BBC World Service Interview - Absolving the Past

Recently, Imam Khalid Latif, Executive Director and Chaplain for the Islamic Center at NYU, hosted a two-part program of "Heart and Soul " for the BBC World News Service entitled "Absolving the Past " in which he interviews different intellectuals, thought leaders, and clergymen on how different world religions deal with continuity and change.

In part 1 , linked below, Imam Latif interviews Tariq Ramadan, Karen Armstrong, and others. Part 2 will go up next week.

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Heart And Soul: Absolving The Past

Episode 1

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Synopsis

Religion is in a special bind. It must represent the eternal.

But how does a world religion grapple with the fact that, throughout its history, important beliefs or practices have become obsolete?

In this two-part series, Imam for the Islamic Centre at New York University Khalid Latif, addresses religion as a difficult learning process with believers and leading theological thinkers.

Using historic and contemporary examples, the Imam examines how religions revise, update or even apologise.

In part one Khalid examines Islam, comparing its early history with its place in the modern world, while considering the tension between fundamentalists and reformists.

At the conclusion, the Imam searches for commonalities among each case of religious renovation while considering examples within Hinduism and Buddhism.....to continue reading please click here