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FINDINGS

The understanding of the idea of caliphate in Islam is influenced by the approach one takes towards identifying the sources of Islamic teachings and understanding the Quran.

If one takes the approach of including the consensus of the companions, as a source of legislation, then the understanding of the idea of caliphate may differ significantly. This approach places a great deal of emphasis on the actions and beliefs of the companions of Muhammad, who are seen as the exemplars of proper Islamic behaviour and belief. As a result, the understanding of the caliphate derived from this approach may be quite different from those derived from other sources.

On the other hand, if one takes into account the concept of nazm-e-Quran, or the structural coherence of the Quran, then the understanding of the idea of caliphate may be completely different. This approach emphasizes the importance of understanding the overarching structure and themes of the Quran, rather than focusing solely on the actions and beliefs of the companions of Muhammad. As a result, the understanding of the caliphate derived from this approach may be quite different from those derived from other sources.

Ultimately, the understanding of the idea of caliphate in Islam is a complex and multifaceted topic that is influenced by a variety of factors, including the approach taken towards identifying its sources and interpreting the Quran.