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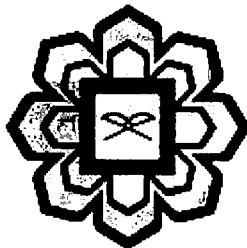
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Exposition on the Principles of *Islām Ḥadārī* *Qur'ānic Conception of 'Knowledge'*

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Abstract

Islam is civilization seeking to ensure continuous moral and physical growth of individuals and societies. The very basis of Islamic civilization is knowledge. The Qur'ān and Ḥadīth lay emphasis on the significance, value, and role of knowledge in developing human civilization. It is this reason that the first revelation comprised message concerning reading, writing, and teaching. This message is that of knowledge. Malaysian suggestion of Islam Hadari (Civilizational Islam) seems to be highly desirable. The objective of this suggestion is to ascertain development of social, moral, economic, political, and spiritual dimensions of Muslim individuals and societies. This paper is to look into viability of knowledge in Islamic development.

Keywords: *Islam, knowledge, the Qur'ān, Ḥadīth, development.*

Introduction

The notion of '*Islām ḥadārī*' has been seen as a response to the contemporary challenges of the Muslim *'ummah*, both in their religious and social life. Since the European colonization over third world nations including Muslim nations and the fall of the Ottoman caliphate, Muslim societies had lost their leadership position in world affairs. They are viewed as backward or underdeveloped. Disunity and lack of political, cultural and social stability are said to be contributing factors to such conditions. To remedy the situation, Muslim scholars

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