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**ABSTRACT**

**Religion and Human Relations: Human Behaviour in Islam**

*الدين المعاملة: السلوك الإنساني في الإسلام*

This book, produced to communicate the standards of Islamic morals and human behaviour, is based on a number of television shows hosted by Ahmad Isma‘il Yihya.

At the beginning of his book, Yihya aims to provide a complete picture of morality by presenting Qur’anic verses and Prophetic sayings (hadith) that relate to both religious and human morals. In his introduction, he describes the geniality of Islam and its spiritual capacity. He explains Islam’s methodology on both a practical and a global level, and discusses its guarantee of religious freedom for every individual. Regarded as a true religion which values knowledge and scholars, Islam is considered to promote the coexistence of ideas and civilisations amongst all peoples. Yihya also refers to the antecedents of Islam which call for equality. He then summarises the contents of his work.

In the first section, Yihya discusses the belief in a creator and the relation of the creator to his creations (namely his covenants) and the revelation of his divine secrets. The second section focuses on human relations with God’s Prophets and provides a general history of the Messengers, including their preaching and people’s resistance to them. He then discusses the revelation of the Qur’an.

The third section deals with marital relations, relations with children, and those entrusted with children’s primary care, while the fourth section discusses the virtues of Islam and its appreciation for knowledge and scholars. Yihya also refers to the customs of those who collect charity and alms (zakat), as well as the customs of those who give and receive charity and alms.

In the fifth section, Yihya examines general behaviours of courtesy, such as averting one’s gaze and protecting one’s modesty. He examines the Islamic principles of morality, courteousness, and the reinforcement of brotherly relations.

Section six focuses on the relations between Muslims and non-Muslims, and the rules and foundations of international relations. The final section focuses on the Muslim approach to life and death by discussing the care of the sick and respect for the deceased. Yihya provides details of Islamic funerary rites and explains their importance. The book closes without a general conclusion.

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