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**MAN AND SOCIETY**

**Introduction**

The Quran as we all know is the Muslim holy book which is equivalent to the Holy Bible among the Christians. Both Muslims and non-Muslims have attempted to interpret this holy book, but most of the scholars tend to concentrate more on a word to word translation (Moosa, 2009). This research will, however, take a different approach and identify one major theme discussed in the Quran and expound on it further about its importance and its sociological function (Haleem, 2011). This study will focus mainly on the importance of a viable society which is characterized by social order and ethical values.

**Discussion**

It is no doubt that the Quran advocates for an ethical society which is characterized by moral values. This is very evident when the Quran criticizes the Mecca society which is branded by both social injustices and misuse of wealth (Izutsu, 2002). The Quran has also criticized the society due to the increased disunity by money and the greed for money. It is important to note that the Quran advocates for a society which is just and not categorized by social inequalities. Those who have should share with those who do not, and money should not be our dividing factor. The Quran quotes that the abuse of money makes a man not to achieve other greater values. Additionally, the Quran insists that man cannot live alone and therefore there is no individual without a society. The Quran pronounces it so clearly that showing concern for the less privileged in the society and the weaker segment is the best way to spend our riches (Moosa, 2009). This is because those who do so will be rewarded highly upon death. The orphans, widows, etc. should also be taken care of and not stigmatized by the society. The man is reminded that he is on this earth for just a short while and the most important thing while on other is do follow Allah’s deeds. Nevertheless, the issue of justice is so much insisted by the Quran. All people are equal before the eyes of Allah, It does not matter the wealth that you possess. This theme enables man to see that although he is Allah’s most powerful creation, Allah is still the High Deity, and nobody can surpass him.

All these issues help a man in the way he lives in the society today. This theme mainly enables the humankind to practice what they preach (Online, 2016). This is because, if you believe in something but don’t practice it, then you are not spiritually upright. As we all know, religion contributes a lot to the behavior of an individual. One of the factors which usually define ethics is our religious beliefs. This is because they are a form of reference where we get to infer to before we make any decisions. Therefore, this theme is really important to mankind since it enables him or her to decide the course of action that he or she is going to take (Haleem, 2011). The teaching concerning how a society should, therefore, tend to shape the conduct of man. As we all know, a society without reference to religion can be termed as lost. This Quran theme enables humankind to relate well with the society. No man is an island as the saying goes. Furthermore, no man can survive without dependency on one another. Therefore, it is important to note that a man has to relate well with the society.

The teachings concerning how a society should be assisted man in knowing what is right and what is wrong (Izutsu, 2002). The man is also able to make a choice between the two. Those teachings also enable man to develop a society which is respectable in all aspects. The teachings also help in the promotion of social order in the society. The theme of man and society enables man to create and support a society which promotes justice and fairness. Fairness refers to the aspect of treating all people equally without any form of discrimination. All eyes are equal in the eyes of Allah, and all material possessions that we have on this earth are all vanity since we are going to live them all here (Reuben, 1957). Therefore, the Quran quotes motivate mankind to help the underprivileged especially the poor, orphans, widows, etc. Justice is also brought to those who act unethically and morally.

This theme also points out various values which should be practiced by mankind to enable him or her to live well with the other members of the society. One of this values is integrity. This refers to truthfulness and honesty in all aspects. The Quran remarks that Allah is everywhere and that he is always watching (Online, 2016). Therefore, even when one is telling a lie, Allah can see and tell. Therefore, honesty is very important, mostly because it leads to the development of a society which is characterized by mutual trust among the societal members. Another virtue which is promoted by the teachings concerning man and society is benevolence. This is the act of always seeing the good in people and treat them well. The Quran reminds us that we are here just as passengers and time will come when we will be gone (Reuben, 1957). Therefore, judging others is not a good thing. This is very vital especially in the society today. This is because each and every person has his or her unique behavior. Therefore, to live well with others, we need to appreciate the character of each and every person and learn to see the best in everyone. This is because it’s the only way to cope with what we may term us undesirable to us.

Our communication with others is also assisted by the teachings of the Quran. Virtues such as politeness should be adhered to while communicating with other people, mercy, compassion, and solidarity are also other virtues which mankind should adhere to while interacting with others (Haleem, 2011). Forbearance and Forgiveness are also implied in this theme and therefore humankind has learned to forgive one another just like Allah forgives us when we go wrong. The Quran also points out on the need to promote the salvation unto others. It is also important to point out that the Quran enables humankind to overcome the greed of money. The Quran strongly forbids the greed and competitiveness of money (Moosa, 2009). However, the Quran is not against wealth searching and hard work. As for one, money is not everything, and it’s just a means to an end but not an end itself. Therefore, mankind is enlightened on issues to do with money usage and how the riches should be used to help the less privileged in the society. Additionally, the teachings assist mankind in ensuring that they do not misuse their wealth.

Hajj is an Arabic term meaning to pay a visit to a place. Hajj is the fifth pillar in the Quran. Therefore, it is the pilgrimage to the Kaaba, the holy place of worship at Mecca performing Hajj. Hajj is performed in the month of Dhul-Hajjah the 12 months. Hence, it is an obligation to all Muslim whether male or female poor or rich to at least visit once in a life time. Quran requires Muslim to participate in Hajj. Hajj has significance:

Help in the interaction between the Muslim as it is an annual convention of faith, therefore, promoting their common affairs.

Demonstrates the universality of Islam, brotherhood, and equality of all Muslims. Muslims from different location gather and perform all the religious activity example observe same regulations and perform same prayers

Confirm the commitment of Muslims to God and their readiness to forsake the material interest in his service. Hajj is performed solely for Allah and fulfillment of the duty prescribed by him.

Bring a realization that one do well and desist from abuse, indecency, and bickering because is a proceeding on the path of Allah.

The state of ihram makes a person avoid certain habits which were a part of the everyday life at home. This causes his pride to disappear and humility and peace of mind to grow.

**Conclusion**

In conclusion, the theme on man and society promotes unity and togetherness. This is because, with the existence of a society characterized by social order and high levels of ethics, unity is promoted. Relationships with others in the society also become simpler and less complicated. Through this, peace coexists in the society, and mankind lives a happy life. Furthermore, through the Quran teachings a society characterized by solidarity and social responsibility is developed through the aspect of individual responsibility. Therefore, the importance of this theme is paramount and cannot be taken for granted. This is because its teachings are really beneficial to not only and individual but also to the society as a whole.

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