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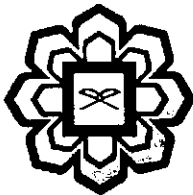
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## Chapter 2

# ISLAM: THE BEDROCK OF HUMANE SOCIETY

Jamil Farooqui

### **Abstract**

Islam enunciates certain cardinal principles that enable humans to live in the world with peace, harmony and dignity. These principles constitute the infrastructure on which society and other social organizations develop and work for the benefit and development of the entire humanity. The collectivity that develops on these principles are not based on race, descent, ethnicity or any other primordial trait but purely on a distinct ideology that is the manifestation of superiority of God. It liberates human being from the domination of his ego and makes him a true servant of Allah (swt). It creates servitude of Allah (swt) where entire humankind completely surrenders itself to the Divine will and enters into a permanent bond of love and affection. They struggle to seek the pleasure of Allah (swt) and establish close relations based on mutual trust, help and cooperation with his fellow beings. In this collectivity the interest of one is the interest of all and it resembles an organization where the pain is one part upsets the entire system. It is, in fact, a humane society in trust sense.

Human being is most superior of all living beings that exist in the universe. Anthropologists and sociologists make out his superiority in terms of the physiological traits which are generally manifested in the ways he satisfies his basic urges and derives. The physiological traits of human enable him to develop culture that makes him unique and distinguishes him from other creatures. Anthropologists observe three special qualities of human which make him unique in the entire animal kingdom. He can balance his body on the hind legs, stand straight and free his forehands to use them for other purposes. Further, human is free for locomotion; he can move his fingers, neck and other parts of body which help him to do complicated nature of work and find