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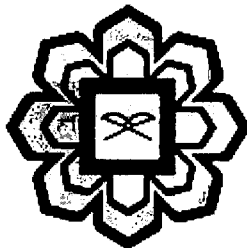
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Qur'ānic Concept of Ideal Human Society

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Abstract

The Qur'ān declares that it is for the man and about the man (21:10). It addresses the man in his both the capacities as an individual and as a social being. It seems very much concerned about the development of man from all angles, social, political, economic, educational, intellectual, cultural, moral, and spiritual (17:23-37). The society it seeks to develop and set up on the earth ensures peace and harmony among various sections of the setting (60:4-8). The salient features of the human society from the Qur'ānic perspective are: (1) Total Submission to God, (2) Intellectual Development and Freedom, (3) Full Blooming of Knowledge, (4) Honor to Human Rights, (5) Predominance of High Moral Values, (6) Prosperity and Well-Being, (7) Equitable Standing of Men and Women, (8) Collectivism, and (9) Multi-Culturalism. This paper represents a humble reflection on these dimensions of human society as conceived by the Qur'ān.

Keywords: *The Qur'ān, Ideal Society, Equitability, collectivism, and Multi-Culturism.*

Introduction

Man cannot survive in the real sense of the word without society. History bears witness to the fact that there emerged so many societies at different stages of the time. These societies reached their pinnacle and also faced either partial or total decline. The western society has been dominating the human world for the last few centuries. This society is not an ideal one because it has caused decline of individuals and societies from almost all angles including material,

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