



## 1001 Inventions Exhibition

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عن أبي أمامة رضي الله عنه أن رسول الله صَلَّى اللهُ عَلَيْهِ وَسَلَّمَ قَالَ: "فُتِنَ الْعَالَمُ عَلَى الْغَايِدِ كُفْتَلِي  
"عَلَى أُنْتَاكُم".

Thanks to my dear friend Hana, I found out that the Science Museum in London is hosting its latest (and free) exhibition, **1001 Inventions: Discover the Muslim Heritage in Our World**, which traces the forgotten story of a thousand years of science from the Muslim world, from the 7th century onwards. The exhibition is a British based project, produced in association with the Jameel Foundation, running from the 21 January to 25 April 2010. Featuring a diverse range of exhibits, interactive displays and dramatization, the exhibition shows how many modern inventions, spanning fields such as engineering, medicine and design, can trace their roots back to Muslim civilization by exploring seven zones: **home, school, market, hospital, town, world and universe** to discover the social, scientific and technical achievements that are credited to the Muslim world.



And as a part of the exhibition, the short movie **"1001 Inventions and the Library of Secrets"** was filmed about the discoveries made by men and women in the Muslim civilization stretched from southern Spain as far as China where scholars of many faiths built on the ancient knowledge of the Egyptians, Greeks and Romans, making breakthroughs that paved the way for the Renaissance. "1001 Inventions" uncovers a thousand years of science and technology that had a huge but hidden impact on the modern world, starring the Oscar-winning actor and screen legend Sir Ben Kingsley who plays the role of a mysterious librarian who takes a group of school children on an enlightening journey to meet pioneering scientists and engineers from the history of Muslim civilization. The librarian is then revealed to be 12th century engineering genius Al-Jazari.



Also, as part of her majesty Queen Rania's [YouTube project](#), in collaboration with Abdul Lateef Jameel Foundation and the British presenter [Bettany Hughes](#), Her Majesty uploaded [this](#) video that highlights just some of the everyday items in our homes that came to us through a shared heritage with Muslim Civilization.



So watch both movies, then sit back and think, what happened that changed us and got us to where we are today? Separation? Intolerance? Politics? Or is it disconnecting the deep meanings of our religion from our lives? May ALLAH bless the souls of all scientists and inventors in the Muslim civilization as well as the authors and miniature artists for recording all these achievements!

Check out a miniature of the **Elephant clock** and other useful gifts in their [gift shop](#), such unique and cute gifts!



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