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### The divine will on Ribā (Article)

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#### Abstract

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The **Divine Will on Ribā** means what Allah SWT (Subhanahu Wa Ta'ala) desires the believers to do through His dislike, condemnation and prohibition of **ribā** in the Qur'an. This study investigates this matter. It represents a departure from the dominant tradition that focuses on what **ribā** is. Methodology of analysis is explained at the outset. Data from the Qur'an are reproduced. A preliminary conclusion is first drawn as to what the Basic Edict on **ribā** in the Qur'an is. That is then refined by closely examining the communication style in the Qur'an and bringing into the picture the Sunnah of the Prophet SAAWS (Salallahu Alaihay Wa Sallam) traceable to selected Ahadith on **ribā**. Final conclusion on the **Divine Will on Ribā** is this: all loans, debts and similar other exchanges must be settled on an equal basis (in terms of units of the object of exchange), and there should not be even an indirect violation of this principle. The study also explains the hikmah (**Divine Wisdom**) and practical implications of the **Divine Will**.

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