Abstract

The divine name “Allah” is the most embracing name of Him. The fair name al-Rahman means benevolent and merciful. Al-Rahman manifests in the name “benevolent”. As religion is revealed according to the embracing name of al-Rahman, one may infer that benevolence is the core essence of religion.

The subject matter of this article is the theory of benevolence. The theory suggests that from one side benevolence is the manifestation of the all-embracing name of al-Rahman and from another side it is the pure religion embracing all dimensions of religion. There are different principles for this theory. In what follows, the author has tried to examine the principles of and reasons for the benevolence theory in the light of the Qur’an and mysticism studying various aspects of it, as well.

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