TOWARDS RECONSTRUCTION OF REVELATION BASED CIVILIZATION : NURSIAN PERSPECTIVE

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Abstract

Nursi does not categorize civilization as “east” or “west” or as “Muslim” or “Non-Muslim”. He does not categorically reject or accept any civilization without detailed analysis. In his Magnum Opus Qur’anic commentary, The Risale-i Nur; whenever a critical analysis of civilization is done he lists positive and negative aspects. He bases his concept of civilization on revelation-driven moral values such as hope, love, brotherhood, truthfulness, humility, freedom, sense of justice, equality, force versus truth, benefit versus God’s pleasure, conflict versus mutual assistance, etc. Nursi’s concept of civilization is deep in meaning and cannot be described with surface matters such as exterior appearance or artificial behaviours. Revelation in general and Qur’an in particular have the essence of the above mentioned moral values that is the origin of revelation-based civilization. Pessimism, selfishness, egoism, love of enmity, acts of corruption, social injustices, death of truthfulness and dictatorship are the source of the civilization that Nursi condemns. For Nursi; remedies can be found in the pharmacy of Qur’an to cure ill conditioned civilization-driven behaviours.

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