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Abstract

This article seeks to investigate the methodology of Ismaril Rājī al-Fārūqī, a contemporary Muslim scholar recognised as an authority on Islam and comparative religion, in the study of Christianity based on his masterpiece "Christian Ethics: A Historical and Systematic Analysis of its Dominant Ideas." The goal of this article is to study al-Fārūqī's genuine and comprehensive work through which he presents a new approach toward the understanding of Christianity, highlighting its ethical aspect. Its significance lies in defining the value of the methodology he used in the study of Christian dogma and ethics. This article uses historical, descriptive, and interpretative analytical methods throughout the entire work. This study discusses: (1) al-Fārūqī's short biography; (2) al-Fārūqī's work on Christianity; and (3) the interpretive analysis of al-Fārūqī's methodology in the light of selected texts from his work on "Christian Ethics." The outcomes of this research provide new insights into the existing body of knowledge concerning Muslims' experience in the study of other religions, which is very advantageous for contemporary scholars of comparative religion. © IIUM Press.

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