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ABSTRACT

(Findings)

This study which elaborates the title, “Islam and Interfaith Dialogue” has been classified into these chapters.

Introduction: This section elaborates the meaning, history, dialogue and the religions, roots of dialogue and the dialogue and society in detail. It is thus the fore-impression of the subject.

1.Dialogue: The Mutual Understanding of the Religious Traditions: This chapter highlights the efficacy of dialogue in creating the atmosphere of understanding between different religious traditions. It thus creates a stand and platform for the cordial existence of the followers of different faiths.

2.Dialogue, Islam and Muslims: This chapter explains the necessity of dialogue for Muslims to successfully follow the fundamentals of Islam. Mainly it highlights the effects of globalization and the benefits of coexistence, tolerance, non-violence and common terms between Muslims and non-Muslims. It also throws light on *jihad*, current situations and guiding principles of interfaith dialogue.

3.Dialogue in the Islamic Tradition: This chapter investigates the roots of dialogue in the Islamic traditional knowledge and lore. Thus it searches for the foundation of dialogue in the Qur'án and the prophetic traditions. Moreover it also highlights the principles of dialogue, mainly the principle of having no compromise in the matter of faith.

4.A Brief History of Dialogue: This chapter brings to light dialogue in the historical context. It also highlights institutions and organizations of dialogue. Moreover it gives a sketch of *'ilm al-kalém*, the steps taken towards interfaith dialogue in the recent times, and the importance of interfaith dialogue in the historical context.

Thus the study highlights the need of dialogue, dialogue in the contemporary world, hurdles in the way of dialogue, the etiquettes of dialogue and brings forth the outcome of dialogue as the outcome of this study.