

# An Islamic Approach to Rehabilitation of Muslim Prisoners:

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*A Spiritual Based Diagnostic  
&  
Intervention Model*

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# Background of Research Journey:

- Economic industry vs original research approach
- Experience as an Imam : from Being ignored to bullied and called on as hypocrite
- Revenging and changing of teaching technique : from direct to mutual respect interactive spiritual approach

# Main Questions :

- Can faith be used as an intervention for the rehabilitation of Muslim prisoners?
- Can faith be used as a mean to improve criminal psyche?
- Can faith be used as intervention during the process of de-radicalisation of Muslim youth?
- Can the impact of Islam be assessed and measured empirically just like secular intervention programmes?



# Main Aspects of Research / Intervention- Qualitative case study

- Empirical/ Diagnostic -
  - Theological
  - Educational
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Why? In order to bring positive change in religiosity

# Some Phrases

## **Religion:**

- Text / Ritual / Norms of a Religion
- Divine Oriented

## **Mode:**

- The way one Expresses Personal Understanding of Religion/ text/faith

## **Religiosity:**

- Personal Understanding of a Religious text / Ritual
- Human oriented

It may be fundamental, moderate, extreme etc

# **Muslim Subjectivity Interview Process MSIP:**

## **Diagnostic and assessment Tools/ Procedures :**

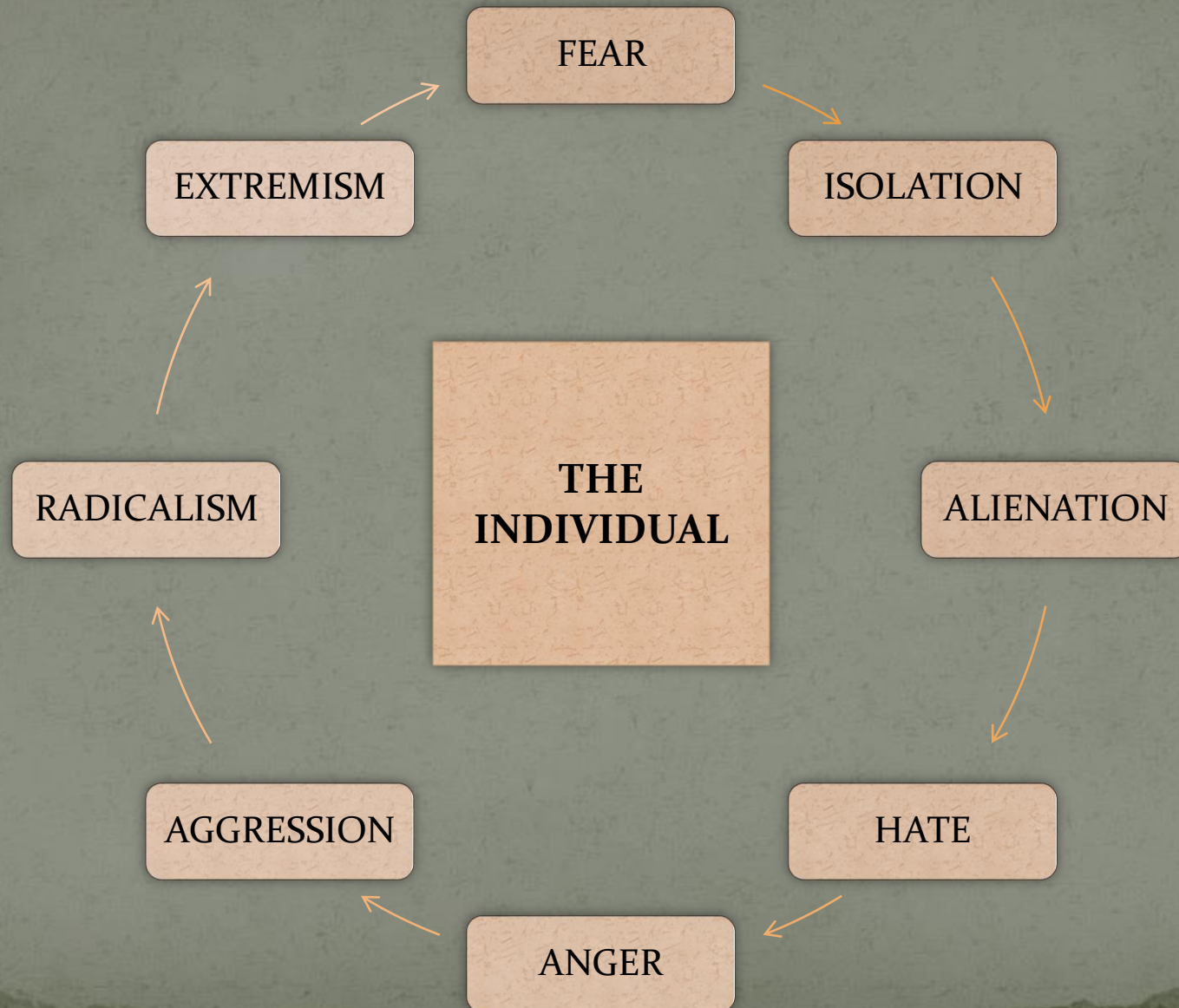
- **Scale Of Attitude Towards Islam**
  - (70- modelled on Francis's scale of attitude towards Christianity)
- **Self Insight Sketch:**
  - Historical background or important factors involved in constructing a mode of religiosity (Kelly's (1955)personal construct theory (PCT)
- **Semi- Structured Interview**
- Performance during the course



# Q8- Some Background Factors: at empirical level



# Some Features Of Faith Based Radicalised Mind-Set





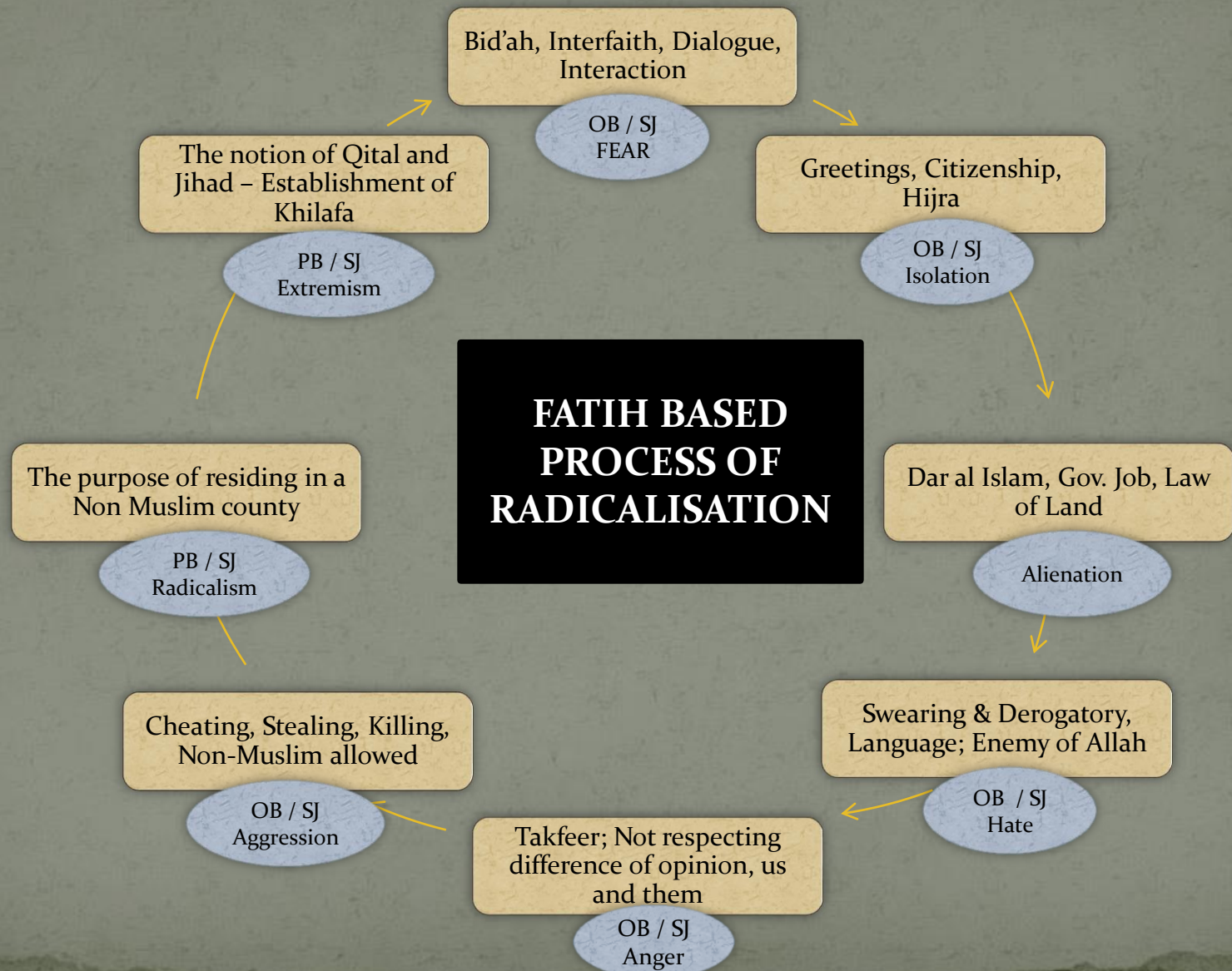
# Is faith a cure or cause for a criminal psyche/ MINDSET

- It is a cure but
  - It may cause self- Justified severe criminal mind-set!
    - How?
      - A core value : commitment and sincerity with faith is misused/ exploited – it is prerequisite for faith based moral reform
- How it can be misused? How can we figure out whether its been misused?
  - A suggested frame work to categorise and assess the religiosity- taken on board during the process
    - Two suggested principles

## Criteria for analysing the participants' modes of religiosity

	Diffused	Foreclosed (S & R)	Moratorium	Achieved
Commitment	Low	High	Low	Highly (Relatively
Exploration	Low	Low	High	High)

# Reviewing Faith Based Process of Radicalisation





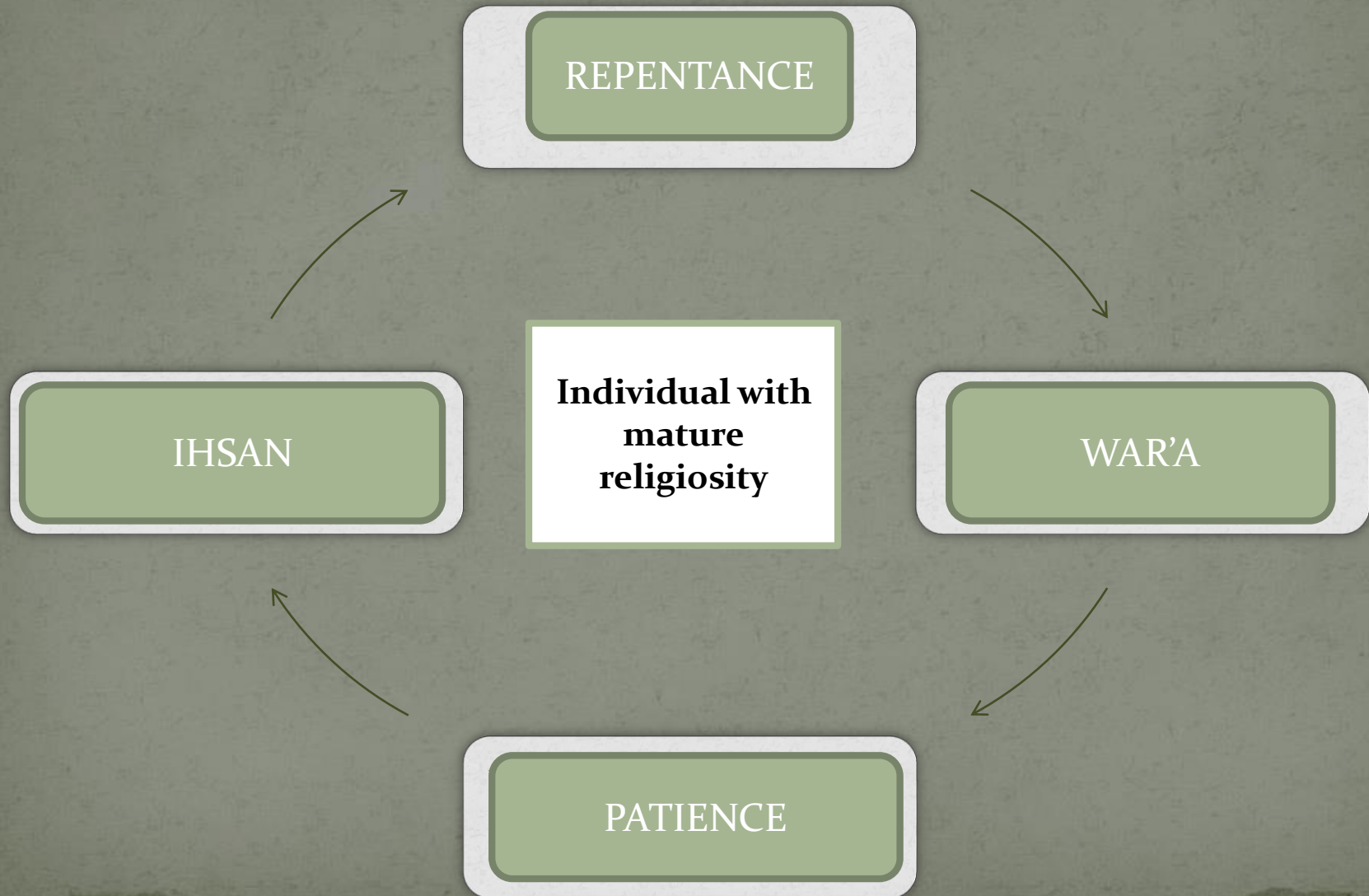
## Rebutting Radical extremism ideology through spiritual based intervention process: (some examples)

- Using the approved and acknowledged values
- Tawba/Repentance
- Wara' / fear of Allah
- Sabr/ Patience's
- Ihsan (observing excellency in thought and action)

# Should one do Tawba if one engages in the followings

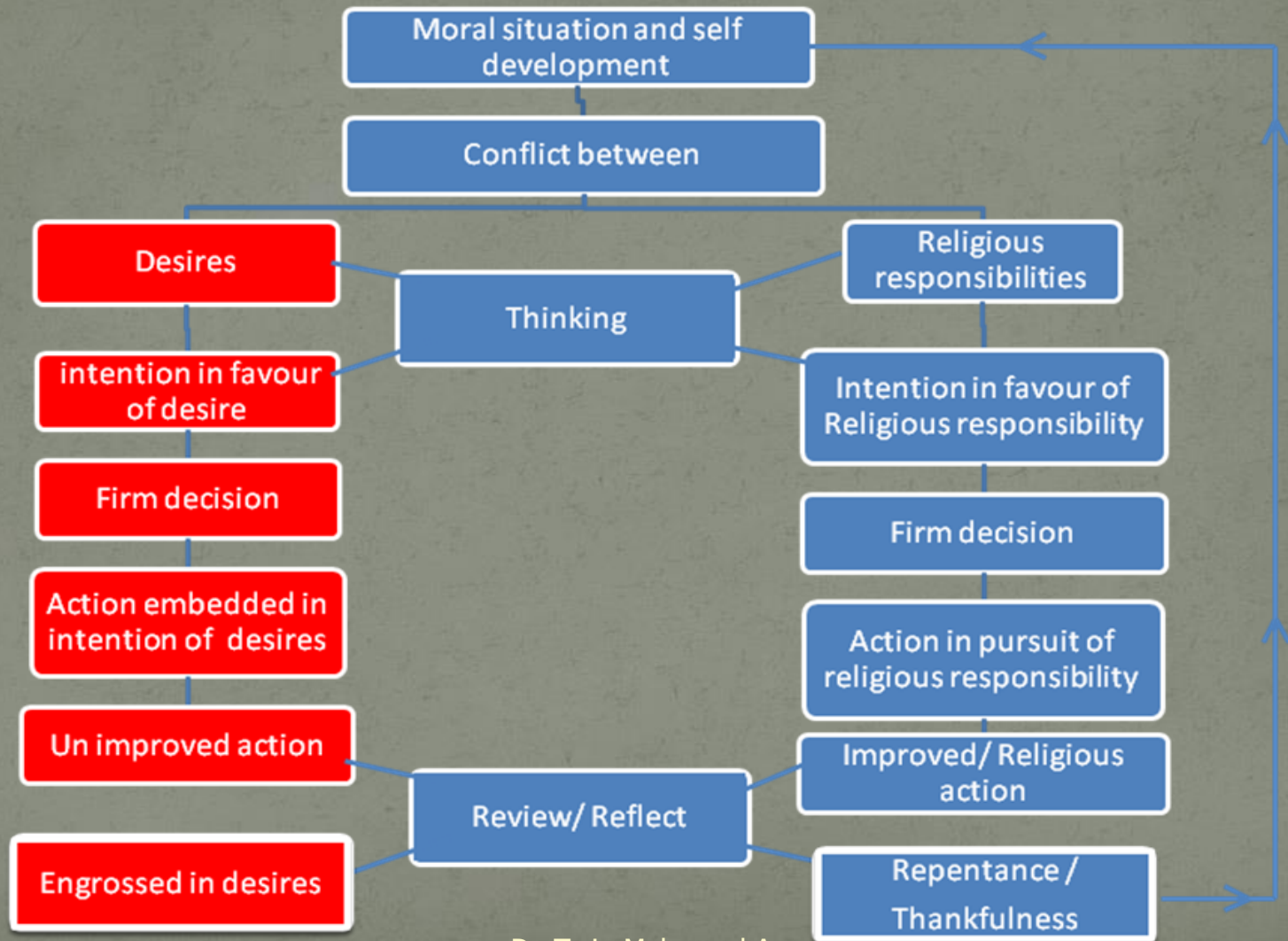
- Inter-faith dialogue
- Greets to non-Muslim fellow human beings
- Establishes friendship with a non-Muslim
- Involved in any Bid'ah (Innovation)

# Reforming The Faith Based Radicalised Mindset





# Process of Self Evaluation



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# Motivation and Background:

The mood and temper of the public with regards to the treatment of criminals is one of the unfailing tests of the civilisation of a country (Runcie, 1989:1)



Any Questions?