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Which of the 5 pillars of Islam do you feel you have to work the most on in the New Year?

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Salat (Prayer) - Early morning Fajr definitely took a few hits last year	38.46%
All of the above - 2009 was just plain rough	32.69%
Shahada (Belief) - I want to work on being a better Muslim overall	19.23%
Zakat (Charity) - Now that the economy is bouncing back, it's time to give back	5.77%
Hajj (Pilgrimage) - Just got my H1N1 vaccine - take me to Saudi!	3.85%
Sawm (Fasting) - I may have skipped one (or ten) days of fasting during Ramadan	0%

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London Science Museum Exhibit Proves Muslims Were Green Before It Was Cool



By Sara Elghobashy
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Besides a few occasional shout outs in Obama's speeches, Muslims rarely get recognition for their contributions to the world. But a new exhibition in England's [The Science Museum](#) is about to give credit where credit is due.

[1001 Inventions: Discover the Muslim Heritage in Our World](#) is a joint project between The Manchester-based Foundation for Science, Technology and Civilization, and the Abdul Latif Jameel Foundation that looks at and celebrates the social, scientific and technical achievements credited to the Muslim world. The project traces the story of a thousand years of scientific advancements, from the 7th century to present day, to show how many modern inventions spanning the fields of engineering, medicine and design are rooted in Muslim culture. Why thank you, Science Museum.

There will be a wide range of exhibits, including interactive displays and dramatizations, which will feature scientific inventions from various cultures. One of the focal points of the exhibits is a replica of the "Elephant Clock," an early 13th century clock that fuses elements from different cultures and stands at almost 19.7 feet high. It will be accompanied by a short feature film starring none other than Sir Ben Kingsley as "Elephant Clock" inventor, Al-Jazari. (Seems like they've pulled out all the stops.) Other exhibits will include a reproduction of [Al-Idrisi's 12th century world map](#), a model of a 9th century dark room and a replica of an energy efficient, environmentally-friendly Baghdad house. (Looks like Muslims were green before it was cool.)

The exhibition will run at the Science Museum from January 21st to April 25th and it's bound to be interesting. I mean, how often do Muslims get this kind of attention?

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