

The Foundations and Factors of Social Change: A Quranic Viewpoint

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The concept of social change according to a Quranic viewpoint is one of the most prominent divine patterns which encompasses social, economic, and political issues in human life regardless of the difference in eras, nations, and sects. This explains its importance in the Holy Quran since the goal of all divine messages is to build the human personality and guide humans toward eternal bliss. The Holy Quran emphasizes that any decision which aims to manage human social life is linked to human choice and conduct in addition to divine will. This signifies the sublime benefits in social change, the most prominent of which are: the enforcement of social justice, ensuring the unity of the Ummah, ensuring rights and obligations in social life, establishing equality among all humans according to the Islamic System, and ensuring social peace and security. Through studying holy Quranic verses and the quotes of scholars and exegetists, it becomes clear that the Holy Quran has placed a set of central points which serve as a starting point to establish the process of social change. Some of these points are foundations for change while others are factors contributing to change. This is what this essay studie.

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Every discipline is affected by its principles and basics, and this applies as well to social jurisprudence which is a branch of jurisprudence that depends on numerous principles among which are social principles. Light has been shed on this discipline throughout the last ten years. This essay presents those principles from library sources according to a descriptive-analytical method and studies three principles: social authority, the meaning of society, and the true essence of society with reference to Quranic verses. This essay clarifies social authority as one of the most important epistemological teachings of the Holy Quran in the social sphere, and presents the meaning of society as a bond between individuals based on mutual beliefs and which transcends geography, language or other determinants. As for the essence of society, the Quran considers essentiality for the individual through the definition of society, and beliefs and their effects are reflected on society.

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Forms of Social Patterns in the Holy Quran: A Methodological Introduction

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The Holy Quran clarifies that history and society are dominated by divine patterns which are not prone to change. These patterns are stable, apply to all human beings, and are marked by rules which dominate history and society. The Holy Quran speaks of these patterns in different modes, at times through conditional realities (such as patterns of change, victory, destruction of societies, abundance of sustenance) and at others through fixed realities which do not change (such as replacement of people, trials and tribulations, the life of nations), and at others as an issue which humans might oppose on the short run but which has an inevitable effect if it is opposed on the medium and long term (such as the human connection with religion, the love of Truth and the hatred of Falsehood, the bond of marriage, the distribution of work between men and women). Based on this, it is important to be aware of the analysis of patterns -especially the forms of social patterns mentioned in the Holy Quran- as a methodological introduction to an effective survey of society and history and an understanding of reality. This essay demonstrates the forms of these patterns and presents some examples from the Holy Quran in order to emphasize the importance of exploring these patterns as an important methodological introduction to understand reality and expect the future.

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In this issue, and under the heading “Analysis of Patterns in the Holy Quran- A Preamble for Understanding Society and History”, Al-Hayat Al-Tayyiba analyzes divine historical patterns which dominate human society and it sheds light on the significance of comprehending these patterns in order to guide human progress toward perfection. This topic has been tackled in the following order:

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