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Human personality development from the Qur'anic Perspective

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Abstract

This paper seeks to advance an Islamic notion of the concept of human personality and its development from Qur'anic perspective. It includes the meaning of Personality, its components and formation, a brief description of the impact of continuous listening to the recitation of the Holy Qur'an on modifying human personality, and the ultimate effect resulting from listening to the Holy Qur'an. Humankind lives in a constant struggle between virtue and evil, angelic and satanic powers. It is through Qur'anic recitation, reflection, firm determination, self-evaluation, constant guard against evil and ultimate help of Allah that one may attain noble personality in the light of the Qur'an.

Keywords: *human personality, character, Qur'an, recitation, reflection*

Introduction

The Almighty Allah SWT sent His messengers for the guidance of humanity. The mission of the Prophets is called "*Tazkiya al-Nafs*" in the Holy Qur'an, which means the "purification of souls", or simply "personality development". The concept of the "purification of souls" indicates that a human personality should be purified from all types of physical and moral filth. The intellectual, emotional, ethical and practical aspects of a personality should be transformed in such a way that the person becomes a good human being; rather than becoming a harmful character, she/he should become a constructive person for others. Albeit the term personality does not literally exist in the Holy Qur'an, the concept of personality is however evident quite frequently. The Holy Qur'an has a great influence on a human's personality development and it also helps achieve success, happiness, and a comfortable life. The Holy Qur'an is the light and it has the power to heal all diseases. Throughout the Holy Qur'an, we can find the past and the future. It is the book of ALLAH SWT Who said: Falsehood cannot come to it from before it or behind it, as it is sent down by the All-Wise, Worthy of all praise [Fussilat: 42]. Henceforth, all aspects and manifestations related to the actions of human personality, emotions, mentality and psychology emanate from the belief of man to Allah SWT.

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