

# Maqasid Al Shari'ah: Ijtihad and Civilization Renewal

Maqasid Al Shari'ah: Ijtihad and Civilization Renewal is a book by Dr. Mohammad Hashim Kamali, an associate professor at the International Islamic University Malaysia. The book examines the principles and practices of Islamic law, focusing on the concept of maqasid al shari'ah (the higher objectives of Islamic law) and its role in contemporary society.



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## The Concept of Maqasid Al Shari'ah

Maqasid al shari'ah is a central concept in Islamic law. It refers to the higher objectives or purposes of Islamic law, which are derived from the Quran and the Sunnah (the teachings and practices of the Prophet Muhammad). These objectives include the preservation of religion, life, intellect, lineage, and property.

The concept of maqasid al shari'ah is important because it provides a framework for understanding the principles and practices of Islamic law. It

also helps to ensure that Islamic law is applied in a way that is consistent with its higher objectives and purposes.

## **Ijtihad and Civilization Renewal**

Ijtihad is the process of independent reasoning and interpretation in Islamic law. It is a key principle of Islamic law, as it allows for the law to be adapted to changing circumstances and needs.

Ijtihad is particularly important in the context of civilization renewal. As societies change, it is necessary to reinterpret and apply Islamic law in a way that is relevant to the new challenges and opportunities.

## **The Role of Maqasid Al Shari'ah in Ijtihad**

The concept of maqasid al shari'ah plays a key role in ijti had. It provides a framework for interpreting Islamic law and for determining how it can be applied to new situations.

By focusing on the higher objectives of Islamic law, ijti had can help to ensure that the law is applied in a way that is consistent with its original purposes and objectives. This, in turn, can help to promote civilization renewal and the development of a just and equitable society.

## **Contemporary Applications of Maqasid Al Shari'ah**

The concept of maqasid al shari'ah has been used in a variety of contemporary contexts, including:

\* To develop new laws and policies that are consistent with the higher objectives of Islamic law. \* To reform existing laws and policies that are not

consistent with the higher objectives of Islamic law. \* To promote interfaith dialogue and understanding. \* To promote social justice and equality.

The concept of maqasid al shari'ah is a powerful tool that can be used to promote civilization renewal and the development of a just and equitable society. By focusing on the higher objectives of Islamic law, ijihad can help to ensure that the law is applied in a way that is consistent with its original purposes and objectives. This, in turn, can help to promote the development of a society that is both just and equitable.

Maqasid Al Shari'ah: Ijtihad and Civilization Renewal is a timely and important book that examines the principles and practices of Islamic law in a contemporary context. The book provides a valuable framework for understanding the role of maqasid al shari'ah in ijihad and civilization renewal. It is a must-read for anyone interested in Islamic law, civilization renewal, or the development of a just and equitable society.



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