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1.0 INTRODUCTION

In the past two decades, information technology has profoundly transformed global communication and the dissemination of knowledge. This shift is evident in the eagerness of certain Muslims to embrace technological progress, resulting in a surge of Islamic websites online. These websites serve diverse purposes, ranging from education and propagation of Islamic teachings to engaging in commercial or entertainment activities. Understanding the relationship between IT and Islam necessitates recognizing the Quran's universal principles, including those relevant to information technology. Implicitly, the Quran emphasizes the pursuit of knowledge, forging a direct link between IT and the acquisition of knowledge. Based on Surah Al-Mujadilah verse 11:

وَإِذَا قِيلَ اٰنۡشُرُوۡا فَاۡنۡشُرُوۡا يَرۡفَعُ اللّٰهُ الَّذِيۡنَ ءَامَنُوۡا مِنْكُمۡ وَالَّذِيۡنَ اٰتُوۡا الْعِلۡمَ دَرَجٰتٍ

And when you are told, "Arise," then arise; Allah will raise those who have believed among you and those who were given knowledge, by degrees.

The Quran emphasizes the pursuit of comprehensive knowledge, both spiritual and worldly, as integral to Islam. This emphasis underscores the importance of exploring various fields, including information technology (IT), for the benefit of Muslims. The evolution of IT has led to an Internet-centric society, notably transforming sectors like transactions, business, and commerce. The widespread accessibility of the Internet has driven the rapid growth of Electronic Commerce (e-commerce), facilitating electronic exchanges globally. However, many Muslims lack a comprehensive understanding of the Islamic perspective on transactions and ethical principles in business, revealing a critical knowledge gap despite e-commerce's global prevalence.

Therefore, the aim of this research paper is to delve into Islamic perspectives concerning e-commerce, particularly focusing on its processes, advantages, and disadvantages. This study aims to scrutinize the legality of E-Commerce in Islam, aiming to enlighten and inform Muslims globally about the permissibility and ethical boundaries of this technology within the framework of Islamic teachings. This exploration seeks to equip Muslims with comprehensive knowledge to navigate the realm of e-commerce while adhering to Islamic values, ensuring it aligns with ethical standards deemed acceptable within Islamic ethics.