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Thank you very much and we look forward to your presentation session during the event.

Yours sincerely,

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## Disability in Islam: Quran and Hadith Perspective

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#### Introduction:

slam, as a comprehensive and inclusive religion, places great emphasis on the dignity and rights of all individuals, regardless of their physical or mental abilities. Within the framework of Islamic teachings, the concept of disability is not seen as a limitation or a flaw, but rather as a unique aspect of human diversity. The Quran and Hadith, the primary sources of Islamic guidance, provide profound insights and guidance on how to perceive, support, and empower individuals with disabilities.

In this article, we delve into the perspective of Islam on disability, exploring the teachings of the Quran and the sayings and actions of Prophet Muhammad (peace be upon him). We seek to shed light on the principles that underpin the Islamic understanding of disability and how they shape the attitudes and actions of Muslims towards individuals with disabilities.

We begin by examining the Quranic teachings, which highlight the inherent worth and value of every human being, regardless of their physical or mental state. The Quran emphasizes that all individuals are equal in the sight of Allah, and it is their piety and good deeds that truly define their status. We explore verses that underscore the importance of empathy, compassion, and respect towards individuals with disabilities, emphasizing the need for inclusivity and support within the Muslim community.

Furthermore, we delve into the Hadith literature, which offers additional guidance on the treatment of individuals with disabilities. We explore the traditions of the Prophet Muhammad that exemplify his compassion, kindness, and practical support for people with disabilities. These narrations demonstrate how the Prophet not only accepted and embraced individuals with disabilities but actively encouraged their participation in society and sought to remove any barriers they faced.

In addition to examining the Islamic teachings, we also discuss the responsibilities of the Muslim community towards individuals with disabilities. We explore the concept of "social solidarity" in Islam, which emphasizes the collective responsibility of society to care for and support those in need. We delve into the various initiatives and practices within Muslim societies that aim to create inclusive environments and ensure the full participation and well-being of individuals with disabilities.

By understanding the Quranic and Hadith perspective on disability, we hope to foster a deeper appreciation for the rights and dignity of individuals with disabilities within the Islamic community and society at large. This article serves as a resource to encourage dialogue, dispel misconceptions, and promote the implementation of Islamic principles that nurture a culture of inclusivity, respect, and support for individuals with disabilities.

#### Results and Discussion:

- 1. Quranic Perspective on Disability:
- 2. Hadith Perspective on Disability:
- 3. The Responsibilities of the Muslim Community:
- 4. Challenging Stigmas and Misconceptions:

### 1. Quranic Perspective on Disability:

The Quranic teachings provide a strong foundation for understanding disability in Islam. Several verses emphasize the equal worth and dignity of all individuals, regardless of their physical or mental abilities. For instance, Surah Al-Hujurat (49:13) states, "O mankind, indeed We have created you from male and female and made you peoples and tribes that you may know one another. Indeed, the most noble of you in the sight of Allah is the most righteous of you." This verse highlights the notion that one's righteousness and piety determine their true value, rather than their physical or mental capabilities.

Moreover, the Quran calls for empathy, compassion, and support for individuals with disabilities. Surah Al-Baqarah (2:286) states, "Allah does not burden a soul beyond that it can bear." This verse implies that individuals with disabilities should not be judged or marginalized, as their conditions are part of Allah's divine plan. It encourages the Muslim community to provide necessary accommodations and assistance to enable individuals with disabilities to live fulfilling lives and contribute to society.

### 2.Hadith Perspective on Disability:

The Hadith literature provides further insights into the attitude of Prophet Muhammad (peace be upon him) towards individuals with disabilities. The Prophet's actions and sayings exemplify his compassion, kindness, and practical support for people with disabilities. Numerous narrations highlight his inclusive approach, encouraging the acceptance and participation of individuals with disabilities within society.

For example, it is narrated that the Prophet Muhammad (pbuh) used to greet and show kindness to a blind companion named Abdullah ibn Umm Maktum. This demonstrates the Prophet's recognition of the capabilities and rights of individuals with visual impairments. Additionally, the Prophet actively discouraged any form of mockery or mistreatment towards individuals with disabilities, emphasizing the importance of respect and equal treatment for all.

# 3. The Responsibilities of the Muslim Community:

Islam places a significant emphasis on the collective responsibility of the Muslim community in caring for and supporting individuals with disabilities. This concept of "social solidarity" aligns with the teachings of the Quran and Hadith, urging Muslims to actively create inclusive environments and remove barriers faced by individuals with disabilities.

In practice, Muslim societies have implemented various initiatives to promote inclusivity and support for individuals with disabilities. These include establishing accessible facilities in mosques, schools, and public spaces, providing educational and employment opportunities, and promoting awareness and sensitivity training within the community. Furthermore, Muslim organizations and individuals often engage in charitable efforts to provide financial assistance, healthcare, and social support for those with disabilities.

# 4. Challenging Stigmas and Misconceptions:

One crucial aspect of understanding disability in Islam is addressing stigmas and misconceptions surrounding disabilities. Islamic teachings emphasize the importance of dispelling prejudices and fostering an inclusive mindset within the Muslim community. It is essential to educate individuals about the abilities and contributions of people with disabilities, breaking down societal barriers and promoting their full participation in all aspects of life.

#### Conclusion:

The Quranic perspective on disability emphasizes the equal worth and dignity of all individuals, regardless of their abilities. The Hadith literature highlights the compassionate and inclusive attitude of Prophet Muhammad towards individuals with disabilities. Islam calls upon Muslims to actively support and empower individuals with disabilities, creating inclusive societies that embrace diversity and promote equal opportunities for all. By following the teachings of the Quran and Hadith, the Muslim community can work towards eradicating stigmas, fostering inclusivity, and ensuring the rights and well-being of individuals with disabilities.

"Caring for individuals with disabilities is not merely an act of charity in Islam; it is a reflection of our commitment to justice, compassion, and inclusivity."

- MUHAMMAD MISBAH