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HARMONIZING DIVINE INTENTIONS WITH HUMAN WELFARE: *THE MAQĀṢID ASH-SHARĪ'AH* APPROACH OF *'ABDUR RAḤMĀN NĀṢIR AS-SI'DĪ*

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ABSTRACT

This research paper delves into the significant scholarly contributions of 'Abdur Raḥmān Nāṣir As-Si'dī towards understanding the Maqāṣid Ash-Sharī'ah (objectives of Islamic Law). It highlights how As-Si'dī systematically engaged with these objectives and emphasizes their role in applying Islamic law in a manner that balances textual fidelity with contextual relevance. His works, which range from Qur'anic exegesis to treatises on the virtues of Islam, demonstrate a deep commitment to exploring the ethical and moral dimensions of the Sharī'ah, its adaptability, and its contemporary relevance. The paper outlines As-Si'dī's methodological approach to prioritizing the objectives of Islamic law, his exploration of its purposes, and the ranking of these objectives to guide legal reasoning and decision-making. It seeks to underscore As-Si'dī's contributions to the dialogue within Islamic jurisprudence about the balance between traditional understanding and contemporary challenges.

Keywords: *Islamic jurisprudence*, *ethical underpinnings*, *contemporary relevance*, *Qur'anic exegesis*, *Islamic law*, *legal reasoning*, *Maqāṣid Ash-Sharī'ah*,

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1. INTRODUCTION

In the realm of Islamic jurisprudence, the *Maqāṣid Ash-Sharī'ah*, or the objectives of Islamic Law, represent a foundational concept that guides the application of Islamic teachings in a manner that is both faithful to sacred texts and responsive to the evolving needs of society. This research paper delves into the scholarly contributions of *'Abdur Raḥmān Nāṣir As-Si'dī*, a distinguished figure whose work has significantly advanced the understanding of these objectives. By meticulously examining *As-Si'dī*'s methodological approach and his comprehensive engagement with the *Maqāṣid Ash-Sharī'ah*, this paper aims to illuminate the ways in which *As-Si'dī* has navigated the delicate balance between adherence to Islamic traditions and the pragmatic considerations of contemporary life. Through his insightful exegesis and thoughtful analysis, *As-Si'dī* has offered profound insights into the ethical and moral imperatives at the heart of Islamic law, thereby enriching the discourse on its application in modern contexts. This introduction sets the stage for a deeper exploration of *As-Si'dī*'s contributions to Islamic jurisprudence, highlighting his pivotal role in articulating a vision of the Sharī'ah that is both deeply rooted in tradition and dynamically engaged with the challenges of the modern world.

The *Maqāṣid Ash-Sharī'ah*, also known as the objectives of Islamic Law, refer to the overarching aims and purposes intended by Islamic jurisprudence to safeguard and uphold the welfare of humanity. It focuses on ensuring the well-being of both, individuals and society, through the preservation of religion, life, intellect, progeny, and wealth. These objectives serve as guiding principles for the interpretation and application

of *Sharī'ah* with the overarching aim of establishing justice, mercy, and common good.

The concept of *Maqāṣid Ash-Sharī'ah* is central to Islamic jurisprudence as it provides a framework for comprehending and implementing Islamic laws in a manner that is consistent with its underlying objectives. Moreover, *Maqāṣid Ash-Sharī'ah* aids scholars and jurists in navigating complex legal and ethical issues by aligning them with the broader goals of *Sharī'ah*. This alignment ensures that legal rulings promote societal harmony, justice, and welfare.

In contemporary times, the study and application of *Maqāṣid Ash-Sharī'ah* has gained significant attention among scholars and practitioners. This is due to its potential to address modern challenges and dilemmas within an Islamic framework. By focusing on the objectives of Islamic law, contemporary scholars seek to apply Islamic principles to novel contexts and emerging issues, which may span from bioethics and environmental sustainability to social justice and human rights. In doing so, they demonstrate the flexible and dynamic nature of Islamic jurisprudence.

2. REVIEW OF LITERATURE

2.1 Survey of Existing Literature

The body of work by *'Abdur Raḥmān Nāṣir As-Si'dī* has been extensively studied in the context of Islamic jurisprudence, with a particular focus on his contributions to *Maqāṣid Ash-Sharī'ah*. Scholars have analysed his writings to understand his approach to interpreting the objectives of Islamic Law when addressing contemporary issues. His method of approaching *Maqāṣid* is

appreciated for its depth and its ability to bridge traditional Islamic principles with contemporary challenges, thereby offering insights into the dynamism of Shariah.

2.2 Alignment with *Maqāṣid Ash-Sharī'ah*

As-Si'dī's work aligns with *Maqāṣid Ash-Sharī'ah* through his emphasis on the preservation of the five essentials: religion, life, intellect, lineage, and wealth. His interpretations and rulings are often seen as efforts to safeguard these objectives, illustrating a deep understanding of the core purposes of Islamic law. Furthermore, his work is distinguished by its application of *Maqāṣid* principles to contemporary issues, such as economic justice, human rights, and social welfare.

2.3 Gaps in the Literature

Despite the extensive analysis of *As-Si'dī*'s contributions, there remain gaps in the existing literature, particularly regarding a comprehensive study of his methodologies and their application to specific contemporary issues. Additionally, there is a need for more comparative studies that juxtapose *As-Si'dī*'s work with that of other contemporary scholars. Such studies would offer deeper insights into elucidating his unique contributions to Islamic jurisprudence and *Maqāṣid Ash-Sharī'ah*.

This literature review identifies the need for further research that bridges traditional Islamic scholarship with contemporary global issues, using *As-Si'dī*'s and other contemporary scholarly interpretations of *Maqāṣid Ash-Sharī'ah* as a foundation. The objective is to address these gaps and expand the understanding of Islamic jurisprudence within the modern context.

2.4 Theoretical Framework

The theoretical framework for analysing *'Abdur Raḥmān Nāṣir As-Si'dī*'s contributions within the context of *Maqāṣid Ash-Sharī'ah* is grounded in Islamic jurisprudence principles. This framework incorporates a multidimensional approach, emphasizing the preservation of religion, life, intellect, progeny, and property as the primary objectives of Islamic Law.

2.4.1 Incorporation of Islamic Jurisprudence Principles

The framework adopts principles such as justice (*`Adl*), welfare (*Maslahah*), and prevention of harm (*Raf' Ad-Darar*) as foundational concepts guiding the interpretation of *Sharī'ah*. It leverages classical jurisprudence (*Fiqh*) methodologies while integrating modern scholarly perspectives to address contemporary challenges.

2.4.2 Focus on *Maqāṣid Ash-Sharī'ah*

Central to this framework is the emphasis on understanding and applying the objectives of Islamic Law to safeguard the five essentials. It perceives these objectives not as static rules but as dynamic principles capable of adapting to evolving societal contexts, thereby ensuring the relevance and applicability of Islamic jurisprudence over time.

2.4.3 Guidance for Analysing *As-Si'dī*'s Contributions

This framework guides the analysis of *As-Si'dī*'s work by:

- Evaluating his interpretations and applications of *Maqāṣid* principles to contemporary issues.

- Assessing the ways in which his scholarship bridges traditional Islamic teachings with modern societal needs.
- Analysing his methodology for deriving rulings and insights that align with the objectives of Islamic Law.

By applying this theoretical framework, the research aims to critically examine *As-Si'dī*'s contributions, highlighting his innovative approaches to integrating *Maqāṣid Ash-Sharī'ah* with contemporary Islamic scholarship. This approach facilitates a deeper understanding of his work's significance in advancing the application of Islamic jurisprudence principles to address modern challenges.

3. RESEARCH METHODOLOGY

3.1 Qualitative Research Methodology

This study adopts a qualitative research methodology to deeply explore and understand *'Abdur Raḥmān Nāṣir As-Si'dī*'s engagement with the objectives of Islamic Law (*Maqāṣid Ash-Sharī'ah*). This approach is well-suited for interpreting complex legal and religious texts, facilitating an in-depth analysis of themes, principles, and objectives.

3.2 Content Analysis

Content analysis will be utilized to systematically examine *As-Si'dī*'s texts. This involves:

- Identifying and coding themes related to *Maqāṣid Ash-Sharī'ah* within *As-Si'dī*'s work.

- Analysing the frequency and context of these themes to understand their significance in his legal reasoning.
- Extracting insights on how *As-Si'dī* applies these principles to contemporary issues, thereby illuminating his contribution to modern Islamic jurisprudence.

Through this methodological approach, the study aims to provide a comprehensive understanding of *'Abdur Raḥmān Nāṣir As-Si'dī*'s works, emphasizing his unique contributions to the discourse on *Maqāṣid Ash-Sharī'ah* and its relevance in addressing the challenges faced by modern society.

3.3 Data Collection Process for Analysing *As-Si'dī*'s Works

3.3.1 Criteria for Inclusion

The selection of *'Abdur Raḥmān Nāṣir As-Si'dī*'s works for analysis involves several criteria:

- **Relevance to *Maqāṣid Ash-Sharī'ah***: Focus on texts that directly discuss, or are pertinent to the objectives of Islamic Law.
- **Influence and Recognition**: Preference is given to works widely recognized and cited within Islamic jurisprudence and contemporary scholarly discussions.
- **Availability**: Consideration of texts that are accessible in terms of publication, including both print and digital formats.

3.3.2 Sources of Data

- **Primary Sources**: *As-Si'dī*'s writings, including books, articles, and *fatāwá*, form the primary material for analysis. These texts provide direct insights into his interpretations and application of *Maqāṣid Ash-Sharī'ah*.
- **Secondary Sources**: Scholarly commentary and analyses of *As-Si'dī*'s work, including journal articles, theses, and books by other Islamic scholars, offer critical perspectives on his contributions. These sources help contextualize his work within broader academic discussions on Islamic jurisprudence.

The utilization of both primary and secondary sources ensures a comprehensive understanding of *As-Si'dī*'s contributions, enabling a nuanced analysis that acknowledges his work's impact on contemporary Islamic scholarship and its practical applications in addressing contemporary challenges.

3.4 Limitations

The study has several limitations:

- **Scope of Analysis**: Focuses primarily on *'Abdur Raḥmān Nāṣir As-Si'dī*'s works, which may not encompass all perspectives on *Maqāṣid Ash-Sharī'ah*.
- **Potential Biases**: Interpretations of *As-Si'dī*'s texts could reflect the researcher's biases, impacting the analysis.
- **Contextual Understanding**: The complexity of Islamic jurisprudence may limit the ability to fully capture the nuances of *As-Si'dī*'s arguments.

Acknowledging these limitations is crucial for a balanced understanding of the study's findings.

4. RESULTS AND DISCUSSION

4.1 Maqāṣid *Ash-Sharī'ah* and *As-Si'dī*

The scholarly legacy of *'Abdur Raḥmān Nāṣir As-Si'dī* is profoundly marked by his deliberate and systematic engagement with the *Maqāṣid Ash-Sharī'ah* (the objectives of Islamic Law). His works, spanning from the titles of his books and articles to the content that delves deep into the purposes of the *Sharī'ah*, serve as a testament to his dedication to exploring and elucidating the higher objectives and ethical underpinnings of Islamic jurisprudence.

As-Si'dī's scholarly endeavors reflect a keen awareness of the *Maqāṣid* as essential to understanding and applying Islamic law in a manner that is both faithful to its sources and responsive to the needs of the Muslim community. By prioritizing the *Maqāṣid*, *As-Si'dī* aligns his work with a tradition of Islamic scholarship that seeks to safeguard religion, life, intellect, lineage, and property — the five essential objectives recognized by scholars, both classical and contemporary.

4.1.1 Naming of Works

The titles of *As-Si'dī*'s works often hint at their focus on the objectives of the *Sharī'ah*, suggesting that his scholarly inquiry is rooted in an understanding of Islam that transcends legalistic interpretations to embrace the broader ethical and moral dimensions of the law. Through his writings, *As-Si'dī* invites readers to explore the depth and breadth of Islamic

jurisprudence, positioning the *Maqāṣid* as a lens through which the wisdom and compassion of the *Sharī'ah* can be fully appreciated.

4.1.2 Exploration of *Sharī'ah* Purposes

As-Si'dī's discourse on the purposes of the *Sharī'ah* extends beyond theoretical exposition to encompass practical application. He meticulously scrutinizes how the *Maqāṣid* inform various aspects of Islamic law, ranging from ritual practices to social transactions, thereby demonstrating their relevance to contemporary issues facing the Muslim community. This approach not only highlights the adaptability and dynamism of Islamic jurisprudence but also underscores its role in promoting human welfare, justice, and equity.

4.1.3 Ranking of *Sharī'ah* Purposes

As-Si'dī's attention to the hierarchy within the *Maqāṣid Ash-Sharī'ah* — distinguishing between primary and secondary objectives, as well as the universal and particular purposes of the law — reflects a sophisticated understanding of the nuanced ways in which the objectives of the *Sharī'ah* guide legal reasoning and decision-making. By elucidating these ranks, *As-Si'dī* provides a framework for prioritizing the various goals of the law in a manner that ensures the fulfilment of its ultimate aims: the realization of benefits and the prevention of harm.

Through his comprehensive engagement with the *Maqāṣid Ash-Sharī'ah*, *As-Si'dī* contributes significantly to the ongoing dialogue within Islamic jurisprudence about the balance between textual fidelity and contextual relevance. His work embodies a commitment to jurisprudence that is deeply rooted

in the rich soil of Islamic tradition yet fully blossomed in the light of contemporary understanding. In doing so, *As-Si'dī* not only enriches the field of Islamic jurisprudence but also offers valuable insights into the enduring wisdom and flexibility of the *Sharī'ah*, affirming its capacity to guide, inspire, and serve the Muslim *Ummah* across different ages and contexts.

4.2 Consideration of *Maqāṣid* in the Titles Related to *Sharī'ah*

4.2.1 *Taysīr Al-Karim Al-Raḥmān Fī Tafsīr Al-Kalām Al-Mannān*

This work of *'Abdur Raḥmān Nāṣir As-Si'dī* stands as a seminal work in the field of *Qu'ān*ic exegesis, distinguished for its clarity, depth, and accessibility. *As-Si'dī*'s approach to the interpretation of the *Qur'ān* is characterized by an emphasis on simplification without compromising scholarly rigor, making the divine message accessible to a broad audience without delving into unnecessary complexity or academic elaboration that may detract from the core message and objectives of the text.

Ibn Uthaymīn's commendation of *As-Si'dī*'s interpretation underscores its precision in deduction and the elucidation of legal rulings, principles of jurisprudence (*Uṣūlī* rules), and jurisprudential benefits, highlighting the work's unique contribution to understanding the *Qur'ān*'s guidance on legal and ethical matters. The title itself, "*Taysīr Al-Karim Al-Raḥmān*," reflects *As-Si'dī*'s intent to embody one of the core objectives of the *Sharī'ah*—facilitation and the alleviation of hardship. This echoes the Islamic legal maxim that seeks to make religious observance a source of ease for the faithful.

As-Si'dī's methodology, as he explicates, is centered on prioritizing meaning over mere linguistic analysis, focusing on the context of revelation and its application to the guidance of all humanity. This approach underscores his view of the *Qur'ān* as a universal message, meant to guide every individual, irrespective of their cultural or intellectual background. His emphasis on considering the context of the verses and the Prophet Muhammad's life and times during their revelation serves as a critical tool for understanding the *Qur'ān*'s message in its entirety.

As-Si'dī's interpretation is thus a manifestation of his profound commitment to making the *Qur'ān*'s wisdom accessible to all, highlighting the text's relevance to contemporary issues while remaining firmly rooted in the traditional Islamic scholarly tradition. His work exemplifies how the *Qur'ān*'s timeless guidance can be presented in a manner that resonates with modern readers, providing insights that are both intellectually enriching and spiritually uplifting.

In essence, "*Taysīr Al-Karim Al-Raḥmān Fī Tafsīr Al-Kalām Al-Mannān*" is not merely an academic contribution to Islamic scholarship; it serves as a bridge that connects hearts to the divine message, inviting readers to reflect on the *Qur'ān*'s profound wisdom and its practical implications for leading a life guided by Islamic principles. Through his interpretation, *As-Si'dī* offers a valuable resource for those seeking to deepen their understanding of the *Qur'ān*, highlighting the scripture's role as a source of guidance, comfort, and inspiration for humanity.

4.2.2 *Taysīr Al-Latīf Al-Mannān Fi Khulasah Tafsīr Al-Qur'ān*

"*Taysīr Al-Latīf Al-Mannān Fi Khulasah Tafsīr Al-Qur'ān*" by *'Abdur Raḥmān Nāṣir* As-*Si'dī* serves as a distilled essence of his more comprehensive work, "*Taysīr Al-Karim Al-Raḥmān*" aiming to provide readers with a concise yet profound overview of the *Qur'ān*'s sciences and objectives. This abridged version is crafted to cater to the diverse needs of readers, ensuring that the wisdom of the *Qur'ān* is accessible to a broad audience, including those who may not have the time or resources to engage with more extensive commentaries.

In the introduction to this work, *As-Si'dī*' sheds light on the unique nature of the *Qur'ān*, emphasizing its unparalleled arrangement and classification that intertwines various elements of knowledge and guidance within a single verse. His observation that the *Qur'ān* seamlessly combines means and ends, evidence and signified matters, alongside a mix of encouragement and warning, fundamental and subsidiary sciences, as well as worldly and otherworldly teachings, reflects his deep appreciation for the *Qur'ān*'s comprehensive approach to guiding humanity.

The terminology *As-Si'dī* employs in describing the *Qur'ān*'s content—such as means, purposes, evidence, and beneficial purposes—underscores his methodological focus on the *Maqāṣid* (objectives) of the *Sharī'ah*. This focus is not merely academic; it is a deliberate effort to highlight the *Qur'ān*'s role in completing the knowledge and guidance necessary for believers to tread a straight path in both their understanding and practice of Islam.

As-Si'dī's choice of terminology and his emphasis on selected verses that encapsulate the *Qur'ān*'s multifaceted teachings serve a dual purpose. Firstly, they make the profound wisdom of the *Qur'ān* accessible to readers by distilling its teachings into manageable, thematic insights. Secondly, they illustrate *As-Si'dī*'s intentional consideration of the *Maqāṣid Ash-Sharī'ah* in his exegesis, reflecting his commitment to elucidating the *Qur'ān*'s objectives in a way that resonates with contemporary readers.

The scholarly community's subsequent attention to the terminology and themes highlighted by *As-Si'dī* in "*Taysīr Al-Latīf Al-Mannān*", further attests to the work's significance. By drawing attention to the *Qur'ān*'s integrated approach to guidance, encompassing both theoretical knowledge and practical application, *As-Si'dī* contributes to a richer, more nuanced understanding of Islamic teachings.

In summary, "*Taysīr Al-Latīf Al-Mannān Fi Khulasah Tafsīr Al-Qur'ān*" stands as a testament to *As-Si'dī*'s profound engagement with the *Qur'ān* and his dedication to making its timeless wisdom accessible to all. Through this work, *As-Si'dī* not only simplifies the study of the *Qur'ān* but also invites readers to explore its depths with an eye toward the comprehensive guidance it offers for navigating the complexities of life in accordance with Islamic principles.

4.2.3 *Ad-Durrah Al-Mukhtaṣarah Fī Maḥāsin Ad-Dīn Al-Islāmī*

"*Ad-Durrah Al-Mukhtaṣarah Fī Maḥāsin Ad-Dīn Al-Islāmī*" by *'Abdur Raḥmān Nāṣir* As-*Si'dī* is a concise yet profound treatise

that elucidates the intrinsic beauties, virtues, and comprehensive excellence of the Islamic faith. Through twenty-one carefully selected examples, *As-Si'dī* captures the essence of Islam's universal appeal, its foundation in wisdom, mercy, and justice, and its alignment with human nature and reason. This work is a testament to the religion's ability to encompass all aspects of life, providing a framework that guides both individual and societal well-being.

In this treatise *As-Si'dī* endeavors to illustrate how the virtues of Islam permeate all its teachings, ranging from its core beliefs and practices to its legal rulings and social ethics. By highlighting examples that span the entirety of Islamic jurisprudence and its practical application in daily life, he demonstrates Islam's capacity to harmonize spiritual aspirations with worldly needs, thereby affirming the religion's relevance and adaptability to diverse contexts and eras.

The selection of the title "*Ad-Durrah Al-Mukhtaṣarah Fī Maḥāsin Ad-Dīn Al-Islāmī*" reflects *As-Si'dī*'s intention to present the Islamic faith in a manner that is both accessible and engaging. The term "*Durrah*" (pearl) connotates something precious and valuable, signifying the treasure trove of wisdom and beauty contained within Islam. This choice of title, along with the structured presentation of Islam's virtues, aligns *As-Si'dī* with earlier scholars like *Abū Bakr Al-Shāshī*, known as *Al-Qaffāl Al-Kabīr*, whose work "*Maḥāsin Ash-Sharī'ah*" similarly sought to unveil the intrinsic beauties and wisdom of Islamic teachings.

Through examples that range from Islam's emphasis on wisdom and natural disposition (Fitrah) to its comprehensive approach to reforming both religious practice and worldly affairs, *As-Si'dī*

articulates a vision of Islam that is balanced, harmonious, and deeply rooted in promoting the welfare of both the soul and the body. His work serves not only as an invitation to explore the depths of Islamic teachings but also as a call to recognize the faith's capacity to guide humanity toward a path of righteousness, fulfilment, and peace.

In essence, "*Ad-Durrah Al-Mukhtaṣarah Fī Maḥāsin Ad-Dīn Al-Islāmī*" is a celebration of the Islamic faith's richness and its profound alignment with human nature and societal needs. *As-Si'dī*'s treatise stands as a beacon for those seeking to understand the essence of Islam, its foundational principles, and its universal message of guidance and mercy. Through his scholarly work, *As-Si'dī* contributes to the ongoing discourse on the relevance of Islamic teachings, offering insights that are both reflective of the tradition's depth and attentive to the aspirations and challenges of the contemporary world.

4.2.4 *Nubdhah Mukhtaṣarah Ijmālīyah 'An Al-Islām Wa Al-Isharah Ila Muhimmat Mahasinihi*

"*Nubdhah Mukhtaṣarah Ijmālīyah 'An Al-Islām Wa Al-Ishārah Ilā Muhimmat Mahāsinihī*" by *'Abdur Raḥmān Nāṣir As-Si'dī* is a concise booklet that encapsulates the essence and comprehensive nature of Islam. This work serves as a succinct exposition of the religion's core principles, highlighting Islam as a faith that encompasses all aspects of goodness, righteousness, reform, guidance, benevolence, and exemplary morals. *As-Si'dī*'s discourse reflects a profound understanding that the virtues Islam promotes are not only universal but also have been the aspiration of human societies throughout history.

As-Si'dī meticulously outlines the virtues of Islam, starting with the emphasis on pure monotheism (*Tawḥīd*) as the foundation of the faith. This principle underlies the Islamic worldview, anchoring all acts of worship and human interactions in the recognition of *Allāh*'s sovereignty and unity. By emphasizing *Tawḥīd*, *As-Si'dī* highlights the centrality of divine guidance in achieving personal rectitude and societal harmony.

The booklet further explores how Islam systematically ensures the righteousness of both religious observance and worldly affairs. It underscores the religion's comprehensive guidance on fulfilling the rights owed to parents, children, leaders, and subjects, demonstrating how these rights are integral to establishing justice, righteousness, and reform within the community. *As-Si'dī* illustrates the ethical and legal frameworks provided by Islam—such as the laws of inheritance and the regulations governing transactions—are designed to safeguard justice and promote collective welfare.

As-Si'dī's assertion that "righteousness revolves with the religion of Islam, whether it exists or not" captures the timeless relevance of Islamic teachings. His work serves as a testament to the faith's adaptability and its capacity to address the ethical and practical challenges encountered by individuals and societies across different epochs.

Through "*Nubdhah Mukhtaṣarah Ijmālīyah 'An Al-Islām Wa Al-Ishārah Ilā Muhimmat Mahāsinihī*," *As-Si'dī* offers readers a glimpse into the holistic vision of Islam, a religion that does not merely prescribe a set of rituals but offers a comprehensive way of life that integrates spiritual fulfilment with societal well-being. His concise yet profound reflections invite believers and

seekers alike to explore the depth of Islamic teachings and to recognize the faith's potential to inspire lives marked by righteousness, justice, and compassion.

In essence, *As-Si'dī*'s work is a valuable contribution to Islamic literature, providing a clear and accessible overview of Islam's core principles and virtues. It encourages a deeper appreciation of the religion's guidance on navigating the complexities of life with faith, wisdom, and ethical integrity, underscoring Islam's enduring relevance and its message of universal goodness and reform.

4.3 Consideration of Maqāṣid in the titles related to Ath-Thaqāfah

'Abdur Raḥmān Nāṣir As-Si'dī's scholarly work spans a wide array of Islamic disciplines, reflecting his deep engagement with the *Maqāṣid* (objectives) of the *Sharī'ah* across different areas of Islamic knowledge. His contributions to the fields of *Tafsīr* (*Qur'ān*ic exegesis), Ḥadīth and its sciences, *Fiqh* (Islamic jurisprudence), *Uṣūl Al-Fiqh* (principles of jurisprudence), *'Aqīdah* (creed), *Akhlāq* (ethics), language, literature and Da'wah (preaching) underscore his holistic approach to Islamic scholarship. *As-Si'dī*'s works not only delve into the intricacies of Islamic law and theology but also explore the cultural and ethical dimensions of Islam, illustrating the religion's comprehensive guidance for all aspects of life. Here are some examples of that:

4.3.1 *Ad-Dalā'il Al-Qur'ānīyah Fī Anna Al-Ulum An-Nafi'ah Al-'Asariyah Dākhilah Fī Ad-Dīn Al-Islāmī*

"*Ad-Dalā'il Al-Qur'ānīyah Fī Anna Al-'Ulum An-Nafi'ah Al-'Asarīyah Dākhilah Fī Ad-Dīn Al-Islāmī*" by *'Abdur Raḥmān Nāṣir As-Si'dī* is a pivotal work that underscores the integration of beneficial contemporary sciences within the framework of Islamic religion, highlighting Islam's comprehensive approach to encompassing all forms of knowledge that contribute to human welfare and the betterment of society. *As-Si'dī*'s argument is rooted in the *Qur'ān*ic perspective that all beneficial knowledge, whether related to the cosmos, technology, or social sciences, falls within the ambit of Islamic teachings. He states that these sciences are considered part of *Allāh*'s creation, intended for human benefit.

As-Si'dī elucidates the concept that the Islamic *Sharī'ah*, being the law of the most wise and knowledgeable ruler, inherently includes within its scope all sciences that bring about good, mercy, guidance, righteousness, and comprehensive reform. This perspective aligns with the *Qur'ān*ic verse "It is He who created for you all of that which is on the earth" (2:29), which *As-Si'dī* interprets as an affirmation of the permissibility and purity of utilizing earthly resources for the benefit of mankind, as an expression of gratitude to *Allāh*'s generosity.

His interpretation extends to the realm of modern technology and strategic sciences, as reflected in his commentary on the verse "And prepare for them as much force as you can," where he includes contemporary military technologies and strategies within the prescribed preparations for defence in Islam. This inclusion signifies a broad understanding of Jihad, not limited to

traditional means but encompassing advancements in technology and strategic thinking that can protect and advance the Muslim community.

As-Si'dī's work serves as a testament to the dynamic and inclusive nature of Islamic teachings regarding the pursuit of knowledge. He advocates for a harmonious relationship between religion and modern beneficial sciences, asserting that Islam encourages engagement with contemporary sciences that enhance human understanding of the universe, improve life on earth, and contribute to the moral and ethical development of society.

Through "*Ad-Dalā'il Al-Qur'ān*īyah," *As-Si'dī* contributes significantly to the discourse on Islam and modernity, offering a nuanced perspective that challenges the notion of a dichotomy between religious knowledge and secular sciences. Instead, he presents a vision of Islam that embraces beneficial knowledge from all sources, encouraging Muslims to pursue and integrate contemporary sciences within the ethical and moral framework of their faith.

4.3.2 *Al-Wasā'il Al-Mufīdah Li Al-Ḥayāh As-Sa'īdah*

"*Al-Wasā'il Al-Mufīdah Li Al-Ḥayāh As-Sa'īdah*" by *'Abdur Raḥmān Nāṣir* As-*Si'dī* represents a significant contribution to the discourse on psychological well-being and mental health from an Islamic perspective. Inspired by Dale Carnegie's, "How to Stop Worrying and Start Living," *As-Si'dī*'s adaptation into the Islamic context serves as a bridge between contemporary understandings of mental health and the timeless wisdom inherent in Islamic teachings. His son, Muḥammad *Ibn 'Abdur*

Raḥmān Nāṣir As-Si'dī, notes the influence of Carnegie's work, highlighting the universal pursuit of happiness and alleviation of distress.

This concise yet profound book delves into sixteen methods designed to foster happiness, treat depression, and address various mental health challenges through religiously sanctioned, natural, and practical means. *As-Si'dī*'s approach embodies the holistic vision of Islam, which views mental well-being as integral to spiritual and physical health. By rooting his advice in Islamic principles, *As-Si'dī* provides a framework for achieving contentment and psychological resilience that is both spiritually grounded and universally applicable.

4.3.2.1 Integration with Islamic Teachings

As-Si'dī's work is distinguished by its integration of Islamic teachings with practical advice for mental well-being. By leveraging the rich tradition of Islamic spirituality, ethics, and law, he offers readers pathways to happiness that align with their faith and values. This approach not only validates the importance of mental health within the Islamic worldview but also provides Muslims with culturally and religiously resonant strategies for navigating life's challenges.

4.3.2.2 Impact and Reach

The widespread distribution of "*Al-Wasā'il Al-Mufīdah Li Al-Ḥayāh As-Sa'īdah*" through psychiatric associations in the Middle East and its translation into several languages attest to its impact and relevance. The book's reception indicates a growing recognition of the importance of addressing mental

health issues within the Muslim community and the value of Islamic perspectives in this field.

4.3.2.3 A Bridge Between Traditions

As-Si'dī's work exemplifies the productive dialogue that can occur between Islamic scholarship and contemporary fields of knowledge, such as psychology and self-help. By drawing upon the work of Dale Carnegie as a point of departure, *As-Si'dī* demonstrates the compatibility of Islamic teachings with modern insights into human psychology, offering a model for how Islamic scholars can engage with and contribute to global conversations on mental health and well-being.

In summary, "*Al-Wasā'il Al-Mufīdah Li Al-Ḥayāh As-Sa'īdah*" is a testament to *As-Si'dī*'s commitment to addressing the holistic needs of individuals—spiritual, physical, and psychological. His work serves as a valuable resource for those seeking to navigate the complexities of modern life with faith, resilience, and a deep sense of well-being. It reflects the potential of Islamic teachings to enrich contemporary understandings of happiness and mental health, offering guidance that is both spiritually grounded and universally applicable.

5. CONCLUSION

In concluding this exploration of *'Abdur Raḥmān Nāṣir As-Si'dī*'s significant contributions to the understanding and application of *Maqāṣid Ash-Sharī'ah* within Islamic jurisprudence, it is imperative to acknowledge the depth and breadth of his scholarly endeavors. *As-Si'dī*'s meticulous approach to the objectives of Islamic law has provided a comprehensive framework that balances the preservation of traditional Islamic

teachings with the necessities of contemporary life. His work serves as a testament to the dynamic nature of Islamic jurisprudence, demonstrating its capacity to address modern challenges while remaining rooted in its ethical and moral foundations.

Beyond theoretical discourse, *As-Si'dī*'s contributions offer practical guidelines for interpreting and applying Islamic law in various contexts. His emphasis on the prioritization of the Maqāṣid, or objectives, highlights the importance of understanding the underlying purposes of the Sharī'ah. This approach not only enriches the legal discourse but also ensures that the application of Islamic law remains relevant and beneficial to society. Through his works, *As-Si'dī* has articulated a vision of the Sharī'ah that is both deeply rooted in Islamic tradition and responsive to the evolving needs of the Muslim community.

Furthermore, *As-Si'dī*'s engagement with the *Maqāṣid Ash-Sharī'ah* contributes significantly to the ongoing dialogue within Islamic jurisprudence about balancing tradition and modernity. By reasserting the importance of the objectives of Islamic law, *As-Si'dī* challenges contemporary scholars and jurists to rethink the application of the Sharī'ah in light of current societal needs. His work encourages a reflective approach to jurisprudence, one that is mindful of the historical context of Islamic law while being adaptable to the demands of the present.

The implications of *As-Si'dī*'s work for contemporary Islamic jurisprudence are profound. By highlighting the flexibility and adaptability of the Sharī'ah, *As-Si'dī* provides a foundation for addressing contemporary issues within an Islamic legal

framework. His scholarship underscores the potential for Islamic law to contribute positively to global discussions on justice, ethics, and the common good. As such, *As-Si'dī*'s contributions to the study of *Maqāṣid Ash-Sharī'ah* serve not only as an invaluable resource for scholars and students of Islamic jurisprudence but also as a guiding light for the broader Muslim community seeking to navigate the complexities of modern life in accordance with Islamic principles.

In essence, *'Abdur Raḥmān Nāṣir As-Si'dī*'s scholarly endeavors in elucidating the *Maqāṣid Ash-Sharī'ah* represent a pivotal contribution to the field of Islamic jurisprudence. His work exemplifies the rich tradition of intellectual inquiry and ethical reflection within Islam, offering insights that are both historically grounded and forward-looking. As the Muslim world continues to confront new challenges, the principles and methodologies outlined by *As-Si'dī* will undoubtedly play a crucial role in shaping the future of Islamic law and its application in societies around the globe.

The legacy of *'Abdur Raḥmān Nāṣir As-Si'dī*'s work on the *Maqāṣid Ash-Sharī'ah* is a beacon of scholarly excellence and practical wisdom. His work embodies the enduring relevance of Islamic jurisprudence and its capacity to foster a just, ethical, and compassionate world. As future generations of scholars and jurists build upon his contributions, *As-Si'dī*'s work will continue to inspire a balanced, nuanced, and deeply informed approach to understanding and applying the timeless teachings of Islam.

In conclusion, *'Abdur Raḥmān Nāṣir As-Si'dī*'s work significantly advances the understanding and application of *Maqāṣid Ash-Sharī'ah* in contemporary Islamic jurisprudence. His efforts to

bridge classical principles with modern challenges illuminate the adaptability and relevance of Islamic law today. Key findings suggest his innovative approach not only respects traditional values but also addresses current societal needs. Future research endeavors should explore further applications of *Maqāṣid Ash-Sharī'ah* in emerging areas like technology and global ethics, thereby continuing to build on *As-Si'dī*'s foundational work.

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