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ISLAM AND CULTURE

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"Culture" is sometimes translated as "takaful", which means the act of becoming more intelligent or knowledgeable. It is more proper to translate it as "adab," which in the classical tradition means *hau* ("beauty, goodness") of word, attitude and deed, as the Prophet (SAAS) had said of himself: "My God has given me my culture. He has made it a good culture."