



Understanding Allah's Natural Pattern for Our Development: "Fitraa"

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Holy Quran, Surah 30: 30

فَأَقِمْ وَجْهَكَ لِلدِّينِ حَنِيفًا فِطْرَتَ اللَّهِ الَّتِي فَطَرَ النَّاسَ عَلَيْهَا لَا يَبْدِيلَ لِخَلْقِ اللَّهِ
ذَلِكَ الدِّينُ الْقَيِّمُ وَلَكِنَّ أَكْثَرَ النَّاسِ لَا يَعْلَمُونَ ﴿٣٠﴾

"So set your purpose/direction for religion rightly inclined, Allah's natural pattern (**Fitraa**) which he created (and evolved) man on. Let there be no change in the nature/creation which Allah has made. That is the ever-true faith, yet most men do not know."

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Imam W.D. Mohammed Tafseer

*"G-d says that **this is the religion of Fitraa**, the pattern upon which He evolved human life. So there was a pattern existing before our existence and then G-d created us to be fitted upon that pattern.*

...the whole creation is the teaching of G-d and He created the human intellect to live in that teaching environment."

Imam W.D. Mohammed: *Mohammed Speaks*

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"Pattern" Definition

"...something designed or used as a model for making things"

Merriam-Webster Dictionary

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Allah's Natural Pattern/ Universal Principles

- Oneness/Unity/
Connections
- Dynamism
(*Natural Motion*)
- Diversity
- Balance/Proportion
- Rhythm/Harmony



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Oneness/Unity/Connections

- Creator
- Creation
- Humanity
- Origin
- Connected



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Oneness/Unity/Connections

In Our Human Nature

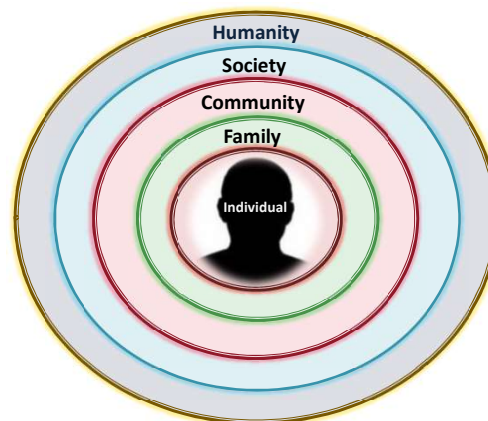
- Origin (Single Soul)
- One Nature (Muslim)
- One Family (Humanity)
- One Community (Unity)



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Oneness/Unity/Connections

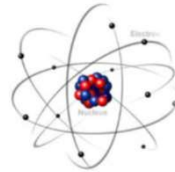
In Our Community Life



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Dynamism (Natural Motion)

- Power/Force/Energy/Motion/Action
- Kineticism
- Life
- Time
- Directional
- Purposeful
- Progressive
- Evolution
- Transformation

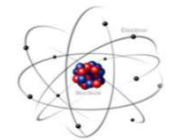


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Dynamism (Natural Motion)

In Our Human Nature

- Aspirations and Journey of the Soul
- Stages/Progression of Life
- Purpose
- Direction
- Destination
- Evolution/Revolution
- Transformation

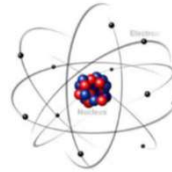


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Dynamism (Natural Motion)

In Our Community Life

- Time Dynamic
- Change Dynamic
- Progression Dynamic
- Oneness/Diversity Dynamic
- Evolution
- Revolution
- Transformation



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Diversity

- Complementary
- Interdependent
- Unique
- Specialization



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Diversity

In Our Human Nature

- Complementary/Interdependence of Self (Physical, Emotional, Mental, Moral, Spiritual)
- Complementary/Interdependence of Mates (Male and Female, Women and Men)
- Uniqueness of the Self/Soul
- Diversity of Talent and Purpose

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Diversity

In Our Community Life

- Our Social Roles (Men/Women)
- Our Ethnicities
- Our Languages and Geography
- Our Traditions/Cultures/Beliefs
- Institutions of Society

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Oneness/Diversity Dynamic



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Balance/Proportion

In Our Human Nature

- The Sawaa (Perfect Balance) of the Soul
- Our Physical Form
 - External (Symmetry, Motion)
 - Internal (Health)
- Life Balance
 - Obligations
 - Needs
 - Aspirations



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Balance/Proportion

In Our Community Life

- Unity/Diversity Balance
- Dynamism Balance
- Fairness
- Equality
- Justice



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Rhythm/Harmony

In Our Human Nature

- Rhythm/Harmony of Our Soul
- Rhythm of Our Languages
- Rhythm/Harmony of Our Ear/Heart/Mind
- Rhythm/Harmony of Our Biology (Bio-rhythms)
- Harmony of Our Relationships



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Rhythm/Harmony

In Our Community Life



- Rhythm/Harmony of Our Faith Expressions
- Rhythm/Harmony of Our Cultural Expressions (i.e. Music, Poetry)
- Rhythm/Harmony of Our Competitive Sports
- Rhythms of History and Economic Cycles
- Harmony of Our Social Interaction

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In Summary...

"G-d says that He has established man on the order of the pattern found in the universe. He formed man to that pattern, and that is the pattern of behavior we call Islamic behavior. ..It is not until Revelation comes that man really finds his purpose on this earth, purpose in the universe, and his true satisfaction in his heart and soul."

Imam W.D. Mohammed: *Progressions Magazine*
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**Shukran,
Peace and Blessings!**

