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## ABSTRACT

This study discussed the concept of *Istikhhlāf* (vicegerency) in the Qur'ān. It identified the necessary conditions for *Istikhhlāf* and the basic factors which would allow an individual to achieve it in real life. The study also explained the purpose of *Istikhhlāf* and its ultimate objectives, as well as elucidating the method which Allah has sent to assist Man in discharging his duty as a vicegerent on earth according to what is revealed in the Qur'ān. Furthermore, the study dealt with the concept of *Istikhhlāf* among some exegetists and presented the views of some Muslim thinkers on the topic. It is important to appreciate the scholars' significance since their contributions are key in restoring the dynamism that Islamic thought had lost. This was achieved by correcting the misconception of *Istikhhlāf* among the public. The only way to achieve *Istikhhlāf* is by strengthening faith, and revisiting the relationship between a servant (*'abd*) and his Lord, which has a strong correlation with *'Aqīdah*. The study relied on historical analysis to trace the concept of *Istikhhlāf* throughout its various stages of development. It also adopted a deductive method for analyzing, comparing ideas and deriving their meanings. The study concluded that the concept of *Istikhhlāf* is a Qur'ānic expression of human civilization. Consequently, it is necessary to correct the misconception of *Istikhhlāf* among the public in order to build a civilization based on Divine scheme that is suitable to humankind.

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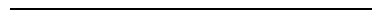
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