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... .. the most significant distinction the namely, the separation of the human from the "Islam" is not merely the of the Muslim, but and above all, religion-in-itself, Nothing could be meta- than the realm of the human and Even the ideal righteousness of man is only a figuration of the divine pattern, is absolutely crucial if the human is and judgment by the "Nizam-dah," for metaphysically alien to his own norms and man becomes "Present human activity, thing or by another human activity, thing or desire, past, present or future. Nationalism, superstitions and of ethics are may let that the ultimate which is to determine the whole of value, is man himself, or a human activity, thing or However their hedonic calculus and however their schemes, such theories are not and attempts at human self-sufficiency.

The standard of Islam is different. It is that of divine where the one and only one-referent is God, whose is the transcendent norm of all

Some may object here that economics is a science whose principles are as valid and objective as those of any other science, and that it is wrong to subject its findings to and religion. The only valid critique of