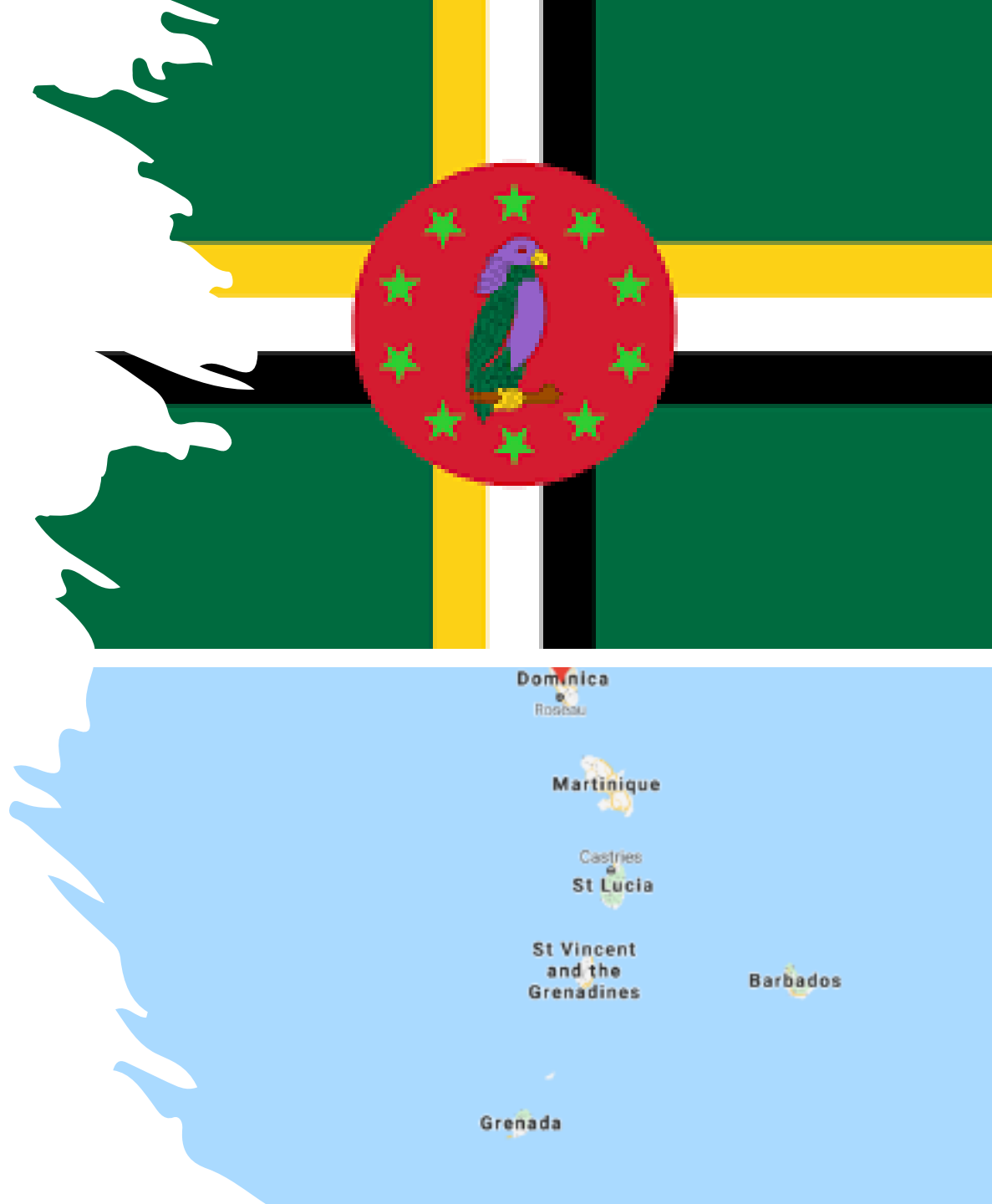


# Origins

- Commonwealth of  
Dominica





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# Islam and Afrocentrism

## Afrocentrism

- Afrocentrism, also called Africentrism, cultural and political movement whose mainly African American adherents regard themselves and all other Blacks as syncretic Africans and believe that their worldview should positively reflect traditional African values.

# Al Quran

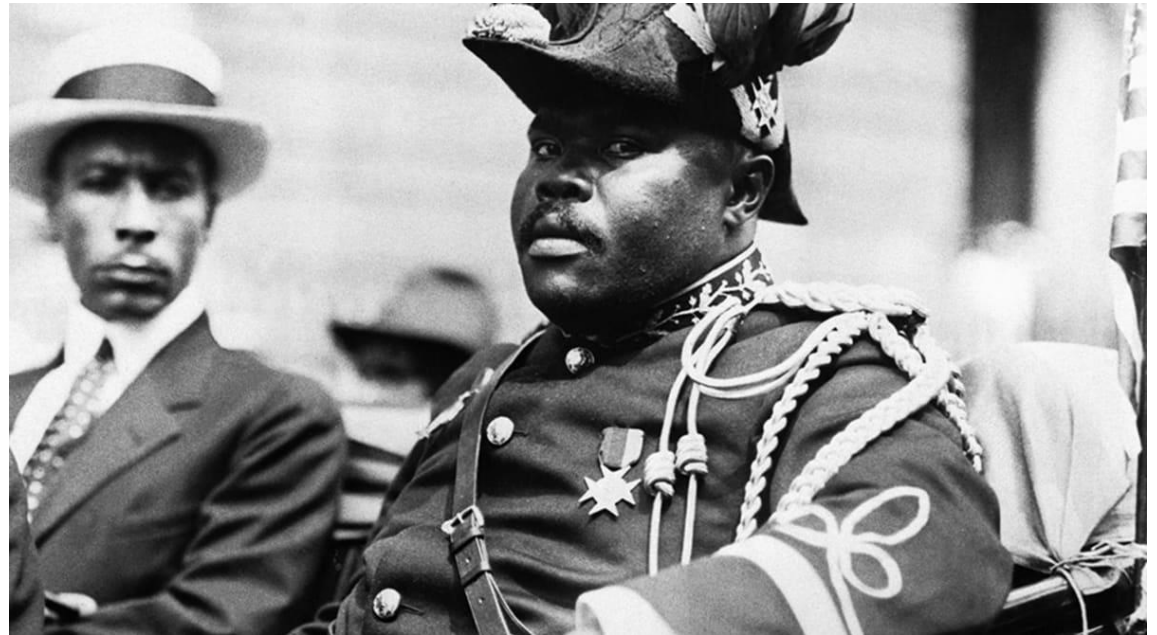
- Al Imran:
- 104: There should always be among you some people who invite to what is good and enjoin what is right and forbid what is wrong: They alone will attain true success.
- 110: Now you are the best community which has been raised up for the guidance of mankind you enjoin what is right and forbid what is wrong and believe in Allah

# Verses in the Quran on Justice

- An Nisa: (135) O Believers, be you the standard-bearers of justice and witnesses for the sake of Allah
- Al Maida: (8) O Believers, be steadfast in righteousness and just in giving witnesses for the sake of Allah;<sup>29</sup> the enmity of any people should not so provoke you as to turn you away from justice. Do justice for it is akin to piety. Fear Allah (in your affairs): indeed He is fully aware of what you do.

# Prophet of Mercy

- Oh my slaves I have forbidden injustices to my self and I have made it illegal among you so do not wrong one another (Muslim 2577)
- Beware of injustice for injustice will be darkness on the day of resurrection(Ahmad 9361)
- Whosoever of you sees an evil let him change it with his hand and if he is not able to do so then let him change it with his tongue and if he not able to do so then with his heart - that is the weakest of faithMuslim



Different approaches  
to equality

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# Mali

Land of Gold & Griots



- Progressive and non progressive





**A map drawn in 1375 A.D. shows a trader on camelback coming to the great leader of the Mali empire, Mansa Musa. He is holding a huge gold nugget.**

# Timbuktu

- A very important city in Mali
  - Center of learning for Muslims
  - Universities and schools
  - Largest trading center in Mali
  - On the Niger River
    - Trade
    - Food
    - Washing



# The Griots



This is a 19<sup>th</sup> century griot of Mali with his instrument

- Storytellers were called Griots or djeli
- They were important people in Mali
- They told the land's history
- Most of what we know about ancient Mali came from the storytellers
- They were advisors to the kings

Mansa Musa was a Muslim, meaning he followed the religion of Islam. He built many beautiful mosques or Islamic temples in western Africa.



# Jenne mosque and Djingareyber Mosque





Songhay remained a rich and strong kingdom under Muhammad Ture's rule. It had a complex government centered in the city of Gao, and great centers of learning.

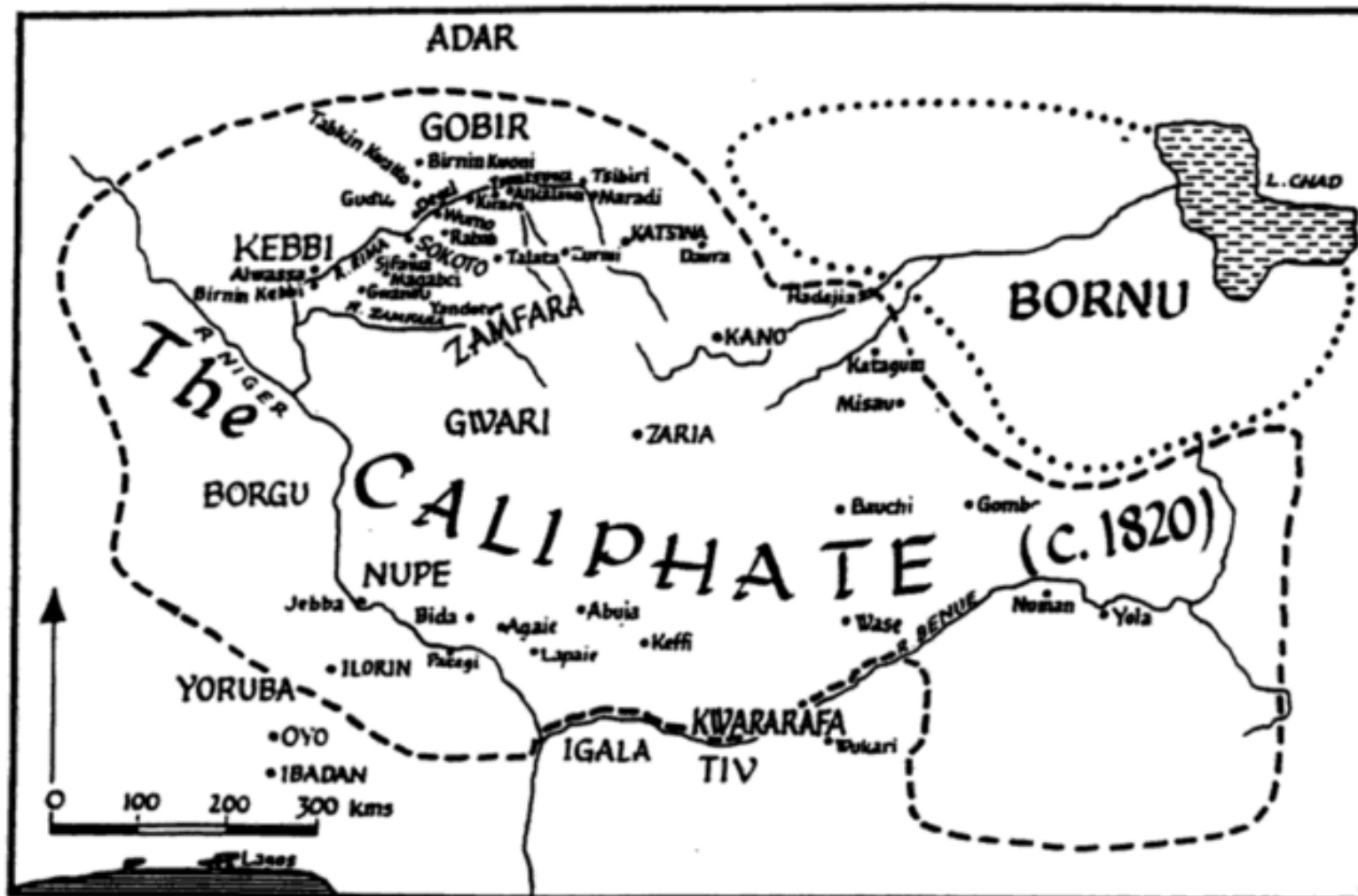


Figure 1.1. The Sokoto Caliphate, circa 1820, showing fortified cities



Nana Asma'u  
Writer and Social Activist





# Uthman dan Fodio

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# Maroons

- The Maroons wasn't a particularly group but individuals who would revolt against the slave masters and wouldn't conform and escaped from the plantation many times.
- They was a mixture of people taken from different African countries but the majority was from the Asante tribe in Ghana.
- Their motto or mantra of the Maroons was
- for communities to “escape” from the prison industrial complex of the mind or build on the tradition of resistance against oppression.

**QUEEN  
NANNY  
OF THE  
MAROONS**



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Knowledge



- Malcolm X said .
- Their religious piety and hospitality are unmatched anywhere. I really felt at heaven and at home there.”



Sudan- The land of  
spiritual guidance





قَالَ اللَّهُ لِمَنْ جَاءَ مِنْكُمْ مِنَ الْإِسْلَامِ فَذَكَرَ الْإِسْلَامَ  
فِي كِتَابِهِ







# Description of Arab Tribes

- The Prophet Muhammad of Arabia was a pure Arab from the Banū Hāshim clan of the Quraysh tribe. Not only were the original and true Arabs black (*aswad*, *akhḍar*, *udma*), but the Prophet's particular tribe and clan were famously black. Tariq Barry "It is said that the Quraysh explained their short stature and dark skin by the fact that they always carefully adhered to endogamy," and Henry Lammens took notice of "les Hāšimites, famille où dominait le sang nègre" ("the Hashimites, the family where Black blood dominated"), remarking further that the Banū Hāshim are "généralement qualifiés de آدم = couleur foncée" ("generally described as ādam = dark colored").



### **HJR'S ETHNIC TYPE**

*Hajr was the daughter of Egyptian king and second wife of Abraham she was gifted to prophet Abraham from the king of Egypt.*

“It seems certain,” declares Sir E. A. Wallis Budge, “that classical historians and geographers called the whole region from India to Egypt, both countries inclusive, by the name of Ethiopia, and in consequence they regarded all the dark-skinned and black peoples who inhabited it as Ethiopians. Mention is made of Eastern and Western Ethiopians and it is probable that the Easterners were Asiatics and the Westerners Africans.” (History of Ethiopia, Vol. I., Preface, by Sir E. A. Wallis Budge.)



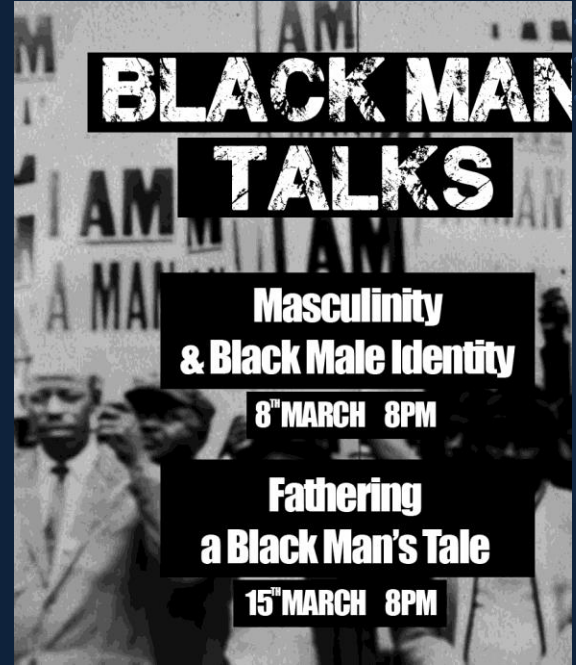
- Al-Mubarrad (d. 898), the leading figure in the Basran grammatical tradition, claimed: “The Arabs used to take pride in their brown and black complexion (al-sumra wa al-sawād)



The price  
of  
freedom



Freedom  
or Solace



# Social Community Issues



# Community events



Keeping links with  
the community





## British & Muslim

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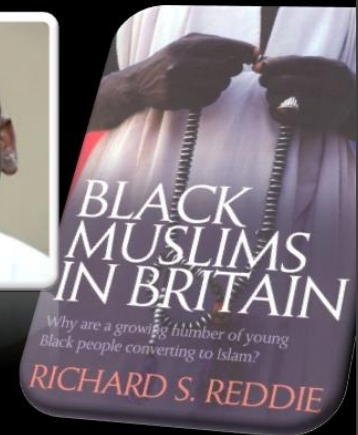
exploration into why young people, of African/Caribbean descent, are converting to Islam.

Providing insights from their own personal journeys:

James, formerly known as Core James

Cole, formerly Chris Cole aka

- **Building bridges**



### SPECIAL GUEST SPEAKER – Richard Reddie

*Richard Reddie is Project Director for the Churches Together in England's initiative to mark the bicentenary of the 1807 Abolition of the Slave Trade Act. Previously he was Education Policy Officer for Race on the Agenda. He has a BA in Caribbean Studies and Spanish.*

Saturday 26<sup>th</sup> October 2014 – 6pm until 8pm  
Jalgos Sports & Social Club, Rose Street, Preston.

A Black History Month Event  
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# Quran

- Chapter 30 Verse 23
- [22] And of His Signs is the creation of the heavens and the earth and the difference of your tongues and colours. Surely in this there are many Signs for the learned.