

Extravagance as Contained in *Tafsir Fi Zilal 'Al-Qur'an* and its Relevance to Contemporary Nigerian Society

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Abstract

Extravagance (*Israf*) is one of heinous acts that the Muslims are warned to be wary of in the glorious Qur'an. The glorious book gives detail descriptions with specific examples of what extravagance is all about. Different scholars have expressed different views on it and have given different explanations for their audience to have a clear and better understanding of it. This paper discussed *Israf* as contained in *Tafsir Fi Zilal 'l-Qur'an* of Sayyid Qutb and related it to what is obtainable at both public and private lives in Nigeria. It is discovered from every indication that there exists a wide gap between the Islamic teachings on acquisition and disbursement of resources and what the Nigerians indulge in. Many factors that responsible for the variations are identified. It also included the implications and the consequences of indulging in extravagant life. The paper therefore concluded that efforts should be made by the people and the government of Nigeria to strengthen institutions that are put in place to fight corruption and other unethical practices in the society and to curb wastages.

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