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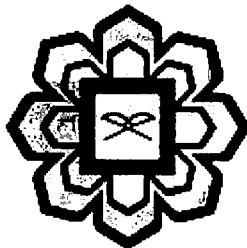
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Business as a Source of Material and Moral Growth

A Reflection from Islamic Perspective

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Abstract

Islam is not a religious in the modern sense of the word; it is rather complete and comprehensive way of life, guiding mankind in every walk of life including business. The Qur'an and Hadith have both highlighted significance of and rules for business. They view business as the best way to ensure safety and further growth of wealth and property. The present article represents an attempt to explain significance and rules of business as available in the Qur'an and Prophetic traditions

Keywords: *Islam, Business, the Qur'an, Prophetic traditions, Growth*

Introduction

Islam is a comprehensive way of life (*dīn*). It emphasizes on the prosperity of mankind in this world as well as in the hereafter. One of the most important factors of this prosperity is the management of one's property. As it appears, business is the most desirable way to manage one's property. It is this reason that Islam portrays business as the best profession for mankind. Allah said in the Qur'an:

يَا أَيُّهَا الَّذِينَ آمَنُوا لَا تَأْكُلُوا أَمْوَالَكُمْ بَيْنَكُمْ بِالْبَاطِلِ إِلَّا أَنْ تَكُونَ تِجَارَةً عَنْ تَرَاصٍ مِّنْكُمْ وَلَا تَقْتُلُوا أَنْفُسَكُمْ إِنَّ اللَّهَ كَانَ بِكُمْ رَحِيمًا

*“O ye who believe! Eat not up your property among yourselves in vanities: but let there be amongst you **traffic and trade** by mutual*

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