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Chapter Six

Social Structure: Its Conceptualization with some Reflections from an Islamic Perspective*

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Abstract

Sociologists from the very beginning are engaged in some paradoxical debates and discussions on the concept of social structure, and as such have generated significant attention on it. Although a few sociologists and anthropologists often wanted to use a different connotation for the term 'social structure', yet the discussion did not deviate from the main thematic conceptualizations. Individuals from the very beginning of human society lived in communities with distinct and essential social institutions and various types of social organizations to interact among themselves, thereby constituting a social structure. When a social structure comprises the social-behavioral roles of the individuals in society, and the interactiveprocess of various groups and institutions, it is not always true to believe that it is constantly stable and well-integrated. It often gets modified frequently, and becomes flexible because of its changing dimension in the functional process of the society. For that reason, social structures of all societies do not always seem to be similar, nor do social structures of societies remain static for all times and situations. Sociologists often apply a comparative outlook in contextualizing different types of social structures from different perspectives, and accordingly, this paper critically reviews the various viewpoints. When the concept of social structure focuses on patterned social arrangements to form the complex relationships, Islam talks about human society from a holistic perspective seeking to build social life that will be worth living. While looking at social structure from the occidental perspective, we do not usually conceptualize its meaning, as portrayed in Islam. This chapter, therefore, is an attempt to analyze the conceptual clarification of the term social structure from a socioanthropological perspective, and then make a reflective view of it from Islamic perspective.

This chapter has the following objectives to achieve:

- 1. To understand and conceptualize the term 'social structure' as evidenced in the writings of many prominent sociologists and anthropologists in different times and situations;
- 2. To examine the theoretical definitions of 'social structure' and

appreciate the various d social structure;

3. To gain insights on socia

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- 1. What is social structure
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