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**ABSTRACT**

**Humankind and Values in Islamic Perception**

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This book draws on studies of humankind and values in Islamic perception. Mahmud Hamdi Zaqzuq explores these in a series of concise articles, providing an overview of an important aspect of human nature and humankind’s relationship with God, in addition to other aspects of moral and religious values which are strongly linked to humankind’s innate character. Rather than providing a general or specific point of view on these problematic issues, Zaqzuq explains that the Qur’an and the Sunna are in complete agreement with Islamic perception.

In chapter one, Zaqzuq discusses humankind in Islamic perception. He discusses this through various sections, explaining humankind’s responsibility for civilisation. He then discusses the available tools of reason, both material and moral, with which God has blessed humankind in order for him to fulfil his responsibilities. He also discusses the Islamic perception of human relations, human rights and familial relations.

In chapter two, Zaqzuq discusses values in Islamic perception as well as contemporary changes, the innate character of values, and moral responsibility. He covers such values as mercy, tolerance, humility, modesty, knowledge, work, freedom, security, trustworthiness, loyalty, orderliness, respect and cooperation.

Zaqzuq has attempted to combine the subjects of humankind in Islamic perception and values in Islamic perception by describing them as mutually exclusive. He surmises that they form a moral compass for human behaviour. He explains that similarly, the two chapters of his book complement each other and form a whole.

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