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The future of Islam

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1. A Muslim world of the future

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Islam

- No peace among the nations
without peace among the religions.
- No peace among the religions
without dialogue between the religions.
- No dialogue between the religions
without investigation of the foundations of the religions.

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