

Research Paper

The Internal Coherence of Surah Al-Hujurat in Explaining the Privacy Respect based on Thematic Content Analysis

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Abstract

One of the most important components of a religious lifestyle in the field of human communication is respecting privacy, which is considered an important factor in the social health and psychological security of people. Observance of this moral virtue has a special delicacy and its implementation is based on religious sources. Surah Al-Hujurat, as one of the Qur'anic surahs, has improved the model of the religious lifestyle of Muslims by expressing this issue and will cause self-control to the individual. In this research, the topic of respecting privacy in Surah Al-Hujurat has been analyzed based on thematic content analysis to identify the components and indicators of privacy respect as one of the dimensions of Islamic lifestyle in Surah Al-Hujurat and show the internal coherence of this surah in this regard. The analysis of these themes and components in Surah Al-Hujurat shows that respecting privacy and the sanctity of spying is very important, especially in the social field. In this surah, the three components of basics, prerequisites, and requirements have been repeated meaningfully and coherently to build a model on the subject of privacy. The result of this moral value is self-restraint for the individual, and the impeding position of this moral trait leads the person to be successful in other moral virtues and attain the Islamic lifestyle. Also, the verses of Surah Al-Hujurat are closely related to each other on the subject of privacy.

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Abstract

One of the most important components of a religious lifestyle in the human communication field is respecting privacy, which is considered an important factor in the social health and psychological security of people. In the verses of the Holy Qur'an, a special worldview has been expressed about respecting humans' privacy, paying attention to which can give direction to the type of human lifestyle and elevate it. One of the surahs of the Holy Qur'an, which includes the most important manners and lifestyle and emphasizes respecting the privacy of others, is Surah Al-Hujurat. The analysis of the themes of Surah Al- Hujurat shows that it is possible to achieve a comprehensive model in the field of respecting humans' privacy towards each other, and with this, the role of Quranic verses in personal and social guidance can be depicted. In this research, the subject of respecting privacy in Surah Al- Hujurat has been analyzed based on thematic content analysis to identify the components and indicators of privacy respect as one of the dimensions of Islamic lifestyle in Surah Al- Hujurat and show the internal coherence of this surah in this regard. The analysis of these themes and components in Surah Al- Hujurat shows that respecting privacy is very important, especially in the social field. In this surah, the three components of basics, prerequisites, and requirements have been repeated meaningfully and coherently to build a model on the subject of privacy. Piety and self-restraint, faith in God and the Prophet (PBUH) and not having doubts

about it, and paying attention to the divine knowledge are among the most important principles mentioned in respecting privacy, which is stated in Surah Al-Hujurat. One of the most important teachings of Surah Al- Hujurat as a prelude to privacy respect is the need to investigate immoral news; sometimes some news leads to investigation and suspicion about a person, while they might be incorrect. God's displeasure with the disobedience of his servants, interceding between the enemies, observing justice, and reforming the relationship between the believers are other precepts in the field of respecting privacy in Surah Al-Hujurat. Observance of politeness in front of religious leaders (the Holy Prophet (PBUH)); forbidding believers from mocking each other; warning them against unfair assumptions (prejudice), spying on the affairs of others, and labeling each other unfairly; strict prohibition of believers from backbiting; and fighting sincerely for the cause of God are among the most important requirements mentioned in Surah Al-Hujurat regarding privacy respect. The approach of Surah Al-Hujurat on the need to protect privacy is not the sole purpose of this surah; rather, while warning believers against suspicion and spying on other people's affairs, this surah seeks to improve people's attitudes and intuitions so that people can control their inner self achieve self-discipline with piety and build a healthy and prosperous society. In addition, the connection between the verses of Surah Hajrat on the subject of privacy shows the strong connection between the verses.