

SALAM

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Topics

- What does “Salamu Alaykum Mean?
- What is Islam.....
 - Islam on a Map
 - Foundations of Islam
 - Islamic Perspective on Disability.....
 - Famous Muslim Individuals
- Islamic Values to Know
- Modesty.....
- Culture vs Islam
- Household Values
- Strategies to Implement.....

Objectives

- Examine Islamic views on disability, acceptance, and inclusion and how to use this knowledge to better serve Muslim families.
- Identify the religious and cultural diversity of Muslim families and the impact on early identification and intervention.
- Develop religiously and culturally sensitive best practices and tools to utilize with Muslim families in their EDHI system.
- Keys of cultural context.

About Us

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Ice Breaker

When did you get to know
about Islam

Your impressions

Your biases

How Do Perceptions Affect Services Provided?

What is Islam?

- Shahada (Proclamation of Faith)
 - Transliteration: “Ashadu an la ilaha illa illa-ilah, wa ashadu anna muhammadan rasulullah.”
 - Translation: “There is no God but God (Allah – i.e. there is none worthy of worship but Allah), and Muhammad is the Messenger of Allah.”
- Salah (Prayer)
 - 5 times a day
- Zakat (Giving Alms)
 - Donating a portion of wealth to the needy
- Sawm (Fasting)
 - The act of fasting the month of Ramadan
- Hajj (Pilgrimage)
 - The pilgrimage to Mecca



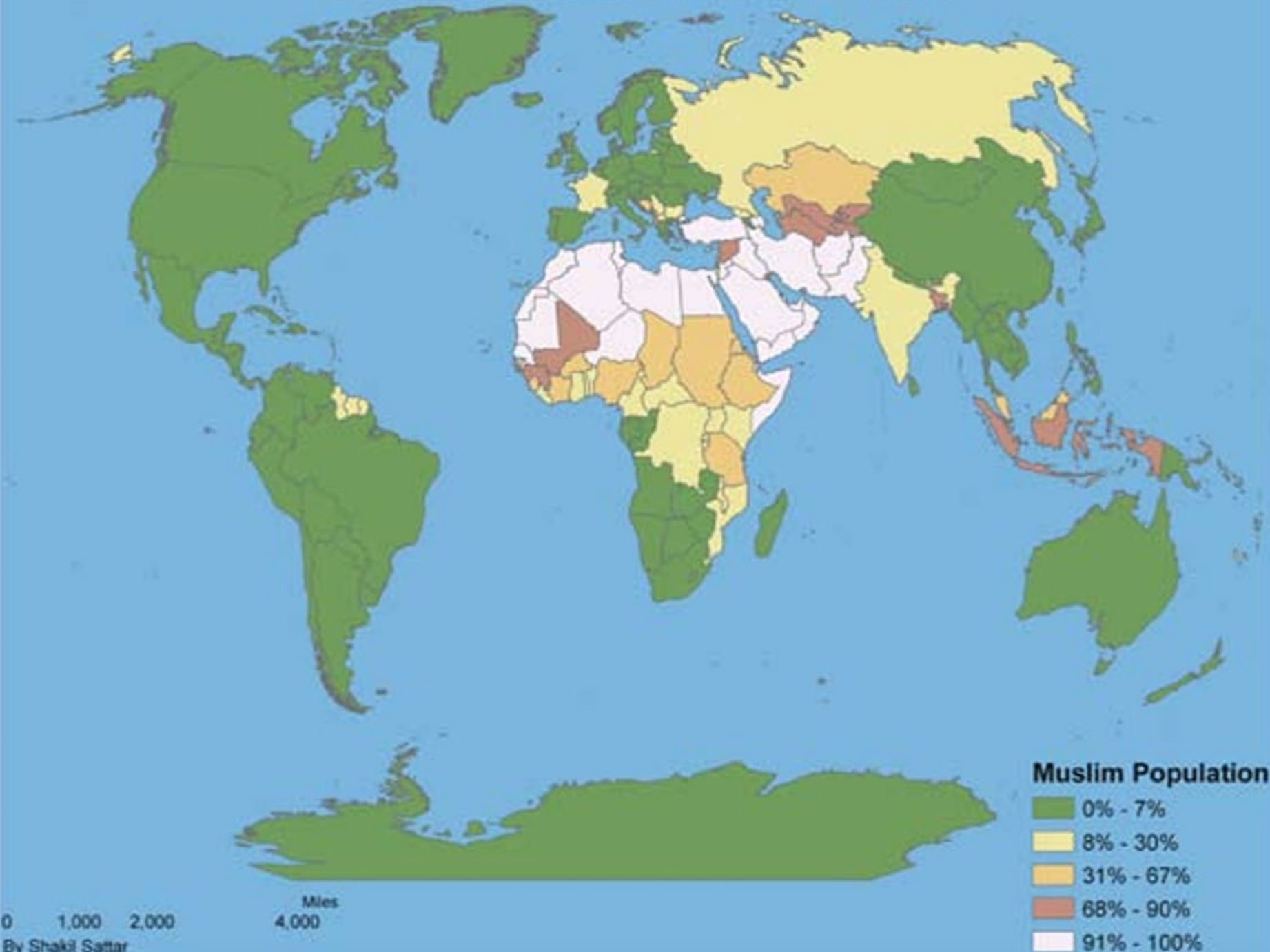
What does “Salamu Alaykum” mean?

Translation: “Peace Be Upon You”

“Salam” encompasses safety, harmlessness, and protection from all evils.

- It is an exchange initiated to and responded to by Muslims but has become a greeting known to all people of all religious and cultural backgrounds.
- It is a greeting that strips arrogance out of Muslims’ character and fosters Islamic brotherhood
- It serves as seeds of love and friendship in people’s hearts as food resolves the pain of a hungry stomach.

WORLD MUSLIM POPULATION



Muslim

Populations

Across

The World





Largest

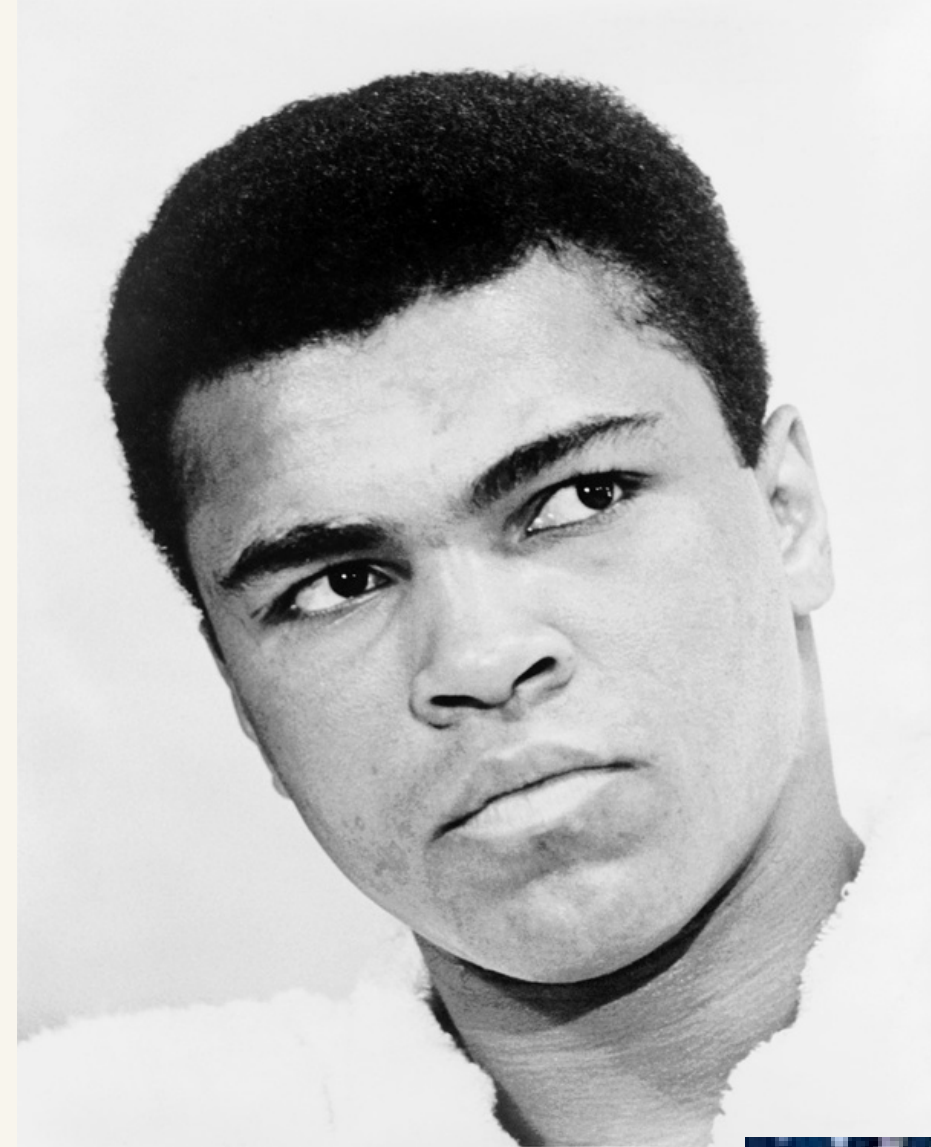
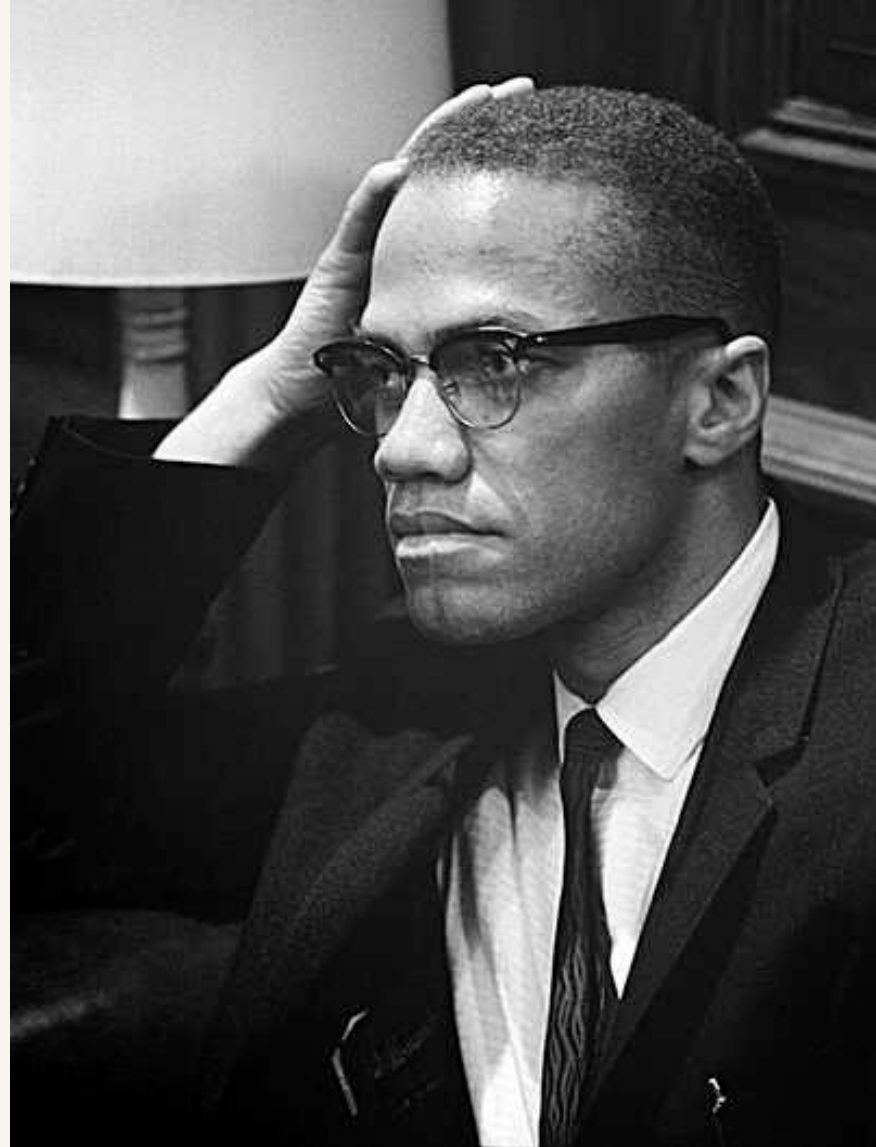
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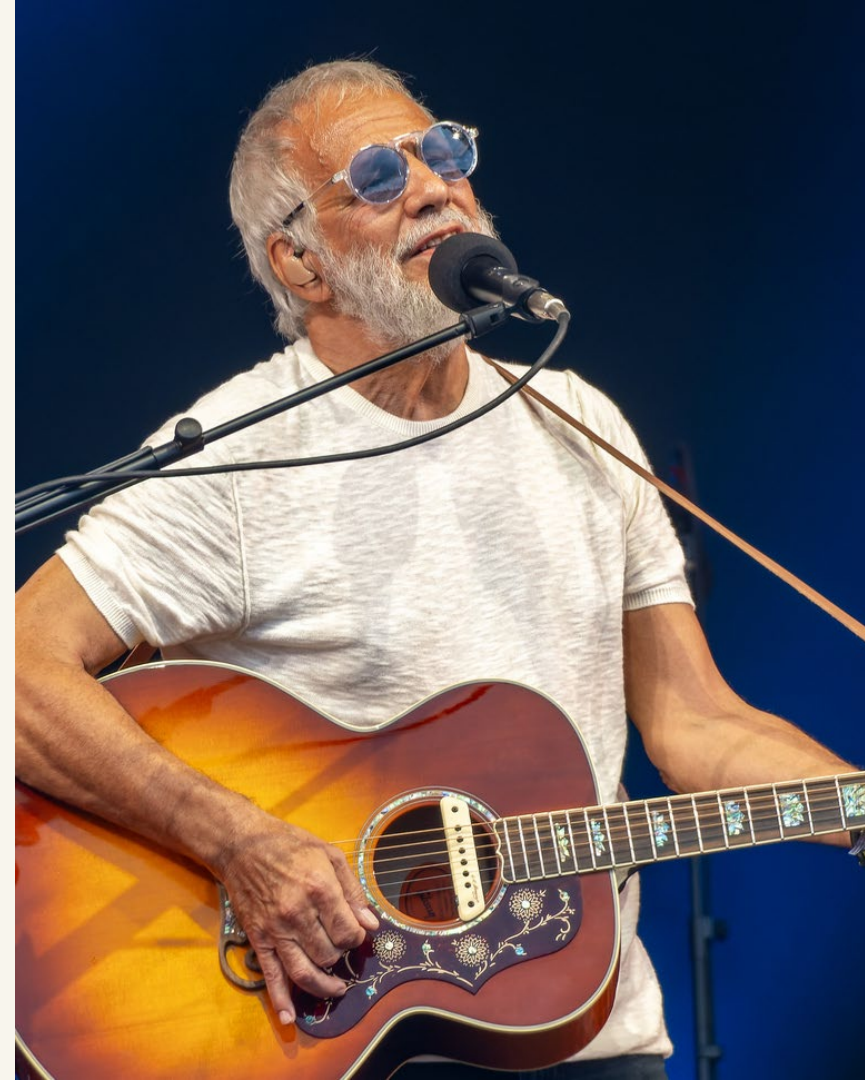
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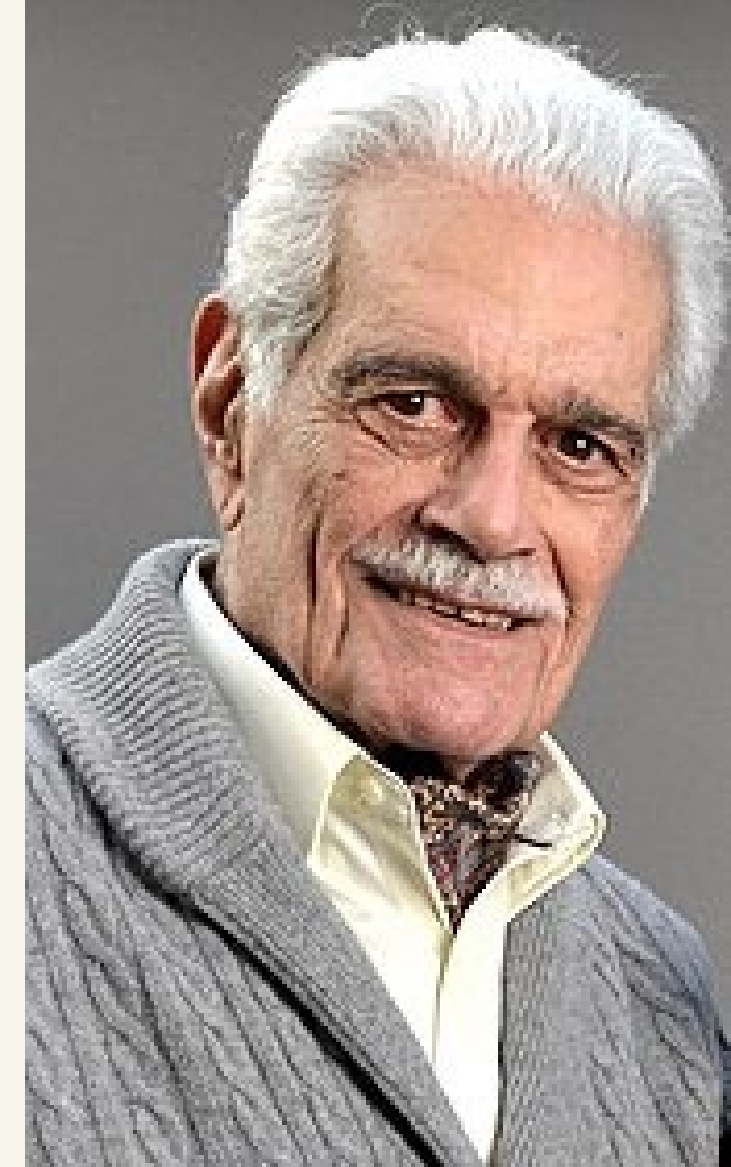
- Most Muslims live in Southeast Asia, in countries like Malaysia, and Indonesia.
- Muslims come from all over the world, including regions like South Asia, Central Asia, Eastern Europe, the Balkans, Northern Africa, sub-Saharan countries, North America, Australia and the Middle East

Are They All The same?

- No! While all these varying cultures practice Islam, this does not make them carry the same cultural values and behaviors.
- What connects them is Islam such as praying 5 times a day, fasting the month of Ramadan, and dressing modestly.
- Each country may have its twist on these things such as wearing modest versions of their cultural clothing and eating specific dishes from their own culture during Ramadan feasts.
- It's important to recognize these differences and value them by asking a Muslim family if they have any traditions or cultural practices they partake in to promote multicultural advocacy and integration into mainstream American life.







Who Did You Know?

Famous Muslims

- Malcolm X
- Muhammad Ali
- Kareem Abd Al Jabbar
- Omar Ibn Saeed (first slave to enter NC)
- Mehdi Hasan
- Rashida Tlaib
- Ilhan Omar
- Ibtihaj Muhammad



Break

Islamic Values

There are many!

As clinicians and educators, families do not expect you to know it all. But they would appreciate the recognition and respect to some of the major values.

Let's dive in!

Modesty in Appearance

- Both men and women in Islam practice modesty .
- Modesty can be displayed in the way a person is dressed, speaks, and behaves .
- For Muslim women, the hijab is one of the mandatory practices they engage in Islam and it's main purpose to make a women modest in
- Men have their own hijab, which is the cover from their navel to their knees .

Modesty in Behaviors

- Men and Women in Islam are expected to speak softly and with purpose when conversing with others.
- They are expected to not laugh too loudly and inconsiderately to others when in public
- Their speech should be filled with truth and no exaggeration that might potentially lead to lies.
- They are expected to keep discussions about private matters limited to only those involved or sought out for advice.

To

Shake

or Not

To

Shake ?

- One of the issues that always comes up is handshaking with the opposite gender. Muslims greet with words and it's considered the most important greeting.
- The rule of thumb is follow the other person cues. Don't extend your hand unless the other person extends it first.
- If a Muslim male and he puts his hand on his chest, Don't extend your hand. If a Muslim female and she nods her head, don't extend your hand way she dresses, speaks and behaves.

Islamic Perspective on Dementia

- Anas reported that a woman had a partial derangement in her mind, so she said. Allah's Messenger, I want something from you. He said: Mother of so and so, see on which side of the road you would like (to stand and talk) so that I may do the needful for you. He stood aside with her on the roadside until she got what she needed. [Sahih Muslim]

Examples

- Prophet Muhammad (Peace Be Upon Him) - Interaction with Blind Man
 - Presuming Competence
- Prophet Moses (Peace Be Upon Him)- Speech Difference
- Abdallah Ibn Umm Maktoom - Governing a City
- 'Itban ibn Malik- Physical Disability
- Prophet Ayyub (Job)- Life Struggles

How Islamic Society Treats

Those with Special Needs

- Hadith: “Cursed is he who misleads a blind person away from his path”
 - This speaks to an individual as well as a community.

Cultural Values

There are many!

As clinicians and educators, families do not expect you to know it all. It is important to understand the different cultures you may encounter and things to take into consideration.

Let's dive in!

Languages

- As discussed before, Muslims reside in several major cultural groups and speak over 2300 languages .
- This doesn't include the varying dialects found in each dialect as well
- Clinicians need to be conscious of how language barriers can impact the services their client receives .
- Along with the language being different, methods and styles of communication vary with each culture so it is beneficial to observe and learn the non-verbal communication methods the client uses (gestures, facial expressions)

Generational Issues

- Some older generations are not aware of services that their family members can receive
- It is important to provide caregiver education in order to ensure understanding

Activity Break

Round Table Roles

Let's practice a scenario on how to navigate working with a Muslim client!

Scenario : ABA Therapist

Your Toolbox of Strategies

- Trust is Key
- Working with bilingual interpreters who are aware of the client's cultural values
- Identify your biases and actively combat them
- Be curious: Ask about family structure child rearing customs
- Case studies for discussion
- Use Cultural Brokers
- Identify family/child goals
- Know Muslim Resources

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