

REVIEWER'S REPORT

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Title: “ SAID NURSI’S CONCEPT OF TASAWUF: AN ETHICAL FRAMEWORK FOR MODERN MUSLIM SOCIETIES

Recommendation:

Accept as it isYES.....

Accept after minor revision.....

Accept after major revision

Do not accept (*Reasons below*)

Rating	Excel.	Good	Fair	Poor
Originality			✓	
Techn. Quality		✓		
Clarity			✓	
Significance			✓	

Reviewer Name: Mir Jaffar

Reviewer's Comment for Publication.

Abstract Evaluation:

The abstract clearly outlines the scope, purpose, and findings of the study. It emphasizes Said Nursî's Qur'an-centred reinterpretation of Sufism as a moral and spiritual framework to address pressing challenges in contemporary Muslim societies. The abstract identifies key elements of Nursî's model—such as 'impotence,' 'poverty,' 'compassion,' and 'reflection'—and positions them as counter-discourses to modern issues like arrogance, materialism, and individualism. It also highlights the dual focus on individual moral transformation and collective social welfare. The overall presentation is coherent, academically sound, and well contextualized within both spiritual and socio-ethical discourses.

Keywords:

The keywords selected—Said Nursî, Tasawuf, Islamic ethics, modern Muslim society, morality, spiritual transformation, social justice, moral responsibility, Qur'an, social reform—are relevant, precise, and effectively reflect the central themes of the study.

Introduction Evaluation:

The introduction provides a strong contextual grounding by situating the discussion within the broader challenges facing contemporary Islamic societies. It notes the impact of globalization, secularization, technological change, and cultural shifts on the moral and spiritual fabric of Muslim communities. The issues of identity crisis, moral decay, and weakening social structures are well supported by scholarly references (Jannah, 2022; Akhmetova, 2021; Mir & Anjum, 2024; Zulqarnain et al., 2022). The rationale for turning to Nursî's ethical-spiritual framework is logically presented as a response to the inadequacy of existing solutions in addressing these multidimensional challenges.

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Conceptual Framing:

The manuscript positions Said Nursî's approach as distinct from traditional Sufi orders by underlining its Qur'an-centred methodology. The emphasis on values such as humility, justice, mercy, and responsibility is tied directly to both individual development and societal reform, establishing a holistic vision. This framing allows for a synthesis between spirituality and morality that aligns with modern socio-cultural needs.

Scholarly Contribution:

The study contributes to contemporary Islamic thought by highlighting Nursî's reinterpretation of Sufism as a practical ethical model. It engages with issues of moral governance, social justice, and cultural disintegration, showing the relevance of spiritual traditions to modern contexts. The argument that Nursî provides an "integrated roadmap" for both individual rejuvenation and social cohesion is well substantiated and adds value to existing scholarship on Islamic ethics and reformist thought.

Overall Assessment:

The manuscript demonstrates clarity, coherence, and depth in presenting Said Nursî's concept of Tasawuf as an ethical framework. It is well-grounded in both theoretical and contextual analysis, balancing textual interpretation with contemporary relevance. The study presents a persuasive case for the applicability of Nursî's ethical vision in addressing modern Muslim societies' challenges.