His Highness the Aga Khan on the need for Muslims to do more in explaining Islamic civilizations to the world

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"The background to this initiative [of cultural revitalisation] is very simple. The background is to illustrate to the peoples of our world the history of the civilisations of the Ummah. We don’t do enough to illustrate to the peoples of our world the greatness of the Islamic civilisations, of the cultures of the past. And because they don’t know, they don’t know our history, they don’t know our literature, they don’t know our philosophy, they don’t know the physical environment in which our countries have lived. They view the Ummah in terminology which is completely wrong. And I personally feel that this is a matter of the greatest importance.

"And I am only one individual, but I hope that there will be thousands of other people who will join me in recognising that we have to be proud, we have to be illustrative, we have to articulate the greatness of our histories."

His Highness the Aga Khan's 2008 speech at the Aleppo and Masyaf Citadels Opening Ceremony (Aleppo, Syria)

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