

MY NAME IS KHAN

"My name is Khan, and I am not a terrorist" is how the movie begins. It's the story of a man with Asperger's syndrome, a form of autism named after the doctor who discovered, Dr. Hans Asperger. Rizwan Khan, a Pakistani man, who's movements unique to his illness, became a 'subject' of racial profiling in a post 9/11 airport. While Mr. Khan is being 'searched' because of his profile, the guard asks, "So where are you headed to, anyway?" Thus begins a journey of flash backs in time to various events.

One aspect of this movie pertains to the class text in regards to: Service Economy. This ultimately means more attention is focused on the services rather than the producing of goods. Service and the treatment of people be must Mr. Khan called shabash, in other words good. You cannot take a persons ethnicity and use it as a factor to profile him, treat him badly and talk down to him. It is well understood that 'terrorists' rule by fear, however it's not a 'trait' specific to ethnic background. Just because someone is Muslim or Sikh (Punjabi) they cannot be followed, harrassed or 'micromanaged' in a way where everything done by them is viewed with suspicion. For example, Terry Nichols and Nicolas McVeigh do not fit the 'typical' perspective conditioned upon us by paranoid people and the media spinsters.

Managers, supervisors and other 'leader' type positions at whatever field of work must take great pains to ensure that their colleagues / co-workers are treated with dignity and are appropriately prepared to treat the 'customer' with the same good, positive and service oriented nature that they are being paid to provide. The Code of Ethics is behavior described in the class text as: a guide to acceptable and ethical behavior as defined by the organization. Of course security is a concern in an airport, that's why, each organization's varies. Also, since Mr. Khan has an illness, Asperger's Syndrome, all business must be in compliance with 'American's with Disability Act' which means: in providing service, one must, as a business do so by giving equal opportunity to all who may wish to partake, i.e. if someone has a physical disability, a ramp must be provided for the person in a wheel chair so that they may be a patron of your business.

The customer is always right, is a motto we always hear and like, that is until we actually own the business. The point is be good to your customer, suck it up and provide the extra step, then not only will the business be remembered, but the greater good is a good deed will be passed on by the one you help to someone else, because they'll remember your assistance. This pertains to Human Resources and Motivation. Obviously, the guards in the movie made a big deal of Rizwan Khan's speech, behavior and mobility impediments; this is how you do not treat people. The movie also shows a need for empathy- to be able to place yourself in the other guys shoes. Time changes, in the Western World there is: Before Christ (BC), Anno Domini (AD) and now there is also 9/11.

When Rizwan Khan was little, his Mother would put him to sleep and pat him on his head and say.. 'Mere Raja Beta' means, 'My good son' because she knew he was special and later in the movie he showed us how special by finishing the journey to shaking the U.S. President's hand and being able to say, "My name is Khan and I am not a terrorist."

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Investments means more than putting in money to get more at a later time; it means investing in people as well and using morals in a business sense, thus Business ethics. If someone is Muslim, get to know the term Haram-meaning blasphemous, and make a point to not do anything that can be perceived as offensive. We all know that no one knows this better than oil executives; who based on their behavior can, while negotiating, make it good, or all bad, then everyone will be upset with \$ 8.00 a gallon gas prices. Business Ethics is especially important for business on an International level.

Whether in a movie or in real life, don't forget who helped you on the way up so you can help them when they are down. Mr. Rizwan Khan, helped a kid who was hurt while riding his bike, so he picked up the kid and carried him all the way home. The Mom was so grateful that Khan carried her Son home that she made him a homecooked meal. She was also his savior, because during his travels to meet the President, he endured a lot of bigotry, and when he came to the child's home he was in need of more than a meal; he also had need of a shower, good nights sleep and some peace. He did not forget this lady. For, when Hurricane Katrina hit Willemena, Georgia, he was there with as much muster as he could, walking with supplies held above his head, to bring it to the lady who brought him back some faith in humanity. Further, he brought other resources, people and a great deal of what's lacking in minority areas, media attention.

Hum honge kam ya (We shall overcome) Eeck Din (one day)
Oh Mun Me He Bishwash (Oh deep in my heart I do believe) Purahe he Bishwash
Hum Honge Kam ya Eeck Din.

This is how the film ended after Khan shook Obama's hand. We shall overcome someday. This movie speaks about a lot more and I truly encourage anyone to watch this movie. The khani (story) poses many sawal (questions) and provides many jawads (answers); it also touches on the Rhashaad) tragedy of Jungani (War). Please see this film; as I wish I could see it now. In life we will all at some time (Ghir Chuki) fall down, then each one of us will need Sahara (support) of one kind or another. Please Bhada (Promise) me you'll see this film; for when you see him, you'll also see me and my post 9/11 struggles.