

Editor in Chief's Note

In a world where management and governance are becoming increasingly complex, our attachment to our moral and spiritual roots is felt more than ever. I see this issue of Religion, Management and Governance (RMG) as not just a collection of articles, but also a lively dialogue between long-standing traditions and the new challenges facing today's leaders.

This third issue of the journal is the result of months of collaboration with researchers who have bravely started research. We continue to believe that new ideas come from fresh and young minds, while also emphasizing the importance of continuous work and maturity.

What you will read in this issue:

1. National Competition and Religion: How Do Religious Beliefs Affect Countries' Competitiveness Indicators? Research that takes economics beyond the confines of numbers and looks at the "collective spirit" of societies.
2. The Language of Silence in the Quran: Sometimes a look is worth a thousand words. A new analysis of nonverbal communication in the verses of the Quran that has even veteran exegetes pondering.
3. Development banks and poverty alleviation: A field report on a successful experience in Bangladesh that shows how the principles of Islamic economics can lift villages out of poverty.
4. Training managers based on religious texts: Can the Nahjal al-Balagha be used to train organizational leaders in an era where artificial intelligence makes decisions? This article's answer is both bold and practical.

End of the Beginning

I ask you, dear readers, to read these articles not with the glasses of dry analysis, but with the eyes of the heart. Perhaps the sentences that seem theoretical today will become the basis for your decision-making in your organization or society tomorrow.

And finally, I would like to thank my colleagues on the editorial board who endured hours of passionate discussions behind closed doors—those arguments that sometimes lasted until midnight, but ultimately led to the richness of this issue. With the hope of a tomorrow when management and governance are not tools of power, but a way of service.

Sincerely,

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