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### Introduction:

There is a huge difference between culture and civilization. The logic is that both are opposite to each other. However, Islamic civilization is distinct civilization where certain features are defined. Owing to these features Islamic civilization blossoms. Moving forward, these features are political, economic, and social in nature. In fact, Islamic civilization in itself is a distinct civilization owing to its features.

### Defination of culture:

Culture is that traditional practices in a society, where it is influenced by the other cultures in its periphery.

**For example:** muslim culture in sub-continent is primarily inspired by the hindu culture. where, their living standards, societies, marriages operate in the same fashion. Further, Turkey culture is influenced with Europeans. The way the marriages take place in Turkey are influenced by the European culture.

### Defining the term civilization:

Moving forward, the term civilization



is a way where individual spend their social, political, economic, in fact, each and every aspect of life on it. This whole system that operate on a phenomenon are called civilization.

For example: Muslim civilization during the era of four pious caliphs.

### Difference between culture and Religion

Further, the difference between culture and religion is that both are different from each other. Therefore, culture is practiced in a defined territory. It is not universal. There are few things owing to which the whole narrative of culture revolve. Moreover, the perspective does not fall under culture. Overall culture is merely about the social practices. On the contrary, the term ~~set~~ civilization is a broader phenomenon, where each and every domain of an individual fall under its umbrella. Indeed, religion also comes under the periphery of civilization. The social, moral, political in fact, each and every practices of human being comes under the umbrella of civilization. Thus, these are the primary differences between culture and religion.



## Important features of Islamic civilization:

### 1) Faith based civilization:

To start with, the concept of faith based civilization. The rationale is that faith based civilization operate on the concept of Allah's existence. Further, it is believed that Allah is the creator of this universe and Prophet Muhammad is his last messenger. On this notion faith based civilization operate in Islam.

### 2) Concept of pluralistic society:

Further, Islam believe in the concept of pluralistic society. The cognitive is that Islam does not believe in cast, creed, and colour. Therefore, Islam operate on the concept of pluralism where Muslims can co-exist with others peacefully. And none is superior or inferior than other being.

### 3) Egalitarian society

Moreover, Islam believe in the concept of egalitarian society. The logic is that a society where all are equal. Further, none is superior or inferior. The way Prophet Muhammad is superior



to non-Arab and vice versa.

### 3) Dignity of ~~women~~

Similarly, Islamic civilization also argue that dignity of men should be perpetuated. The logic is that is men is the bread winner. Also, women is formed from the left ribs of men. Therefore, Islam has provided a bit lenancy towards dignity of men. But, it should not be assumed in a sense of superiority.

### 4) Social Justice

Additionally, Islamic civilization also focus on the concept of social justice therefore there should be justice in society. Nobody should harm another individual or capture his property. Further, Society should operate on the concept of justice.

### 5) Moral values

Moving forward, another feature of Islamic civilization is moral values. Therefore, Islamic civilization focus on moral values. That there should be moral values in society.



## 6) Universal Brotherhood:

In the similar fashion, Islamic civilization also state that there should be universal brotherhood. On this concept, muslim civilization is perpetuation. Also, during migration to Madina, Prophet divided even the properties of Ansar among Muhajirs. In fact, Prophet said that No Arab is superior to Non-Arab and vice versa.

## 7) Balanced Moderate

To delve deeper into, Islamic civilization believe in the concept of balanced moderate. The reasoning is that one should be moderate within the parameters of Islam. Therefore, one should not opt for the stingy or spend excessive amount of wealth in order to glorify it.

## 8) Progressive and flexible

In fact, Islamic civilization focus on progressive and flexibility. where there is no rigidity in it. However, with the passage of time the progress can evolve as per the need of the time via Ijma.



## Conclusion:

In a nutshell, culture and civilization are two distinct concepts. And Islamic civilization in itself is versatile and traditional but it has a tender touch of the contemporary era. Owing to this reason the concept of Islamic civilization is perpetuation due to which it has become the second largest religion in the world. <sup>(US)</sup>

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## Introduction:

The term dignity is a Latin word which means self-respect. Therefore, dignity of men is prioritized significantly by Islam, West, and in contemporary by United Nations. Further, dignity of men defined by Islam is via Quranic views, concept of brotherhood, Allah's love for mankind, as well as dignity and character. Also, Islamic scholars and Organization of Islamic Cooperation, has also come up with the principles of dignity of men.

### A. Dignity of men an overview:

To start with, the concept of dignity of men. It is as old phenomenon as the existence of men. However, after the arrival of



of Islam, dignity of men was highlighted and principle feature were given in order to protect the dignity of men. In the similar fashion, Magna Carta came in 1215, where it also argued about the human rights and supported dignity of men. Moving forward, United Nations charter of declaration of mankind also discussed over the dignity of man.

## Dignity of men in Islam

### 1) Quranic view of men dignity:

Further, Allah has stated in Quran regarding the dignity of men. Where Quran has stated that men and women are both friends and they should enjoy good and forbid the evil. Therefore, Quran has ~~argued~~ <sup>commanded</sup> that the dignity of men should be respected in letter and spirit.

### 2) Brotherhood of man:

Moreover, Islam has also defined that there should be the concept of brotherhood of man. Therefore, none of the <sup>one</sup> ~~other~~ is superior to ~~other~~ man. In fact, all the muslims are brother. So, Islam believe that there should be the concept of brotherhood.



### C) Allah's love for humanity

Similarly, Allah has enormous amount of love for humanity. The reasoning is that when Allah created human being (men) and commanded Iblees to prostrate, he refused to bow to human. There Allah ~~showered~~ dismantled the presence of Iblees from heaven and was thrown him towards the earth. So, one can argue that how much Allah loved humanity (men).

### D) Dignity and just character

Also, dignity and character of men should operate on the concept of Islam. Therefore, men should spend their life according to Islamic belief and Islamic teachings.

### Conclusion:

To wrap up, Islam has defined the dignity of men in detail. Therefore, certain parameters are defined around which ~~human's~~ man's dignity revolves. Also, quran, support the notion of men dignity, in fact, Allah has also defined the dignity of men via story of men and Iblees prostrate. Overall, men dignity in Islam has extremely high value.