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It is a well-known psychological fact that activity of a biological creature or a social institution is triggered by its needs. However, behaviour of both human individuals and social communities is regulated not only by a set of patterns, but also by human values and attitudes. Spirituality Vis-a-Vis Islam as Prerequisite to Arab American Well Being: The Implications of Eurocentrism for Mainstream Psychology By Hall, Ronald E. Breland-Noble, Alfiee American Journal of Psychotherapy, Vol. 65, No. 2, 2011. PRPEER-REVIEWED PERIODICAL. Peer-reviewed publications on Questia are publications containing articles which were subject to evaluation for accuracy and substance by professional peers of the article's author(s). Read preview Overview. Latin American critics in particular have provided analyses of Eurocentrism that link its epistemological dimension, that is Eurocentric knowledge, to economic aspects such as the organisation of global capitalism and economic exploitation (see Quijano 2000). At the heart of Eurocentrism lies a binary way of thinking which constructs a white, progressive, modern and civilised European identity and juxtaposes it to a black/indigenous, underdeveloped, traditional and barbarian Other in the colonies. The modern idea of universal history, that is the writing of history of humankind in a frame of progressive and linear time, has also been criticised as inherently Eurocentric. Satisfaction with religiosity/spirituality Islamic religiosity Personal well-being index Algeria. This is a preview of subscription content, log in to check access. Notes. Acknowledgements. I thank the members of the Laboratory of Educational Processes & Social Context (Labo-PECS) of the University of Oran, Algeria for their assistance in field work, and l'Agence National pour le Développement de la Recherche en Santé (ANDRS) for partly financing the research (Project: 01/14/00/04/082). Mental health practice with Arab families: The implications of spirituality vis-à-vis Islam. The American Journal of Family Therapy, 34, 139–150.CrossRefGoogle Scholar. Helliwell, J. F., & Putnam, R. D. (2005). The social context of well-being.