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#### **Introduction**

Islam is often seen as the original and timeless faith given to humanity by the Creator of the universe, with justice being a core principle woven throughout its teachings. The book *Justice in Islam: New Ethical Perspectives*, contributed by Monir Birouk, Philip Dorroll, Samaneh Olady Ghadi Kolaei, Ramon Harvey, and Xiaofei. The book is edited by Ramon Harvey and Daniel Tutt. It stands out as a significant and thought-provoking scholarly work.

The whole work is distributed into two main parts 1, Theology and Ethics, and 2, Regional Discussions on Politics, Feminism, and Hermeneutics. It explores into the religious, moral, and political aspects of justice, evaluating both old and new philosophies and also enlightens the growing discussions about justice within Islamic traditions as well as its importance in contemporary world. It is the mixture of both traditional Islamic thoughts and contemporary philosophical views offering a rich and deep perception of justice in our ever-changing society.

#### **Summary**

This work is comprised on two main parts In the first part, there is a look at the justice through a lens of religion and morality, based on traditional Islamic ideologies and modern philosophical thoughts, highlighting influential thinkers like Taha Abdur Rahman, Alasdair MacIntyre, and Fazlur Rahman, highlighting their contributions toward Islamic moral thought. The second part focuses on gender justice and the tones of interpretation. This part, by incorporating feminist ideas and relevant readings, highlights how contemporary Muslim scholars, particularly women, are re-interpreting Islamic texts to defy issues of gender equality and social justice. It also illuminates how the concept of justice is being reformed within various socio-political and cultural settings, including those of Turkey, Iran, and Japan.

## **Analysis and Evaluation**

One of this book's major and mentionable points is its inter-disciplinary lookout on justice. The contributors emphasized that justice in Islam extends beyond mere religious discussions. And stress given on its broader repercussions within the socio-political and ethical domains that meaningfully impact current Islamic thought.

### **A. Key Themes**

In this book, several themes are presented which are of primary importance, i.e.:

#### **i. Moral and Ethical Turn in Islamic Thought:**

The work probes into how contemporary Muslim scholars are re-examining early Islamic Fiqh (jurisprudence) through ethical and moral perspectives. It takes a critical look at Shari'ah objectives to assess how justice can be comprehended in today's societies.

#### **ii. Connectivity with Western Thought:**

This work inspires linkages and dialogue between Islamic and Western moral traditions, especially those rooted in liberal, Marxist, and critical racial theories. It suggests a deeper consideration of justice as a universal concept that is still grounded in specific contexts through inter-cultural dialogue.

#### **iii. Gender Justice and Feminist Hermeneutics:**

A sufficient part of the work focuses on feminist ideas regarding Islamic justice. It highlights how women scholars are challenging male-interpreted understandings of Islamic texts and insisting for a more inclusive approach that resounds with contemporary Ideas of human rights and gender equality.

#### **iv. The Role of the State and Political Justice:**

The work also assesses how justice is taken and understood within Islamic politics. It analyzes old views on governance and authority, while also exploring alternative agendas for achieving justice in contemporary Muslim-majority civilizations.

### **B. Key Strengths:**

One of the strong point of this work is its ability to combine and mix traditional Islamic scholarship with contemporary moral and political discussions. By interlacing together various perspectives, the contributors have created a deep and dynamic consideration of justice in Islam.

The discussion on regional context truly unlocks a wider view, elucidating how justice can be seen and practiced in different ways depending on cultural and political circumstances.

### **C. Criticisms and Areas for Further Research**

This work offers fascinating discussions analysis on the titled work; however, there are definitely some areas that could use a bit more exploration. For instance;

- i. The discussions mostly plunge into intellectual and scholarly way, but it missed out on the basic perspectives on justice.
- ii. It would have been better if it had also been looked at how justice is perceived and how experienced by marginalized Muslim communities, such as refugees and workers, as this would have opened up avenues for a new conversation.

## **Conclusion**

Overall, Masha Allah, this book is an excellently researched piece of work, with each chapter serving as a rich guide based on historical, philosophical, and theological investigations on justice, the very core concept and ethical responsibility. This work is not just an academic resource but also a valuable piece of guidance for policymakers, theologians, and activists who want to grasp the real-world implications of justice in Islam.

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