

How does Islam highlights human dignity and greatness?  
Discuss.

### 1. Introduction:

There are many species present in the world but Allah dignified human beings out of million living things. His manifestations of dignity are making vicegerants of earth from men, choosing his beloved prophet from men, making all equal to each other, providing right to life, religion and justice, by protecting minorities right, entrusting man with his trust, the best creature to whom angels bow down, bestowed them with revealed books and religion and choosing them as best nation.

## 2: Human Dignity and Greatness bestowed by Islam:

Islam gifted the dignity and greatness to human beings and by the following verse of Quran it is clear that humans are dignified by Islam.

### Surah Bani Israel;

"Allah has surely bestowed the children of Adam with dignity."  
(Quran)

## 3: How Islam highlights dignity and greatness of ~~the~~ Muslims:

Following arguments shows dignity of men;

### 3.1: Making Human vicegerants on earth:

Allah has made His vicegerant on earth by empowering man with his trust. He dignified man by making him

His vicegerant.

Surah Saaad;

"O David we have  
made vicegerant  
from some of you  
so judge between  
them with justice."

Quran.

3:2: Producing man his best  
creation:

Human beings are  
the best of His creations  
because they are blessed  
with rationality, knowledge  
and ability.

In Quran Allah says;

لقد خلقنا الانسان في احسن تقويم

"And we have created  
man in finest of  
moulds."

### 3.3: Ordering Angels to bow-down before man:

Allah made man His vicegerant on earth and ordered all other creatures to bow-down before man. All creatures bowed-down before man except Iblees. Allah's this order shows the greatness and dignity of mankind.

### 3.4: Entrusting man with His Trust:

Allah (SWT) offered His trust to all His creatures but all of them denied except man. He abled man to bear His trust.

Quran says;

"We offered the trust to all the creatures, -earth, skies, mountains, trees and heaven all denied

to bear but man  
boreed our trust."

### 35: Giving free will to choose the religion:

Allah has given  
free will to man to  
choose the way of religion  
according to his choice.

Quran says;

لا اكره في الدين

There shall be no  
compulsion in religion.

In another place in Quran  
Allah says;

"لك دينك وديني"

For you is your way  
For me is my.

(Surah Kafiron)

### 3.6: Providing Equality to all mankind:

Allah increased the dignity and greatness of a human being by providing equality and equity in social life.

Hazrat Muhammad said;

You all are equal.

No one is superior to other.

(Farewell sermon)

### 3.7: Protecting human life manifests its dignity:

Allah has made the lives, wives and money of each other sacred. By protecting the human lives its greatness is increased.

## Surah Nissa;

"If someone kills a man it is as if he killed the whole mankind, if someone saves one life it is as if he saved the whole mankind."

Quran.

## 4: Conclusion:-

Islam dignifies human beings and ad-on the dignity and greatness of man by the selection of man as Allah's vicegerants on earth. He bestowed man with His trust and Amanah made his greatness louder by giving right to life and making all the mankind equal.