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## THE QUR'ANIC APPROACH TO HUMAN DIGNITY

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### Abstract

*Human dignity is an important aspect of Islam. It emphasizes the dignity of human beings as humans regardless of their color, gender, race or religion. It emphasizes the inherent honor of the human self and ensures human freedom and responsibility. The implications of the concept of human dignity are individual, collective, spiritual, moral, social and political in nature. It is the core concept behind all human rights and responsibilities. Every individual deserves to be respected, dignified, and given definite rights. Human dignity is of paramount concern in the modern world, as well. The Qur'ān, the foundational Scripture of Islam, is impregnated with a number of teachings related to different aspects of human dignity. The present paper seeks to explore the Qur'anic approach to human dignity.*

**Key Words:** *Dignity, Honour, Freedom, Respect, Qur'ān*

### 1. Introduction

Human dignity is one of the most important issues in the realm of anthropology. There are valuable fundamentals of human dignity presented in the Holy Book of Muslims and traditions of *Hadrat Muhammad Rasūlullah Khātam un Nabiyyīn Sallallahu 'alaihi wa 'alā Ālihi wa Ashābihi wa Sallam*. In this article we intend to provide a basis for presenting a new look at human dignity in the Qur'anic context.

The main source of Islam, the Qur'ān, has several verses that pertain to the human condition and position in this world. According to these conditions and the world position, a variety of duties are determined for the human race. An important characteristic for humans is dignity, which has several meanings that include *liberty, self-esteem and autonomy*.

### 2. Review of Literature

**Behrouz Yadollahpour (2011)** engages with the meaning of human dignity in the discourse of the Holy Qur'ān. He argues that a detailed study of the exegeses and commentaries of the Holy Qur'ān indicates that no single theory regarding human dignity is dominant among them. **Vaffi Foday Sheriff (2019)** discusses the views of some Muslim scholars on human dignity. It further examines the position of Islamic thought on some articles in the Universal Declaration of Human Rights. **Mohammad Hossein Mozaffari (2011)** seeks to examine the disputed dimensions of the concept of inherent dignity of man in human rights discourse and Islamic literature. **Sayyid Mohammad Hasan Lavasani and Seyed Mohammad Kalantar Kousheh (2013)** discuss the most explicit verses regarding human dignity, pertaining to the children of