

# ALI 448: Islamic Civilization & Western Civilization

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Civilizations from the Historic Lens



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# A Quick Recap

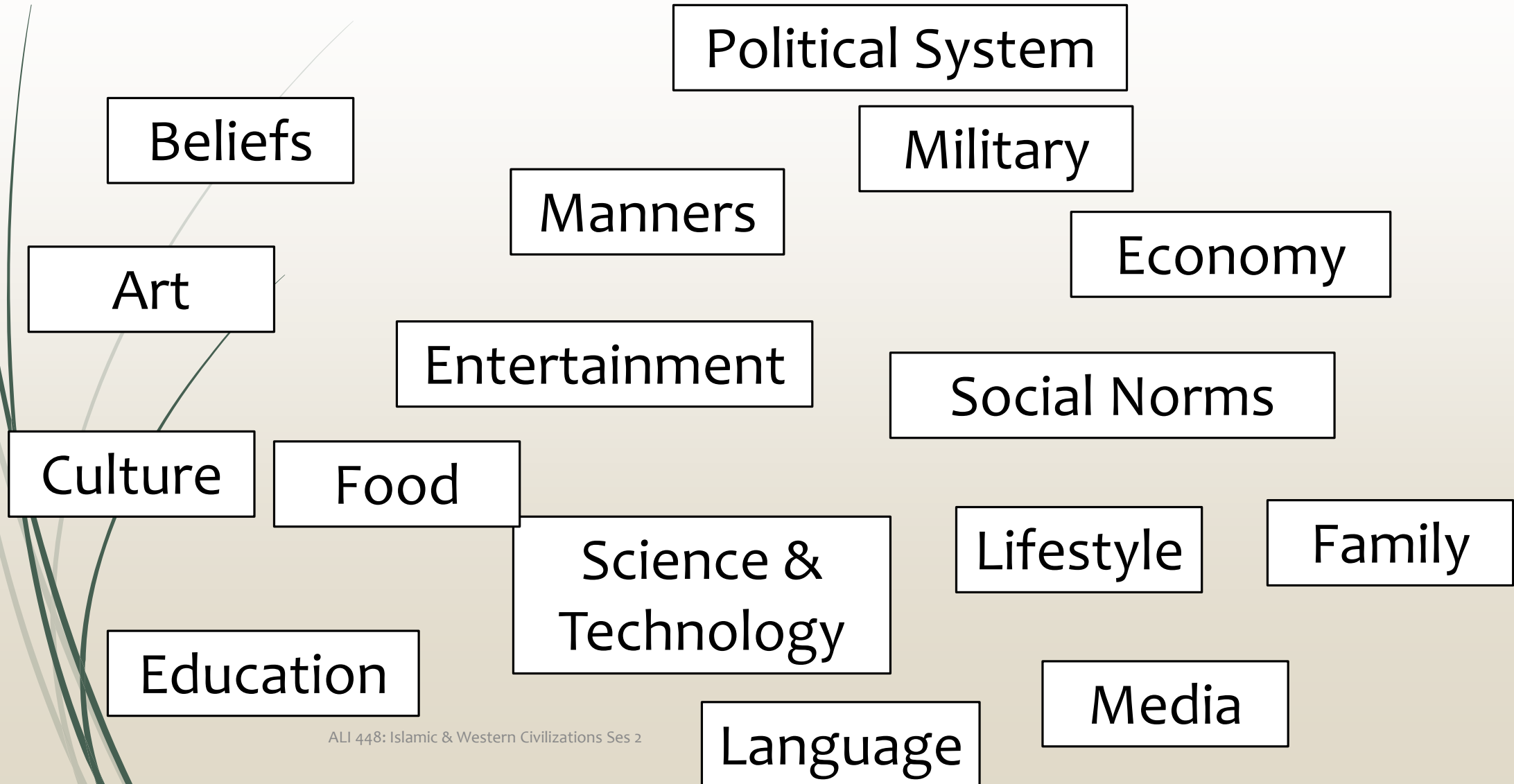
Things we learnt in Session 1

# What is Civilization?



## A Complete System of Life

# What is Civilization?



# Components of a Civilization

Beliefs / Ideology

Values / Manners

Individual Actions / Social Systems

Attractions / Symbols

# Today's World

Which Civilization is Dominant Today?



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Western Civilization Dominated by  
America

# Understanding the Western Civilization

Beliefs – Humanism

Values – Materialistic And Values

Actions – Pleasure Seeking

Capitalism, Science & Technology, Culture,  
Music, Movies, Educational System.

## How Civilizations Expand and Collapse?

Beliefs

Values

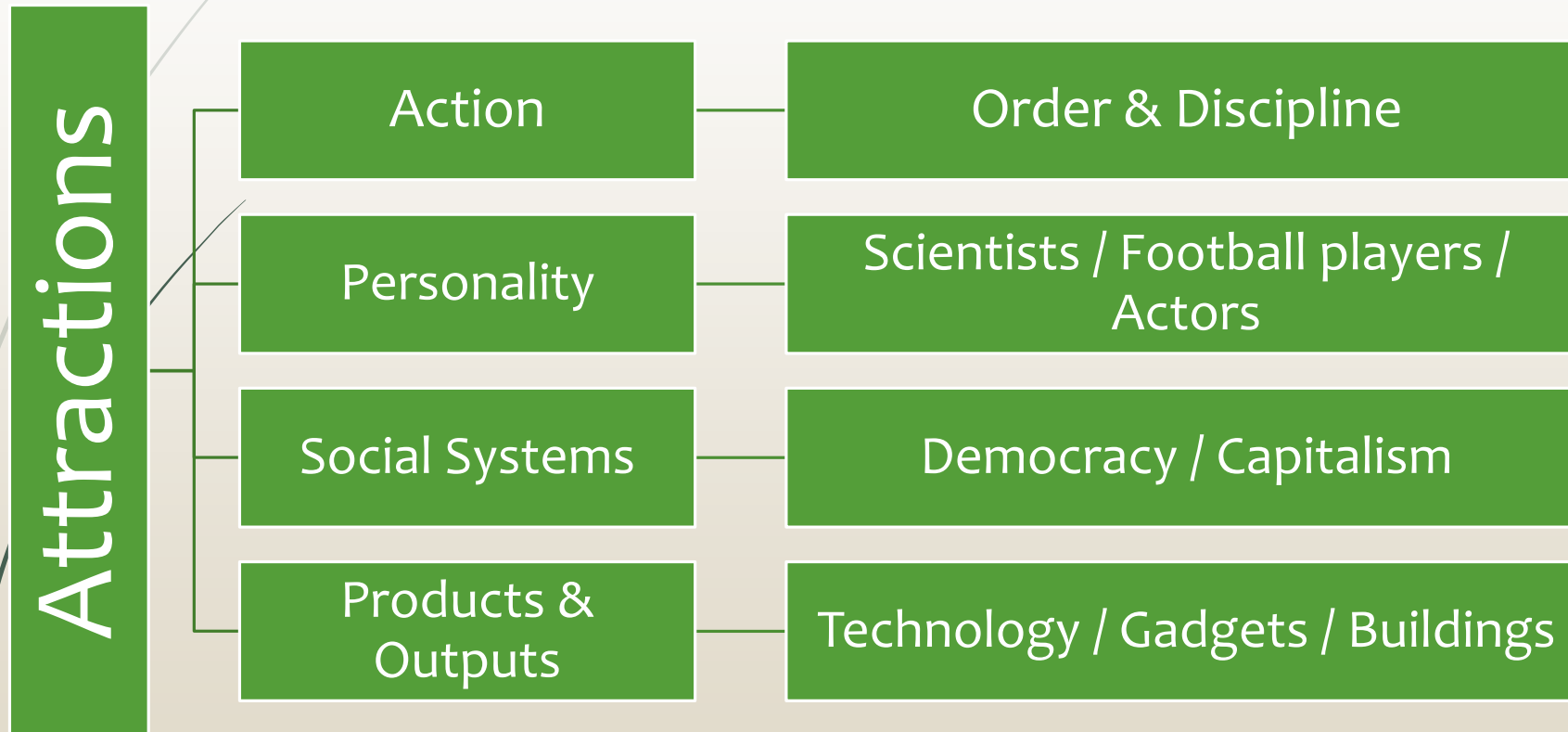
Behaviors

Symbols

ثُمَّ كَانَ عَاقِبَةُ الَّذِينَ أَسَاءُوا السُّوءَ أَنْ كَذَّبُوا بِآيَاتِ اللَّهِ وَكَانُوا بِهَا يَسْتَهْزِئُونَ



# Examples of Attractions



# So what is Islam?



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We have our own Civilization – the Islamic Civilization

# Islam as a Civilization

Let us continue our discussion ...

# Examples of Ancient Civilizations



Hindu Civilization



Greek Civilization

# Advent of Islam



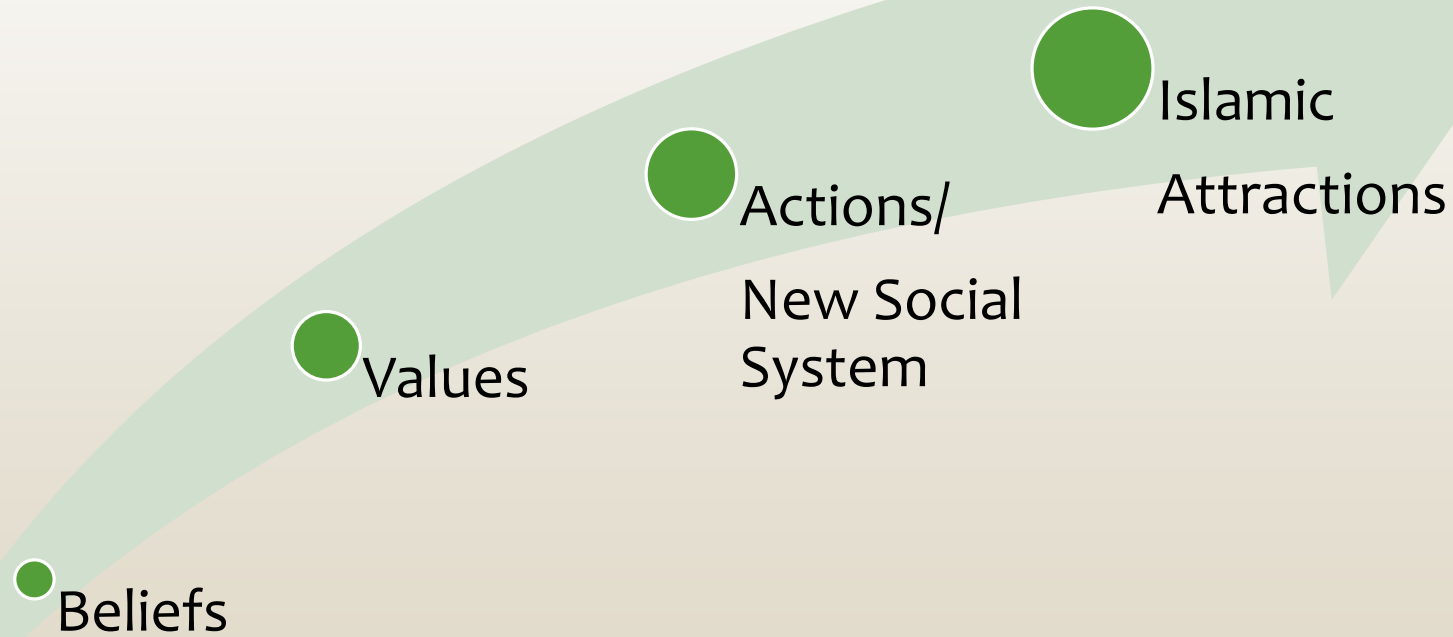


Question – What did the Holy Prophet (s) do?

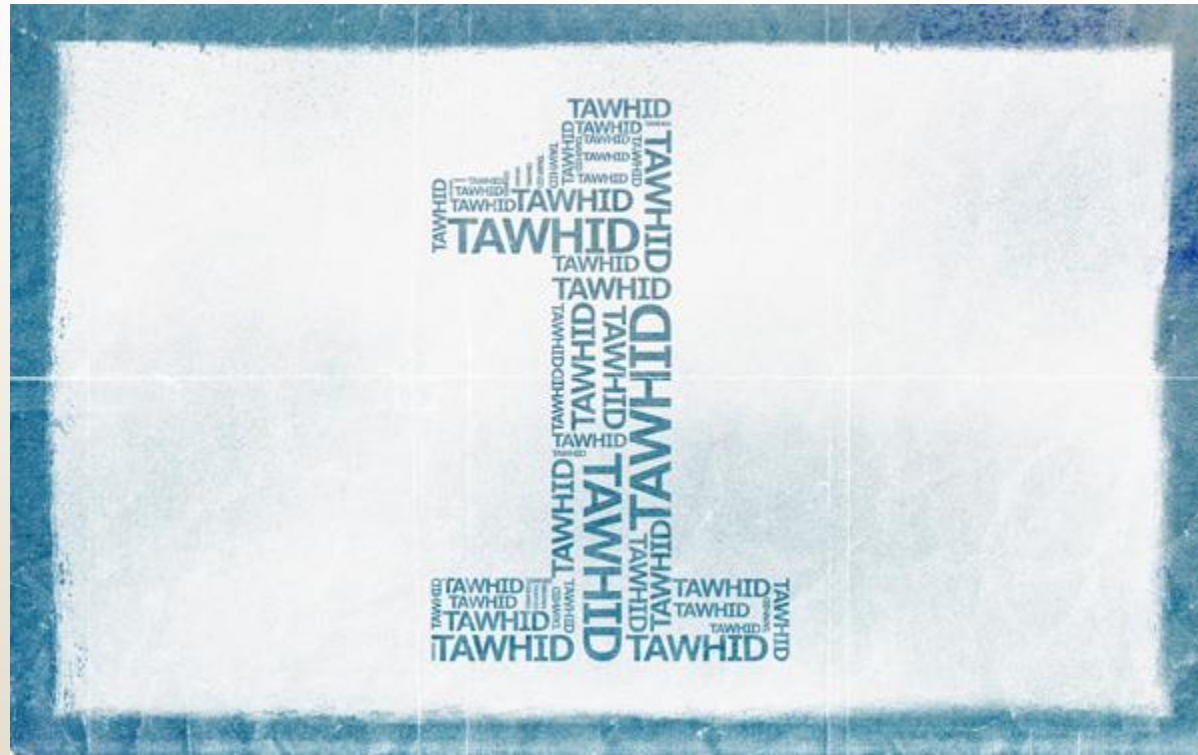


He changed everything!

# The Holy Prophet (s) laid foundations of a new civilization



# Beliefs



Correct Belief System Based on Tawhid



# Values



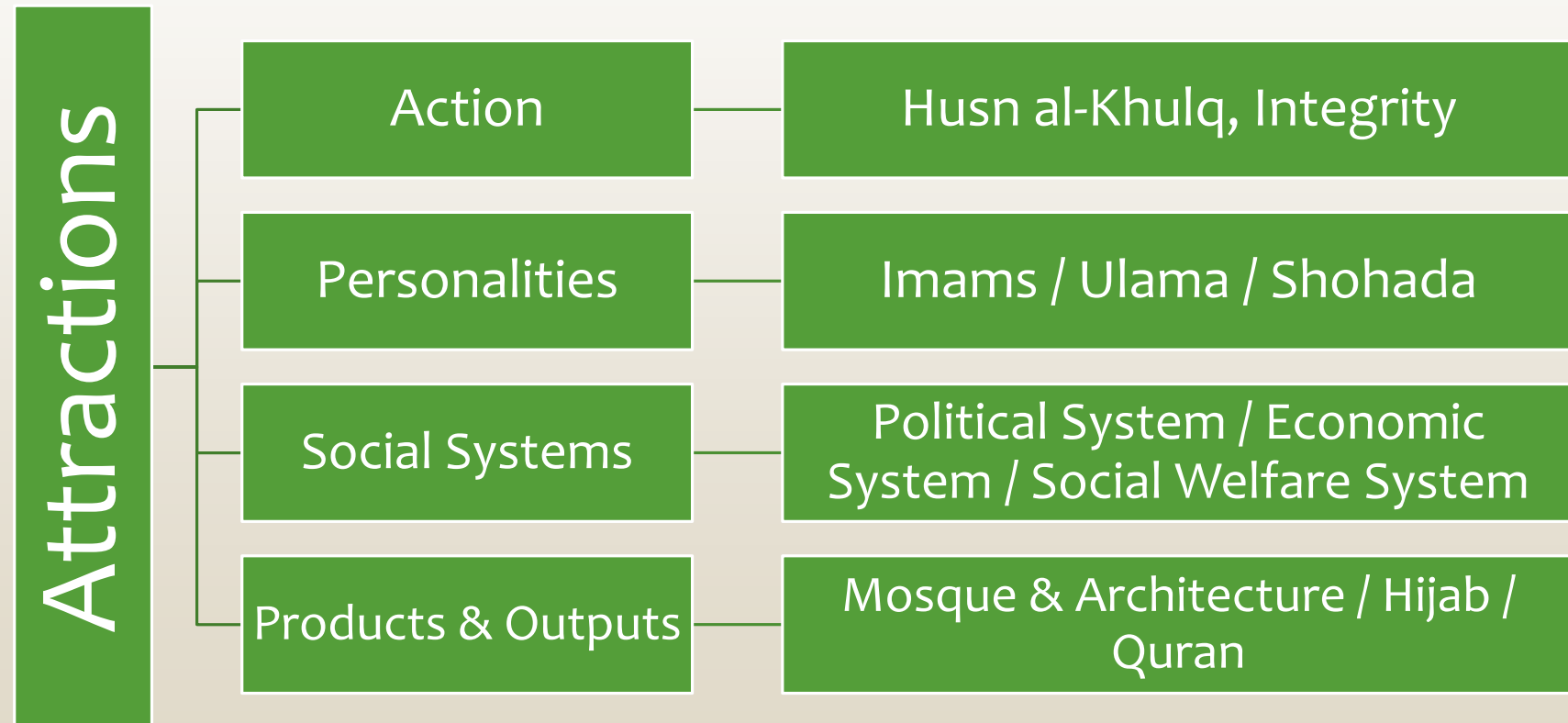
Spiritual & Halal Material Values

## Actions & Social Systems



Remember Imam Ali's Just Government!

# Islamic Attractions



# Goal of Islamic Civilization



To End Humanity's Suffering – Establish a Just Society where everyone can acquire Material & Spiritual Progress

# Decline of Islamic Civilization

But then what happened?



# Decline of Islamic Civilization

## From Glory to Disgrace



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# Today's State

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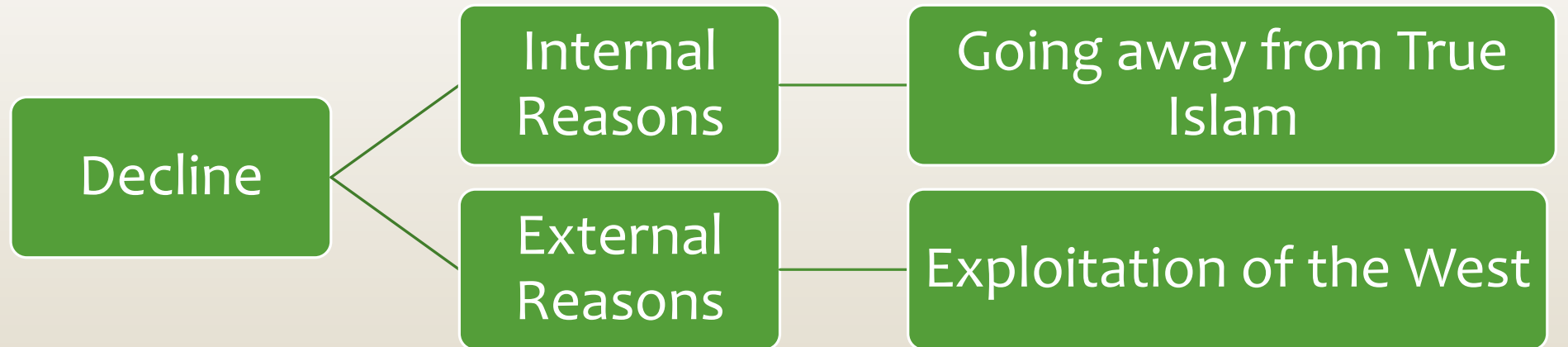
But ..

Being Ki

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# Two Reasons





# Deviation from Inside

This always happens first!

## First Problem - Governance & Imamate



Just Knowledgeable  
Expert Divinely  
Appointed Leader



Any Corrupt  
Ignorant Oppressive  
Ruler

## Second Problem – Things turning Upside Down



لُبْسَ الْإِسْلَامِ لُبْسَ الْفَرِّو مَقْلُوبًا

## Iman & 'Amal



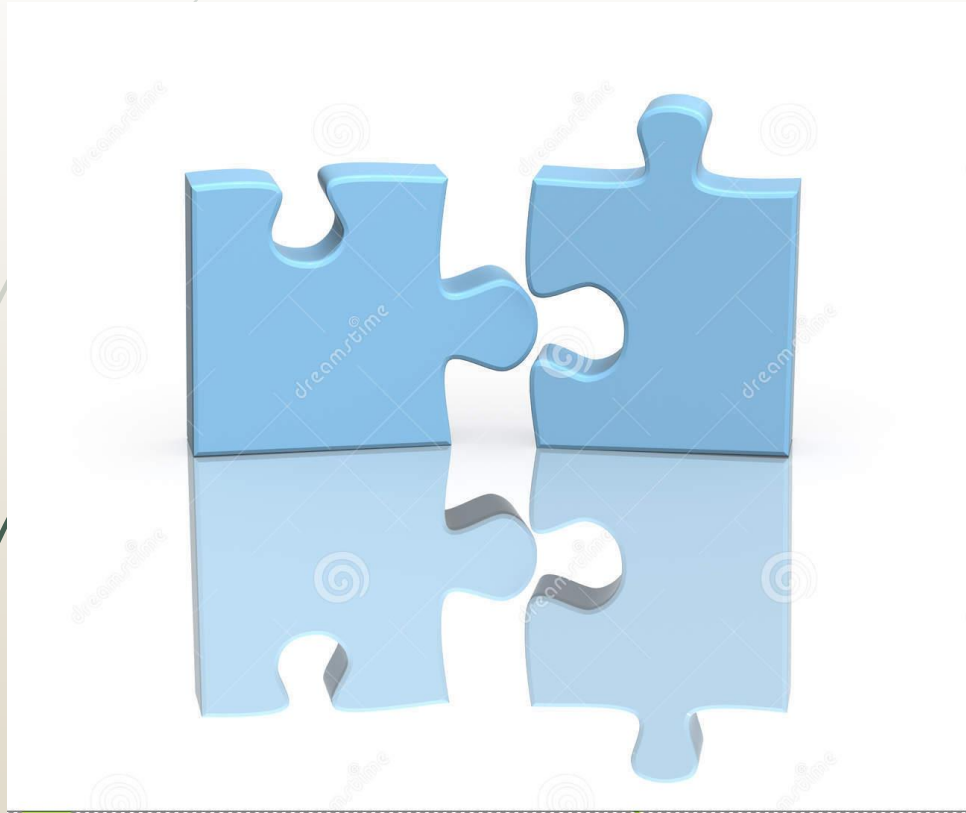
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Iman & Amal are  
both necessary



I have Iman if I don't  
go to Jannah then  
who will?

# Dunya & Aakherat



Dunya & Aakherat  
are one and the same



Leave the dunya for  
the worldly people!

## Result – Weakening of Beliefs, Values, Actions & Attractions



**Decline from Within!**

# To be continued...

Inshallah in Session 3