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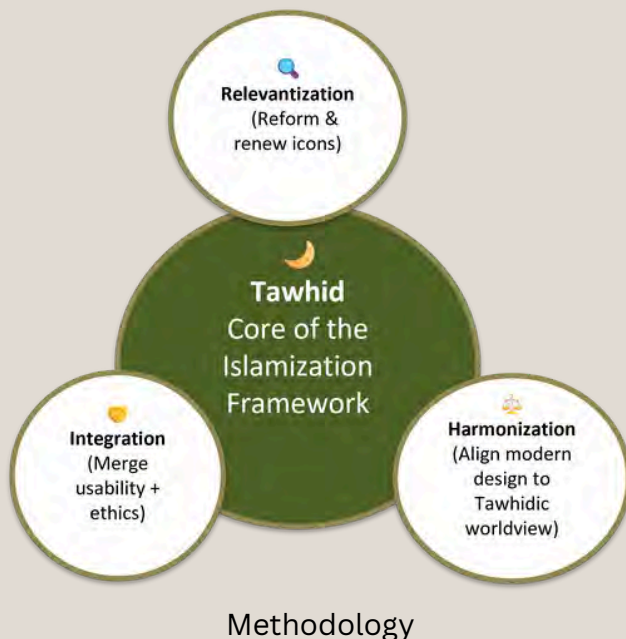
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From Meaning to Usability: Tawhidic Pathways for Ethical Icon Design

INTRODUCTION

Relevantization (Reform & renew icons)

Tawhid Core of the Islamization Framework

Integration (Merge usability + ethics)

Harmonization (Align modern design to Tawhidic worldview)

Methodology

Icons are powerful - they do more than enable clicks. They visualize complex information, support learning, and shape moral choices. Yet many modern designs overlook ethics and Tawhidic values, allowing visuals to mislead or promote immorality. Guided by the *Islamization of Knowledge* framework - **Relevantization, Integration, and Harmonization**, this study identifies both benefits (clarity, inclusivity, learning support) and risks (distraction, immorality, deception) in icon design. It aims to develop a Tawhid-based framework for ethical icon design, integrating usability with Islamic ethical principles to enhance digital teaching, learning, and moral integrity.

METHODOLOGY

The study adopts a qualitative approach guided by the *Islamization of Knowledge framework*—**Relevantization, Integration, and Harmonization**. It includes literature review, comparative analysis, and insights from Islamic sources to develop a Tawhidic-based framework for ethical icon design.

Proposed Islamic Icon Design Principles

DISCUSSION

EXAMPLE APPLICATIONS

Islamic design principles can guide ethical visuals across platforms:

- ⚖️ **Banking apps:** use the justice and trust symbol.
- 📘 **E-learning platform:** use book or light icons for knowledge.
- 🌙 **Prayer apps:** use crescents and calligraphy, avoid figures.
- 💬 **Communication tools**: replace inappropriate emojis with respectful ones.

FINDINGS

KEY FINDINGS AND PRINCIPLES

The study identifies key ethical principles for Islamic icon design:

- **Clarity with Integrity** 📘: simple, honest meaning.
- **Cultural & Religious Sensitivity** 🕌 : avoid offensive symbols.
- **Moderation in Attention Design** ⚖️ : avoid flashy tricks.
- **Function-First Usability** 💡 : icons serve purpose before decoration.

The proposed Islamic icon design principles provide educators and developers with ethical tools for icon development.

Key Findings:

- **Beneficial Icons**: 📘 Book, 💡 Lightbulb, 🕌 Mosque. Promote clarity, learning, and spirituality.
- **Harmful Icons:** 🔴 Flashy notifications, 🙈 Inappropriate emojis, 🎭 Misleading buttons. Cause distraction, addiction, and moral decline.

Sample Icons

CONCLUSION

CONCLUSION & IMPLICATION

By aligning meaning with usability, ethical Islamic icon design reintegrates faith and knowledge in digital education. Icons shape hearts, minds, and behaviour; when guided by Tawhidic values, they enhance learning, remembrance, and moral consciousness within the Tawhidic Paradigm of Teaching and Learning.