

The Universal Criteria of Social Justice in the Glorious Quran

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Abstract

Political philosophers and scholars working in the field of justice have constantly stressed that it is necessary to discover and accept the general rules of justice that serve as basic laws for individual and social actions, organize other laws, and evaluate the current situation. Adopting a descriptive analytical method, this study aims to find out the Glorious Quran's view on these rules through exploring the relevant propositions in the Glorious Quran. The findings show that there are eleven rules that help to obtain social justice: initial equality, examination of the consequences of action, transparency, and considering the level of awareness serve as basic principles; holding oneself responsible, fitness of duty for one's capacity, fitness of reward for effort, care for role and impact, fitness of punishment for crime, and suspension of feelings serve as implementation principles; and finally compensation serves as a correction principle. Since some principles, such as suspension of feelings and equality, are always accompanied by other principles at every stage, we refer to them as "background principles". A certain pattern, which includes a number of different subjects, is ultimately designed and presented in order to measure accurately and act justly.

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