Towards a Methodology of TafsīR MaqāṣIdī: A Quest for Realizing Justice in the Qur'Anic Exegesis

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Abstract : Justice has been perceived widely in the discourse of Islamic studies as a mere universal virtue (maqşad 'ām) taking place in human social relations, which they continue to strive for throughout their lives. Still have a few people realized that the vision of justice may also manifest in the structure of the methodology of a discipline. A case in point is tafsīr maqāşidī (teleological exegesis), a Qur'anic exegetical method that aims to incorporate in itself the Islamic teleology paradigm, which is, unfortunately, still underdeveloped. By synthesizing the maqāşid-based thoughts of Quraish Shihab and Yūsuf al-Qaraḍāwī, two prominent figures in the field of maqāşid al-sharī'ah (Islamic teleology) respectively representing Indonesian and global contexts, the research seeks to offer a kind of methodology of tafsīr maqāşidī by which an attempt to realize justice in a Qur'anic interpretation is much more feasible. It suggests that a more balanced methodology in tafsīr maqāşidī should reflect the visions of both maqāşid al-qur'ān (Qur'anic teleology) and maqāşid al-sharī'ah. Exerting al-Qaraḍāwi's and Shihab's elaboration on both discourses, for the methodology of tafsīr maqāşidī to be just, it may employ two aspects of justice, i.e., a type of justice that comprises theological ('adl dīnī) and worldly spheres ('adl dunyāwī) and another one that combines the concepts of goals (maqāşid) and means (wasā'il). From the Islamic perspective, Indonesia's Pancasila, which serves as the state's philosophical foundation, is where a Qur'anic interpretation of the verses of divine governance (āyāt ḥākimiyyah), capitalizing the maqāşid-based paradigm, manages to realize justice.

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