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Ameen Rihani's pioneer call for globalization

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Rihani in his oriental/occidental dimension

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The Orient and Occident, the male and female of the Spirit, the two great streams in which the body and soul of man are refreshed, invigorated, purified - of both I sing, in both I glory, to both I consecrate my life, for both I shall work and suffer and die. The most highly developed being is neither European nor Oriental; but rather he who partakes of the finer qualities of both the European genius and the Asiatic prophet. *The Book of Khalid (pp. 266-267)*

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If in modern trans-valuation of values, which is going on at a rapid pace in the West and at a slow hesitant pace in the East, we can preserve the universal knowledge we have attained about man and the world and make it universally communicable, if we can preserve, in other words, the intellectual wealth of the West and the spiritual worth of the East and bring them both within reach of every people in the old, as well as the new, world, we shall be contributing something solid and enduring to the advancement of mankind. **My East and West**

*The White Way and the Desert (pp.30-31)*

To us all, life is a gift, liberty is a right, and the pursuit of happiness is the object supreme. But our conduct in the pursuit differs in accordance with the measure of justice we uphold. A common measure, irrespective of class or creed or race or color, is the pivot of the equality we uphold; it ennobles the individual and the nation; it is the only safeguard to peace and progress; but a common measure is only possible when we begin to understand and learn to appreciate each other's point of view and point of direction. **Where East and West Meet**

*The White Way and the Desert (p.21)*

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Man gains all that he strives for - he attains all that he asks for if it is attainable - provided all his strength is gathered in his endeavor, and all his heart, mind, and soul are confined to his quest. He must be steadfast in both cases and must sacrifice on top of that everything that does not achieve his greatest goal. Training the will, in trivial and grave matters, increases its strength and flexibility and enables man to constantly strive and persevere. Indeed, the will is the spirit of perseverance, and perseverance holds clear success.

***Extremism and Reform (p. 53)***

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