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"Culture" is sometimes translated as "taqaddus" which means the act of becoming more intelligent or knowledgeable. It is more proper to translate it as "tadris" which is the classical Arabic word for "teaching, instruction" of heart, intellect and hand, as the Prophet (SAW) had said of himself: "My God has given me my light, He has made it a good culture."