



QURANIC LEGAL MAXIMS (QAWĀ'ID QUR'ĀNIYYAH): FOUNDATIONS, HISTORICAL DEVELOPMENT, AND INTEGRATION WITH QURANIC SCIENCES

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ABSTRACT

This study explores the conceptual framework, historical evolution, and thematic classification of Quranic Principles (Qawā'id Qur'āniyyah), emphasizing their role in Islamic scholarship. The research delineates the distinction between Quranic Principles and Quranic Sciences ('Ulūm al-Qur'ān), highlighting their interrelation and methodological divergence. Two primary approaches to deriving Quranic principles are identified: (1) direct extraction (istikhrāj) from Quranic verses and (2) deductive reasoning (istinbāt) from Quranic texts. The study further categorizes these principles into declarative (khabariyyah) and prescriptive (taklifiyyah) types, as well as general ('āmmah) and specific (khāṣṣah) domains. Contemporary works, such as "Qā'idah Qur'āniyyah fī al-Nafs wa al-Ḥayāh" by Dr. 'Umar ibn 'Abdullāh al-Muqbil and "Mu'jam al-Qawā'id al-Qur'āniyyah" by Dr. Muḥammad ibn Mūsā al-Sharīf, are analyzed to demonstrate the application of Quranic principles in diverse fields, including human psychology, ethics, and proselytization (da'wah). The findings underscore the Qur'ān's adaptability as a source of universal axioms and context-specific guidance, offering a robust framework for interdisciplinary Islamic scholarship.

Keywords: *Quranic Principles (Qawā'id Qur'āniyyah), Quranic Sciences ('Ulūm al-Qur'ān), Direct Extraction (Istikhrāj), Deductive Reasoning (Istinbāt), Islamic Scholarship*

SECTION 1: INTRODUCTION

1.1 The Concept of Quranic Principles (Qawā'id Qur'āniyyah)

As the term "Qawā'id Qur'āniyyah" (Quranic Principles) is modern, the present author has yet to encounter a comprehensive and precise definition for it. However, Dr. 'Umar bin 'Abdullāh al-Muqbil has formulated a definition, which he claims is the first formal articulation of this compound term:

*"Universal, definitive rulings (aḥkām kullīyyah qaṭ'iyyah) derived directly from the explicit texts (nuṣūṣ) of the Qur'ān."*¹

Here, "definitive" (qaṭ'iyyah) refers to rulings that are *conclusively established in authenticity (qaṭ'ī al-thubūt)*, as they are entirely rooted in divine revelation without rational interpolation.

In the present author's assessment, this definition does not apply *universally* to all frameworks of "Qawā'id Qur'āniyyah," given the methodological diversity among scholars in this field. Dr. al-Muqbil's definition aligns only with methodologies that treat specific *Quranic verses (āyāt qur'āniyyah)* themselves as direct "Quranic Principles."

However, alternative methodologies do not confine "Qawā'id Qur'āniyyah" to the explicit wording of verses. Instead, they derive principles through inductive reasoning (*istinbāt*) from



the *implications* (madlūl) or contextual significations of Quranic texts. To accommodate these approaches, a minor revision to the aforementioned definition would render it inclusive of all scholarly traditions. For instance:

*“Universal, definitive rulings derived directly from the explicit texts of the Qur’ān or from the implications (madlūl) of its texts.”*²

1.2 The Significance of Quranic Principles (Qawā’id Qur’āniyyah)

A fundamental question arises: Why is the codification of principles (*qawā’id*) essential within any domain of Islamic scholarship?

- **Epistemological Necessity:** Principles hold critical importance for several reasons.
- **Dispute Resolution:** A principle (*qā’idah*) serves as a decisive arbiter in resolving disagreements, providing authoritative rulings (*aḥkām*).
- **Comprehensive Insight:** Principles illuminate multifaceted dimensions of an issue, ensuring no detail remains obscured.
- **Intellectual Rigor:** Mastery of principles fosters profound and nuanced comprehension of jurisprudential matters (*masā’il*).
- **Cognitive Clarity:** Engaging with principles cultivates intellectual breadth (*sharḥ al-ṣadr*), enabling holistic understanding of Islamic rulings.

Scholars who systematized principles across disciplines also articulated their objectives and benefits. Below are key insights from classical authorities:

1.3 Scholarly Perspectives on the Utility of Principles

- **Imam Badr al-Dīn al-Zarkashī** (d. 794 AH) highlights two primary benefits:
*“They consolidate preservation (ḥifẓ) and systematize knowledge (dabt).”*³
— Principles enhance retention and structure scholarly discourse.
- **Al-Zuhaylī** frames principles as *“intermediaries between subsidiary matters (furū’) and foundational axioms (uṣūl), or between rulings (aḥkām) and theoretical frameworks (nazariyyāt).”*⁴
- **Imam Ibn ‘Uthaymīn** (d. 1421 AH) underscores their pedagogical necessity:
*“A student must prioritize mastering principles (uṣūl wa qawā’id), as they safeguard knowledge. Mere familiarity with isolated rulings (mufrad masā’il) offers limited utility.”*⁵
- **Ibn Taymiyyah** (d. 728 AH) emphasizes their role in justice:
*“Grasping universal principles (uṣūl wa kulliyāt) alongside their particulars (juz’iyyāt) equips one to speak with equity (‘adl). Without this, ignorance persists, breeding corruption (fasād). Neglecting principles risks entanglement in falsehood (kadhib) and injustice (ẓulm), culminating in societal discord.”*⁶

1.4 Quranic Imperative Against Fragmentation

The Qur’ān condemns those who fragment divine guidance, a warning directly tied to neglecting universal principles:

*“As We sent down [punishment] upon the dividers, who fragmented the Qur’ān into parts.”*⁷

1.4.1 Exegetical Insights

- **Mujāhid ibn Jabr** (d. 104 AH):
*“The ‘dividers’ refer to the People of the Book (Ahl al-Kitāb) who dismembered Scripture into disjointed segments.”*⁸



- **Muqātil ibn Sulaymān** (d. 150 AH):
“They treated the *Qur’ān* like camel carcasses—dividing it limb by limb—and rejected faith in its totality.”⁹
- **Ibn ‘Abbās** (d. 68 AH):
“They fragmented the *Qur’ān*, believing in parts and disbelieving in others.”¹⁰

1.5 Interpretative Implications

These verses critique the Jewish and Christian rejection of holistic principles (*kullīyyāt*) in favor of atomized particulars (*juz’iyyāt*), a practice leading to misguidance (*ḍalāl*). This underscores the necessity of distinguishing Quranic Principles (*Qawā’id Qur’āniyyah*) rooted in divine text from Jurisprudential Maxims (*Qawā’id Fiqhiyyah*), which derive from human interpretive efforts (*ijtihād*).

Clarifying this dichotomy is vital to delineating the scope and authority of Quranic principles.

SECTION 2: DISTINCTION BETWEEN QURANIC PRINCIPLES (QAWĀ’ID QUR’ĀNIYYAH) AND JURISPRUDENTIAL MAXIMS (QAWĀ’ID FIQHIYYAH)

Having previously defined *Qawā’id Qur’āniyyah* (Quranic Principles), we now elucidate *Qawā’id Fiqhiyyah* (Jurisprudential Maxims). Maulana Ahmad Nadwi defines the latter as:

“A predominant *Sharī’ah* ruling (*ḥukm sharī’*) pertaining to a majority case (*qaḍīyyah aghlabiyyah*), from which subsidiary rulings (*aḥkām*) falling under its scope are derived.”¹¹

— This denotes a legal axiom that provides a framework for understanding rulings (*aḥkām*) and their applications within Islamic jurisprudence.

2.1 Key Differentiators

2.1.2 Source Specificity

- *Qawā’id Qur’āniyyah* are exclusive to the *Qur’ān*, derived directly from its explicit texts (*nuṣūṣ*).
- *Qawā’id Fiqhiyyah* are derived from multiple sources, including the *Qur’ān*, Sunnah, consensus (*ijmā’*), and analogical reasoning (*qiyās*).

2.1.3 Epistemological Basis

- *Qawā’id Qur’āniyyah* are rooted in divine revelation (*wahy*), with their authority tied to the *Qur’ān*’s inerrancy.
- *Qawā’id Fiqhiyyah* are rooted in human scholarly effort (*ijtihād*), reflecting juristic interpretation and inductive reasoning (*istinbāt*).

2.1.4 Scope of Application

- *Qawā’id Qur’āniyyah* operate as universal axioms (*kullīyyāt*), transcending specific legal contexts.
- *Qawā’id Fiqhiyyah* function as pragmatic tools to systematize rulings (*aḥkām*) across diverse jurisprudential scenarios.

2.1.5 Definitive vs. Probative Authority

- *Qawā’id Qur’āniyyah* are definitive in authenticity (*qaṭ’ī al-thubūt*), binding all Muslims.
- *Qawā’id Fiqhiyyah* are probative (*ẓannī*), subject to scholarly critique and revision based on evolving contexts.¹²

2.2 Nuanced Perspectives



The above differentiation aligns with the view of scholars who restrict *Qawā'id Qur'āniyyah* to verbatim Quranic injunctions (*alfāz al-āyāt*). However, other methodologies expand this scope to include principles inferred (*mustanbatāh*) from the Qur'ān's broader objectives (*maqāsid*) and implications (*madlūl*). This variance underscores the dynamic interplay between textual fidelity and juristic adaptability in Islamic legal theory (*uṣūl al-fiqh*).

SECTION 3: THE EVOLUTION OF QURANIC PRINCIPLES (QAWĀ'ID QUR'ĀNIYYAH)

3.1 Typology and Historical Development of Legal-Canonical Sciences

1. Revealed Sciences ('Ulūm al-Wahy)

The term encompasses both "recited revelation" (*wahy matlū*), i.e., the Qur'ān, and "non-recited revelation" (*wahy ghayr matlū*), i.e., the Prophetic Sunnah. A pivotal question arises: When were these sciences systematically codified, and when were their foundational principles formalized?

Initially, scholars established methodological axioms (*uṣūlī qawā'id*) to streamline deductive reasoning (*istinbāt*) and juristic effort (*ijtihād*). According to Dr. Wahbah al-Zuhaylī, Islamic jurisprudence (*fiqh*) emerged through the proliferation of *particular rulings* (*juz'iyyāt*) in the first Hijrī century. By the second century, novel approaches like "hypothetical jurisprudence" (*fiqh farḍī*)—devising hypothetical cases to extrapolate Sharī'ah rulings—gained traction, alongside the crystallization of distinct methodologies (*manāhij*) within the four Sunni schools (*madhāhib*). This period saw the emergence of three categories of principles:

- **Principles of Deduction and Ijtihād (Qawā'id al-Istinbāt wa al-Ijtihād)**

Rooted in *legal theory* (*uṣūl al-fiqh*), these axioms enabled jurists to derive rulings from primary sources.

- **Principles of Authentication (Qawā'id al-Takhrij)**

Developed to evaluate ḥadīth transmission (*riwāyah*), assess narrators' reliability (*jarḥ wa ta'dīl*), and authenticate chains (*isnād*). These principles, known as *muṣṭalah al-ḥadīth* or *uṣūl al-ḥadīth*, ensured trustworthiness in juristic reasoning.

- **Legal Maxims (Qawā'id al-Aḥkām)**

Codified by adherents of specific schools (*madhāhib*), these maxims synthesized analogous rulings (*aḥkām mutamāthilah*) through *qiyās* (analogy) and *ijtihād*. Termed "*kullīyyāt al-fiqh al-Islāmī*" or *qawā'id fiqhiyyah*, they systematized Islamic legal thought.

3.2 Codification and Scholarly Contributions

The first systematic treatise on legal axioms (*qawā'id uṣūliyyah*) was Imam al-Shāfi'ī's (d. 204 AH) *al-Risālah*, which revolutionized Islamic jurisprudence. Subsequent centuries witnessed exponential growth in codifying principles across disciplines—grammar (*nahw*), theology (*kalām*), and logic (*manṭiq*)—as noted by Ibn Qutaybah al-Dīnawārī (d. 276 AH) in *Ta'wīl Mushkil al-Qur'ān* and Abū Manṣūr al-Tha'ālabī (d. 429 AH) in *al-I'jāz wa al-Ījāz*.

While early scholars implicitly engaged with Quranic principles, they did not formally term them "*Qawā'id Qur'āniyyah*." For instance, Ibn al-Qayyim (d. 751 AH) derived a universal axiom from Q. 6:115:

"*The Qur'ān is divided into two categories, as stated by Allah: "The word of your Lord is perfected*



in truth and justice”¹³. This signifies that divine speech comprises either truthful reports (*akhbār ṣādiqah*) or equitable injunctions (*takālīf ‘ādilah*).¹⁴

Such inferences, though unnamed as “principles,” laid the groundwork for later codification.

3.3 Modern Systematization of Quranic Principles

Shaykh ‘Abd al-Raḥmān al-Sa‘dī (d. 1376 AH) pioneered the formalization of *Qawā‘id Qur’āniyyah* in *al-Qawā‘id al-Ḥisān*, treating Quranic verses (*āyāt*) or their implications (*maddlūl*) as axioms. For example, he framed Q. 24:27 (“Enter houses through their proper doors”) as a principle mandating adherence to *methodological propriety*—applying it to Qur’ānic exegesis (*tafsīr*) via the Salaf’s hermeneutics. He concludes:

“Each word of these noble verses constitutes a universal principle (*aṣl kullī*) encompassing manifold meanings.”¹⁵

Ṭāhir ibn ‘Āshūr (d. 1393 AH) expanded this framework in his *tafsīr*, often labeling principles as “*jārī majrā al-mithl*” (universally applicable norms). Post their works, the term *Qawā‘id Qur’āniyyah* gained prominence, inspiring modern treatises such as:

- Mu‘jam al-Qawā‘id al-Qur’āniyyah by Dr. Muḥammad ibn Mūsā al-Sharīf (Dar al-Andalus al-Khaḍrā’, Jeddah).
- Qawā‘id Qur’āniyyah fī al-Nafs wa al-Ḥayāh by Dr. ‘Umar ibn ‘Abdullāh al-Muqbil (Qaṣīm University).
- Mawsū‘at al-Qawā‘id al-Fiḥiyyah by Dr. Muḥammad Ṣidqī (Imam Muḥammad ibn Saud Islamic University).
- Al-Qawā‘id al-Fiḥiyyah wa Taṭbīqātuhā fī al-Madhāhib al-Arba‘ah by Dr. Wahbah al-Zuḥaylī (University of Sharjah).
- Al-Qawā‘id al-Muthlā fī Asmā’ wa Ṣifāt Allāh al-Ḥusnā by Ibn ‘Uthaymīn (Islamic University of Madīnah).

SECTION 4: INTERRELATION BETWEEN QURANIC PRINCIPLES (QAWĀ‘ID QUR’ĀNIYYAH) AND QURANIC SCIENCES (‘ULŪM AL-QUR’ĀN)

4.1 Distinguishing Quranic Principles from Quranic Sciences

To delineate the distinction between *Qawā‘id Qur’āniyyah* (Quranic Principles) and *‘Ulūm al-Qur’ān* (Quranic Sciences), a foundational understanding of the latter is imperative. Scholars of this discipline have variably defined *‘Ulūm al-Qur’ān*, though these differences reflect *diversity in expression* (*ikhtilāf tanawwu’*) rather than substantive disagreement. Some definitions are expansive, others concise; some focus on disciplines directly tied to the Qur’ān, while others incorporate ancillary fields.

Manā‘ al-Qaṭṭān defines *‘Ulūm al-Qur’ān* as:

“The science encompassing research related to the Qur’ān, including knowledge of occasions of revelation (*asbāb al-nuzūl*), its compilation and arrangement, Meccan and Medinan revelations (*al-makkī wa al-madanī*), abrogation (*al-nāsikh wa al-mansūkh*), the definitive and the ambiguous (*al-muḥkam wa al-mutashābih*), and other Quranic-related disciplines.”¹⁶

Al-Zarqānī offers a broader formulation:

“Any science that serves the Qur’ān or is ascribed to it.”¹⁷



While phrased differently, both definitions share conceptual parity. Al-Qattān's "research related to the Qur'an" (*al-abhāth al-muta'alliqah bi al-Qur'an*) aligns with al-Zarqānī's "serves the Qur'an" (*yakhdim al-Qur'an*), underscoring their thematic congruence.

4.2 Key Differentiators

The relationship between *Qawā'id Qur'āniyyah* and *'Ulūm al-Qur'an* is one of general-specific ('umūm-khuṣūṣ min wajh):

- *Qawā'id Qur'āniyyah* are subsumed within *'Ulūm al-Qur'an*, as the latter encompasses all Quranic-related disciplines.
- Conversely, *'Ulūm al-Qur'an* is not confined to *Qawā'id Qur'āniyyah*; it includes ancillary fields like Arabic rhetoric (*'ilm al-balāghah*), grammar (*naḥw*), and morphology (*ṣarf*), which are not exclusive to the Qur'an.

In essence, *Qawā'id Qur'āniyyah* constitute a subset of *'Ulūm al-Qur'an*, focusing strictly on universal axioms derived from Quranic texts (*nuṣūṣ*) or their implications (*madlūl*).

4.3 Sources and Methodologies for Deriving Quranic Principles

As outlined in the preceding section on the *evolution of canonical principles*, scholars formulated diverse axioms (*uṣūl wa qawā'id*) to systematize deductive reasoning (*istinbāt*) and juristic effort (*ijtihād*). These principles were designed to clarify methodologies (*manāḥij*) and objectives (*aghraḍ*) for extrapolating rulings.

For instance, principles of abrogation (*naskh*) or Meccan-Medinan contexts (*makkī-madani*) not only reflect hermeneutical tools but also embody the epistemological frameworks guiding classical exegesis (*tafsīr*). The *purpose* (*gharaḍ*) behind these principles often elucidates their underlying methodologies, such as prioritizing textual clarity (*bayān*) or reconciling apparent contradictions (*jam' bayn al-nuṣūṣ*).

4.4 General Categories of Quranic Principles (Qawā'id Qur'āniyyah)

- **Deriving Quranic Principles Directly from Quranic Verses or Words**
This approach involves treating specific Quranic verses (*āyāt*) or phrases (*alfāz*) as foundational principles (*qawā'id*).
- **Formulating Quranic Principles Through Deduction (*Istinbāt*) from Quranic Verses**
This method entails deriving principles by interpreting Quranic texts and articulating them in one's own words.

In this section, the term "extraction" (*istikhrāj*) refers to the first category, while "deduction" (*istinbāt*) pertains to the second.

4.5 Extraction of Quranic Principles from Quranic Verses

This methodology, termed "the extraction approach" (*manhaj al-istikhrāj*), is characterized by deriving principles directly from Quranic texts without additional interpretation. While the principles themselves are extracted (*mustakhrāj*), subsequent deductions (*istinbātāt*) may be drawn from them.

A prominent contemporary example is Dr. 'Umar ibn 'Abdullāh al-Muqbil, Associate Professor at Qaṣīm University, whose work "*Qawā'id Qur'āniyyah fī al-Nafs wa al-Hayāh*" exemplifies this approach. He treats Quranic verses as direct principles. For instance:

- **First Principle:** Derived from Q. 2:83:
"And speak to people kindly"¹⁸.



- **Second Principle:** Derived from Q. 2:216:
*"Perhaps you dislike something, yet it is good for you; and perhaps you love something, yet it is bad for you"*¹⁹.

All fifty principles in his work are similarly extracted directly from Quranic verses.

Another example is Dr. Muḥammad ibn Mūsā al-Sharīf, author of "*Muḥjam al-Qawā'id al-Qur'āniyyah*", who claims his work is the first of its kind to comprehensively cover principles relevant to all aspects of life. He states:

*"I have not seen anyone undertake such a work before."*²⁰

4.6 Deduction (*istinbāt*) of Quranic Principles from Quranic Verses

This approach involves deriving principles through interpretive reasoning (*istinbāt*) from Quranic texts, often articulating them in the scholar's own words. While early scholars (*muqaddimūn*) employed this method, they did not explicitly label their findings as "*Quranic Principles*" (*Qawā'id Qur'āniyyah*).

A notable contemporary example is Shaykh 'Abd al-Raḥmān al-Sa'dī, whose work "*al-Qawā'id al-Ḥisān*" extensively employs this method. For instance:

- **32nd Principle**
"Commanding something implies prohibiting its opposite" (*al-amr bi al-shay' nahy 'an diddih*).²¹
- **33rd Principle**
"Diseases of the heart in the Qur'an are of two types: diseases of doubt and skepticism, and diseases of desires and prohibitions" (*al-maraḍ fī al-Qur'an maraḍ al-qulūb naw'an: maraḍ shubuhāt wa shukūk, wa maraḍ shahawāt wa maḥramāt*).²²
- **69th Principle**
"Whoever abandons something for Allah, Allah will replace it with something better" (*man taraka shay'an li Allāh 'awwaḍahu Allāh khayran minhu*).²³

At the end of his book, al-Sa'dī lists over sixty Quranic verses that embody Quranic principles, such as:

- Al-Qur'an, Sūrat al-Ṣāffāt 41:46: *"Whoever does righteousness, it is for himself; and whoever does evil, it is against himself."*
- Al-Qur'an, Sūrat Yūnus 10:26: *"For those who do good is the best reward and more."*
- Al-Qur'an, Sūrat al-Raḥmān 55:60: *"Is the reward for goodness anything but goodness?"*
- Al-Qur'an, Sūrat al-Wāqī'ah 56:10: *"The forerunners are the forerunners."*
- Al-Qur'an, Sūrat al-Naml 16:90: *"Indeed, Allah commands justice, goodness, and giving to relatives."*
- Al-Qur'an, Sūrat al-Mā'idah 5:2: *"Cooperate in righteousness and piety, and do not cooperate in sin and aggression."*
- Al-Qur'an, Sūrat al-Naḥl 16:97: *"Whoever does righteousness, whether male or female, while being a believer, We will surely grant them a good life and reward them according to the best of what they used to do."*
- Al-Qur'an, Sūrat al-Zalzalah 99:7-8: *"Whoever does an atom's weight of good will see it, and whoever does an atom's weight of evil will see it."*



Al-Sa' dī concludes:

*"These noble verses and their like—every word in them constitutes a universal principle (aṣl kullī) encompassing manifold meanings."*²⁴

SECTION 5: CLASSIFICATION OF QURANIC PRINCIPLES (QAWĀ'ID QUR'ĀNIYYAH) BASED ON APPLICATION

Quranic principles can be further categorized into two types based on their application (*taṭbīq*):

- **Declarative Principles (Qawā'id Khabariyyah)**

These principles are articulated in the Quran using *declarative language (ṣīghat khabar)*, conveying established and universally accepted truths. For example:

*"He has succeeded who purifies it"*²⁵.

- **Prescriptive Principles (Qawā'id Taklīfiyyah)**

These principles employ *imperative language (ṣīghat inshā' wa amr)*, mandating specific obligations or actions. For example:

*"Enter houses through their proper doors"*²⁶.

Under this verse, 'Abd al-Raḥmān al-Sa' dī deduces the principle that *"every action should be performed in its known and established manner."*

5.1 Further Classification into General and Specific Principles

- **General Quranic Principles (Qawā'id Qur'āniyyah 'Āmmah)**

These principles encompass broad and universal meanings, applicable across multiple or all domains of knowledge (*abwāb al-'ilm*). For example:

*"Allah does not burden a soul beyond its capacity"*²⁷.

- **Specific Quranic Principles (Qawā'id Qur'āniyyah Khāṣṣah)**

These principles pertain to specific domains of knowledge or particular contexts. For example:

*"And live with them in kindness"*²⁸, which specifically addresses marital relations.

5.2 Classification of Quranic Principles (Qawā'id Qur'āniyyah) by Subject Matter

Contemporary scholars have categorized Quranic principles into distinct thematic domains. Notable classifications include:

- **Principles Pertaining to Human Psychology and Life**

Works such as *"Quranic Principles in Human Psychology and Life" (Qā'idah Qur'āniyyah fī al-Nafs wa al-Ḥayāh)* by Dr. 'Umar ibn 'Abdullāh al-Muqbil focus on axioms derived from the Qur'ān that address human behavior, ethics, and existential purpose.

- **Comprehensive Lexicons of Quranic Principles**

Dr. Muḥammad ibn Mūsā al-Sharīf's *"Mu'jam al-Qawā'id al-Qur'āniyyah"* (Lexicon of Quranic Principles) systematizes principles across all Quranic subjects, serving as an encyclopedic reference for interdisciplinary Islamic scholarship.

- **Principles Specific to Islamic Proselytization (Da'wah)**

Specialized works like *"Quranic Principles in Inviting to Allāh" (Qawā'id Qur'āniyyah fī al-Da'wah ilā Allāh)* by Shaykh Bin 'Asū al-'Amāwī collate principles guiding theological outreach, ethical persuasion, and communal engagement.



5.3 Academic Implications

This thematic categorization underscores the Qur'ān's adaptability as a source of universal axioms (*kullīyyāt*) and context-specific guidance (*juz'īyyāt*). By aligning principles with discrete subject areas, scholars facilitate targeted application in fields such as ethics, jurisprudence, and social reform, while preserving the Qur'ān's holistic coherence.

CONCLUSION

The study concludes that *Quranic Principles (Qawā'id Qur'āniyyah)* serve as foundational axioms for understanding and applying the Qur'ān's teachings across various domains of knowledge. By distinguishing between *extraction (istikhrāj)* and *deduction (istinbāt)*, the research highlights the methodological diversity in deriving these principles. The categorization into *declarative* and *prescriptive* principles, as well as *general* and *specific* domains, reflects the Qur'ān's holistic coherence and contextual relevance. Contemporary works, such as those by Dr. al-Muqbil and Dr. al-Sharīf, exemplify the practical application of these principles in addressing modern challenges, from human psychology to ethical governance and theological outreach. This research underscores the enduring significance of Quranic principles as a dynamic and universal framework for Islamic thought, bridging classical scholarship with contemporary academic inquiry. Future studies may further explore the interdisciplinary potential of these principles in addressing emerging global issues within an Islamic epistemological framework.

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