

**St. Lucia Day, Passover, Obon, La Posada, Hanukkah, Easter, Diwali, Arapaho Sun Dance, Aboakyere, Lupercalia, Nowruz, Holi, Hanamatsuri, Matariki, Halloween....**

**“For every nation there is a direction to which they face in their prayers”**

**“Every people has its festival, and this is our festival” (22:67)**

**If the Jews or Christians have a festival, it is just for them, we do not share their Qiblah, their laws or celebrations.**

**We're connected to Jesus ﷺ in a special way:**

**Spiritual Connection - Moral Code & Values - & The Future**

**"I am indeed a servant of Allah. He has given me Revelation and made me a prophet; "And He has made me Blessed wheresoever I be, and has enjoined on me prayer and charity As long As I live; (He) has made me kind to My mother, and not overbearing or miserable; "So peace is on me the Day I was born, the Day that I die, and the Day that I shall be raised up to life (again) That is Jesus, the son of Mary - the word of truth about which they are in dispute. (19:30-34)**

**Holidays are HOLY DAYS – Think – Stop – Reflect – Use This Time – Recognise Who You Truly Are As Muslims**

Christmas commemorates the birth of Jesus العیسیٰ. As Muslims who live in the West, we find ourselves surrounded by a culture of **INTEGRATION, ACCEPTANCE & ASSIMILATION**. But how many festivals will you accept and practice? **WHO ARE YOU NOW, YOUR RELIGIOUS AND CULTURAL IDENTITY; WHAT WILL YOU BECOME?**



Speech on Time by

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## TIME - The measurable period where an action takes place

(Muslim) لا تسبوا الدهر فإن الله هو الدهر

يُكْوِّرُ اللَّيْلَ عَلَى النَّهَارِ وَيُكْوِّرُ النَّهَارَ عَلَى اللَّيْلِ وَسَخَّرَ الشَّمْسَ وَالْقَمَرَ كُلًّا يَجْرِي لِأَجَلٍ مُّسَمًّى (39:5)

### Allah even swears by time, his own creation:

وَالْعَصْرِ إِنَّ الْإِنْسَانَ لَفِي خُسْرٍ إِلَّا الَّذِينَ ءَامَنُوا وَعَمِلُوا الصَّالِحَاتِ وَتَوَاصَوْا بِالْحَقِّ وَتَوَاصَوْا بِالصَّبْرِ (103)

مَا عِنْدَكُمْ يَنْفَدُ وَمَا عِنْدَ اللَّهِ بَاقٍ وَلَنَجْزِيَنَّ الَّذِينَ صَبَرُوا أَجْرَهُمْ بِأَحْسَنِ مَا كَانُوا يَعْمَلُونَ (16:96)

"I dislike that a man is free and not preoccupied by the matter of his religion or the matter of his worldly life." (Umar رضي الله عنه)

"The feet of a slave will not move on the Day of Judgment until he has been questioned about four things: his life – how he spent it; his youth – how he consumed it; his wealth – from where he earned it and how he spent it; and his knowledge – how he acted upon it." (Tirmidhi)

"The Hour will not begin until time passes quickly, so a year will be like a month, and a month will be like a week, and a week will be like a day, and a day will be like an hour" (Musnad Ahmad)

أَقْتَرَبَ لِلنَّاسِ حِسَابُهُمْ وَهُمْ فِي غَفْلَةٍ مُّعْرِضُونَ