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It is with great pleasure that we present to our esteemed readers the August 2025 issue of *al-Burhān: Journal of Qur’ān and Sunnah Studies*. This volume brings together a diverse range of scholarly contributions that engage with the Qur’ān, the Prophetic Sunnah, Islamic thought, and the lived realities of Muslim societies. Collectively, the articles reflect a balance between classical textual scholarship and contemporary socio-intellectual challenges, reaffirming the dynamism of Islamic knowledge in addressing perennial questions and modern predicaments.

Qur’anic Coherence and Methodologies of Interpretation

The opening article, “*Apparent Contradictions in the Qur’ān: Preconditions, Causes, and Scholarly Methodologies of Resolution*,” revisits a timeless issue in Qur’anic studies: the claim of contradiction in revelation. By foregrounding the classical uṣūlī framework and demonstrating its enduring relevance, the author reaffirms the impossibility of true contradiction in the Qur’ān and offers methodological clarity for students and scholars alike. Complementing this is a quantitative study on “*Statistical Validation of 19-Letter Verses in the Qur’ān*,” which approaches the text through the lens of numerical analysis. This piece contributes to the growing discourse on the Qur’ān’s structural integrity, situating statistical inquiry within the broader tradition of safeguarding its preservation.

Furthering the exegetical focus, “*Al-Sabuni’s Methodology in Interpreting Legal Qur’anic Verses*” offers a critical appraisal of *Rawā’i’ al-Bayān*, illuminating how a modern mufassir navigates classical jurisprudence and contemporary realities. Equally significant is the thematic study “*Al-Amānah as a Foundational Qur’anic Principle in Daily Human Affairs*,” which emphasizes the centrality of trustworthiness as a guiding ethic for both individual conduct and communal cohesion.

Social and Ethical Realities of Muslim Communities

This issue also addresses pressing social questions confronting Muslim families and societies today. The article on “*The Main Reasons for Divorces in Cambodian Muslim Families and the Solutions*” offers empirical insights into marital breakdown, highlighting how insufficient religious literacy, external interference, and weakened mutual trust erode the family unit. In parallel, “*Social Justice and the*

Effects of Its Application in the Family Context in Bangladesh” underscores the Qur’anic imperative of justice within familial structures, drawing connections between scriptural principles and the lived experience of Bangladeshi households.

Two additional contributions emphasize the shaping of moral and social life through Islamic teachings: “*The Friday Pulpit Between Idle Talk and Reverence*” draws attention to the challenge of distractions in Friday sermons in the modern age, while “*Social Values in the Holy Qur’ān in the Ethics of Forgiveness, Cooperation, and Reform*” highlights the Qur’ān’s role in cultivating a society founded on mercy, reconciliation, and solidarity.

Broader Intellectual and Civilizational Concerns

Beyond the family and community sphere, this issue turns to global and civilizational challenges. “*The Role of Islamic Legislation in Addressing Racial Discrimination*” positions Islamic law as a timeless framework to dismantle prejudice and affirm human dignity. In the realm of intellectual history, “*A Critical Study of the Accusations against Imām Fakhr al-Dīn al-Rāzī*” revisits the polemics surrounding one of Islam’s greatest theologians, offering a nuanced assessment of his contributions and critics.

The article on “*Scientific Miracles in the Qur’ān: Between Religious Texts and Modern Discoveries*” engages with the ongoing debate on reconciling revelation with science, cautioning against hasty claims while affirming the Qur’ān’s potential to inspire genuine scientific inquiry. Similarly, “*The Effects of the Proliferation of Spurious Hadith on Islamic Communities*” warns of contemporary threats to the integrity of the Sunnah, highlighting the dangers of weak and fabricated reports circulating through modern media.

Finally, in the field of Islamic economics, “*Murabahah Contract as a Shariah-Compliant Alternative to Interest-Based Financing*” offers a critical analysis of contemporary applications of a classical financing model through the lens of *maqāṣid al-shari‘ah*. By linking economic realities with ethical imperatives, the article demonstrates the adaptability of Shariah principles in addressing modern financial needs.

Concluding Reflections

Taken together, the contributions in this issue underscore three interwoven themes: the enduring coherence and interpretive richness of the Qur’ān and Sunnah; the urgent need to apply Islamic principles to contemporary family, social, and financial

challenges; and the continuous dialogue between classical scholarship and modern intellectual pursuits.

We extend our gratitude to the authors for their rigorous research, to the reviewers for their critical insights, and to our readers for their continued engagement with *al-Burhān*. May this volume serve not only as a repository of scholarly knowledge but also as an inspiration for deeper reflection and practical application of the Qur'an and Sunnah in our collective lives.

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