

# BROTHERHOOD

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## 1001 Inventions Exhibition: Preview



What is **this** you say? Muslim Inventions?

Yes indeed. This is something we don't hear much about in our schools or textbooks. The only thing relating to Muslims and history (*any* history) I can recall from my early days in grade school in the United States is a brief reference that Arabs invented algebra. This of course, was just in the introductory chapter and maybe just one line and as you can assume, none of the homework assignments we had included any questions concerning this information. Also, in our history classes, we heard about the Enlightenment, the age of reason with all the great European philosophers, etc etc. There was also a period called the Dark Ages - that - a dark period in European history when the civilization was not achieving and discovering things in the various fields that human have been concerned with throughout history. I won't go into the details, as I am not a historian - you'll have to go elsewhere if you are looking for such information. As a student not just of medicine, science and learning I was happy to learn of this exhibition. Yet, first and foremost, especially in today's climate, I was proud as a Muslim that not only the great public was going to see this, but that I, too, wanted to be among those fortunate enough to be there as well.

Thankfully, I will have finished my duties for the semester in the next two days; therefore I will be going to London for a break before my new semester starts and barring any unforeseen obstacles, I will be going to see the exhibit for myself. There is also a great book that has been produced to go along with the exhibition that I plan to purchase as well, both to further educate myself well after the exhibition is over and insha'allah, to inform even my own classmates, as many of the contributions featured in the exhibition and book concern the medical field.

So, I just wanted to give this little preview of the event, as I hope to provide you with a review of sorts upon my return from London.

Ma'salaam / Peace be with you.