

ADL (JUSTICE) AND ITS EFFECT ON HUMAN BEHAVIOUR

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ABSTRACT

The complexity of human behaviour has captivated the prime attention of speculative minds at all levels, throughout the ages. The springs of human behaviour in a social milieu are multiple with varying impacts. Stimulus, both from within and from outside, create different responses. Swept away by the emotions one commits actions in excess and thus loses an equilibrium in human character - an essential characteristic of ethical and social excellence. Equilibrium and tranquility in thought, belief and action has been conceptually called Adl (justice). The "just" course of action has strictly enjoined upon by all codes of ethics. The Holy Quran and Sunnah exerts upon the believers to follow the path of righteousness and never to transgress the limits of just behaviour (Adl). The concept of worship as the complete submission of one's will to the will of Allah Almighty must find concrete expression in human character and behaviour, which explicitly expressive of 'balance', and equilibrium. The baser feelings must be sublimated and even the virtue and piety has to be observed within the precincts prescribed by the religion of humanity. The paper attempts to bring out the real significance of the concept of Adl in human behaviour, as an individual and as a member of society. Various aspects and implications of the concept has been described in the light of the available literature of Islamic values and thus, it is believed, that the paper shall provoke thought for further research in the field.