

METAPHYSICAL UNDERPINNINGS AND NORMATIVE FRAMEWORKS: A THOROUGH COMPARATIVE EXAMINATION OF ISLAMIC AND WESTERN PHILOSOPHICAL PARADIGMS ON THE FOUNDATIONS AND APPLICATION OF HUMAN RIGHTS

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Abstract

This comprehensive study delves into a meticulous comparative analysis, examining the metaphysical underpinnings and normative frameworks inherent in Islamic and Western philosophical paradigms. The primary focus is on their profound implications for the foundations and practical application of human rights. Through an in-depth exploration of key philosophical texts, historical contexts, and real-world applications, this research sheds light on the complex tapestry that shapes understanding human rights in these distinct traditions. The Islamic viewpoint, deeply rooted in the sacred Qur'an and Sunnah, emphasizes concepts like fitrah (innate predisposition) and stewardship. At the same time, Western traditions, evolving across classical to Enlightenment eras, prioritize individual liberties within a secular framework. By navigating these intellectual landscapes, this study contributes significantly to a nuanced and culturally sensitive discourse on human rights, surpassing simplistic dichotomies and fostering a global understanding.

Keywords: Metaphysical underpinnings, Normative frameworks, Comparative analysis, Islamic philosophy, Western philosophy, Human rights discourse, Cultural sensitivity.

Introduction

The exploration of metaphysical underpinnings and normative frameworks constitutes a nuanced journey into the intricate tapestry of Islamic and Western philosophical traditions concerning human rights (Faris, 2023). This comprehensive examination delves into the foundational beliefs that shape the understanding of reality, existence, and human nature in both traditions, transcending temporal and cultural boundaries. The intellectual expedition seeks to unravel the deep-seated metaphysical roots and ethical frameworks underpinning the discourse on human rights (Ntona, 2023).

From the Islamic perspective, metaphysical underpinnings are firmly anchored in the sacred sources of the Qur'an and Sunnah, serving as the bedrock of Islamic thought (Shamma, 2021). These texts provide a comprehensive worldview that extends beyond the temporal realm. Scholars emphasize the concept of fitnah, a belief in the innate predisposition towards goodness in every human being, serving as a metaphysical cornerstone that shapes the understanding of human dignity and inherent rights within