat)

<http://www.islam21.net/pages/keyissues/key2-6.htm>

B. Women in Islam (Jamal Badawi)

<http://www.iad.org/books/S-women.html>

C. Essays and position papers on Women's Rights in Islam (Muslim Women's League)

<http://www.mwlnusa.org/publications.html>

VI. Pluralism & Civil Society

A. Religion and Civilisational Dialogue (Seyyed Hossein Nasr)

<http://www.islam21.net/pages/keyissues/key3-18.htm>

B. Democratic Principles: An Islamic Point of View (Azizah Al-Hibri)

<http://www.islam21.net/pages/keyissues/key3-6.htm>

VII. The Arts and Humanities

A. Overview of Islamic Literature

<http://www.library.cornell.edu/colldev/mideast/islamlit.htm>

- and -

<http://www.pbs.org/empires/islam/cultureliterature.html>

B. History and types of Islamic Literature

<http://search.ebi.eb.com/ebi/article/0,6101,34778,00.html>

C. By Region

i. Middle East (Arabic, Persian, Turkish)

(a) Overview of Persian Literature

<http://www.bartleby.com/65/pe/Perslit.html>

(b) Overview of Iraqi Literature

<http://www.nv.cc.va.us/home/nvbrada/braddog/Literature/Literature.html>

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(c) Overview of Turkish Islamic Literature

http://turkey.org/culture/c_liter2.htm

ii. Central Asia

(a) (Article) Literature in Turko-Islamic Culture

<http://eurasianews.com/erc/004cam.htm>

iii. South Asia

(a) Islamic Literature in Indonesia

http://www.indonesianheritage.com/Encyclopedia/Early_Modern_History/Islam_And_Port_Sultans/Islamic_Literature/islamic_literature.html

- and -

http://www.indonesianheritage.com/Encyclopedia/Ancient_History/Heritage_Of_Indonesian/Early_Islamic_Literature/early_islamic_literature.html

D. Art

i. Overview of Islamic Art

<http://www.pbs.org/empires/islam/cultureart.html>

ii. Introduction to Islamic Art

http://www.lacma.org/islamic_art/islamic.htm

iii. (Article) Muslim Art in Contemporary Britain

<http://www.guardian.co.uk/Archive/Article/0,4273,3950810,00.html>

iv. (Article) Turkish Islamic Art

<http://sircasaray.turkiye.org/anadolu/tezhib.html>

v. Calligraphy (Articles by Mamoun Sakkal)

<http://www.sakkal.com/ArtArabicCalligraphy.html>

E. Photo Galleries

i. Online Museum Exhibitions of Islamic Art

(a) Detroit Institute of Art

<http://www.dia.org/collections/ancient/islamicart/islamicart.html>

(b) Metropolitan Museum of Art

<http://www.metmuseum.org/collections/department.asp?dep=14> (click on "VIEW 1 AT A TIME" on top)

(c) Los Angeles County Museum of Art

http://www.lacma.org/islamic_art/thumbnails/thmbnail.htm

(d) Tarek Rajab Museum (Kuwait)

<http://www.trmkt.com/Gallery.htm>

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- ii. Images of Islam
http://www.tulane.edu/~MECCA/images/images_islam.html
- iii. Peter Sanders Photography
<http://www.middleeastuk.com/culture/art/sanders/gallery.htm>
- and -
<http://www.ummah.org.uk/sanders/gallery.htm>
- iv. Islamic Art and Architecture
<http://www.islamicart.com/main/architecture/index.html> (click on "Gallery")
- v. Links to other Islamic Art sites (Art and Architecture)
<http://islamicity.com/education/culture/>
- and -
<http://www.islamicart.com/> (Islamic Arts and Architecture Organization: good source on images and articles: Architecture, Calligraphy, Coins, Oriental Rugs)

F. Music

- i. Project compiling music from Islamic Countries
<http://www.blacksun.com/islam.htm>
- ii. Persian Music
http://www.pbs.org/visavis/BTVPages/Persian_trad_music.html

- G. Sampler of Muslim World Music (requires RealPlayer)
<http://www.arches.uga.edu/~godlas/IslArt.html#Music>

VIII. Architecture

- A. Overview of Islamic Architecture
<http://www.pbs.org/empires/islam/culturearch.html>
- B. Brief History of Islamic Architecture
<http://users.telerama.com/~jdehullu/islam/frames.htm>
- C. Essays on Principles of Islamic Architecture
<http://www.islamicart.com/main/architecture/index.html> (click on "Articles")
- D. (Article) Images in Persian architecture
<http://www.persianart.net/libraries/article/PEACOCK.htm>
- E. (Article) Muslim Spain
<http://www.suite101.com/article.cfm/4205/22279>
- F. (Article) Turkish Mosques
http://www.suite101.com/article.cfm/arabic_islamic_architecture/20882
- G. (Article) Taj Mahal
http://www.suite101.com/article.cfm/arabic_islamic_architecture/25875

H. Links to other Islamic Architecture sites (Art and Architecture)

<http://islamicity.com/education/culture/>

IX. Biographies

A. Brief biographies of major figures in Islamic civilization

<http://members.tripod.com/~wzzz/>

- and -

Muslim Scientists, Mathematicians, and Astronomers before the European Renaissance (700 - 1500 A.D.) - listing of scholars and articles on different aspects of civilization in the Muslim world

<http://users.erols.com/zenithco/index.html>

B. Scientists

i. Ibn Khaldun (historiography) - comprehensive links to websites with biographies, articles and excerpts of his writings

<http://www.isidore-of-seville.com/ibnkhaldun/>

ii. Tabari (historiography)

<http://www.mala.bc.ca/~mcneil/tabarit.htm>

- and -

<http://users.erols.com/zenithco/tabari.html>

- and -

<http://members.tripod.com/~wzzz/TABARI.html>

iii. Khwarezmi (math, chemistry)

iv. Ibn Rushd (Averroes)

v. Ibn Sina (Avicenna)

<http://www.britannica.com/eb/article?eu=11566&tocid=0>

- and -

http://www.ummah.net/history/scholars/ibn_sina/

- and -

<http://www-history.mcs.st-andrews.ac.uk/history/Mathematicians/Avicenna.html>

vi. Al-Farabi

vii. Al-Razi (physician, introduced concept of "hospital", vaccine for small pox)

viii. Ibn Al-Haytham (optometry)

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C. Poets and Writers

- i. Rumi
<http://www.age-of-the-sage.org/sources/rumi.html> (look up)
- and -
<http://www.armory.com/~thrace/sufi/> (Selected poems)
- ii. Khalil Gibran
- iii. Omar Khayyam
http://www.ucalgary.ca/applied_history/tutor/islam/learning/khayyam.html
- iv. The Travels of Ibn Batuta
<http://www.fordham.edu/halsall/source/batuta.html>

D. Music

- i. Yusuf Islam
- ii. Umm Kulthum
<http://almashriq.hiof.no/egypt/700/780/umKoulthoum/>

Bibliography

Brentwood School Online: Islamic Culture (website created by students compiling essays written and a photo gallery)

<http://www.bwscampus.com/School/Hist/NWWC/islamic-culture.html>

UNESCO book, Different Aspects of Islamic Culture

http://www.unesco.org/culture/aic/html_eng/volumes.htm

Providence Library compiled a suggested book list on the following topics:

1. Arts of Islam and the Arabic World <http://www.provlib.org/community/links/arabicartlist.htm>
2. Music of Islam and the Arabic World <http://www.provlib.org/community/links/arabmusic.htm>
3. Literature of Islam and the Arabic World <http://www.provlib.org/community/links/arablit.htm>

Swahili Poetry Bibliography

<http://www.humnet.ucla.edu/humnet/aflang/swahili/SwahiliPoetryWebPage/SwahiliPoetryBibliography.htm>