

A Civilizational Reading of the Ten Commandments (Wasaya al-'Ashr)in Confronting the Collapse of Moral Institutions in Modern Societies

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Abstract:

The contemporary world, despite technological advancements, faces deep moral crises and social justice dilemmas. This research, using a descriptive-analytical method and presenting a "civilizational reading," demonstrates that the Ten Commandments (Wasaya al-'Ashr, An'am: 151-153) are not a collection of individual ethical precepts, but a coherent, civilization-building charter with specific pillars for confronting these crises. The findings present this charter as a monotheism-centered (Tawhid-centric) system that establishes the key pillars of a healthy society by: reconstructing the family institution against individualism (by emphasizing kindness to parents and the sanctity of children's lives); establishing economic and judicial justice in response to corruption (centered on protecting the orphan's property, ensuring fair weights and measures, and upholding justice in speech); and consolidating moral and physical security in opposition to relativism (through the avoidance of indecencies and the prohibition of unlawful killing). This system also strengthens the social contract by emphasizing 'fulfilling the covenant of God' (Wafa' bi 'Ahdillah) and offers a solution for unity against ideological divisions by presenting the principle of the 'straight path' (Sirat al-Mustaqim). Finally, the study defines the "civilizational reading" as a method for transitioning from mere exegesis to a purposive, application-oriented approach (Maqasid-based pragmatics), and emphasizes the capacity of these foundational commandments to provide a universal and effective socio-ethical model for the modern era.

Keywords: Holy Quran; Surah Al-An'am; Ten Commandments (Wasaya al-'Ashr); Islamic Ethics; Social Justice.

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