

UNVEILING DOMESTIC VIOLENCE IN THE QUR'AN: A GADAMERIAN HERMENEUTIC PERSPECTIVE BY **AMINA WADUD**



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INTRODUCTION

This study explores domestic violence through the lens of gender roles, often undermining one party, and centers on the insights of Amina Wadud, a reformist Muslim thinker, particularly in her work *Qur'an and Women*. The aim is to delve into domestic violence in depth. The qualitative research gathers data primarily from library sources, focusing on *Qur'an and Women*. Data processing involves grouping, reduction, and codification. For data analysis, Hans-Georg Gadamer's hermeneutical approach is used, which includes intelligent subtility (understanding), explicandi subtility (explaining), and applicandi subtility (applying). The findings reveal that Amina Wadud's interpretation aligns with Islamic teachings, emphasizing values and understanding based on the Qur'an. Wadud asserts that the Qur'an fundamentally does not advocate violence to resolve family issues, particularly in marriages. The study concludes that problem-solving should involve deliberation and equality between husbands and wives, as all human beings are equal before God.

OBJECTIVE

The primary objective of this study is to explore domestic violence within the Qur'anic context, using Amina Wadud's interpretations to challenge conventional beliefs and advocate for a more egalitarian understanding of gender roles in Islam.

METHODOLOGY

This qualitative study employs a hermeneutical approach as defined by Hans-Georg Gadamer. The process involves three stages:

- Understanding (das Verstehen): Interpreting the Qur'anic text.
- Explaining (dem Auslegen): Clarifying Wadud's perspective.
- Applying (das Anwenden): Relating her insights to contemporary issues of domestic violence.

The data was gathered from library sources, focusing on Wadud's interpretations, and was processed through grouping, reduction, and codification.



RESULTS

- Equality in Marriage: Wadud's interpretation emphasizes that the Qur'an supports equal partnership between spouses.
- Non-violent Resolution: The Qur'an, according to Wadud, does not condone violence as a means to resolve marital disputes.
- Deconstruction of Bias: Her work highlights the need to reinterpret traditional views that have marginalized women.



ANALYSIS

The analysis reveals that Wadud's interpretations align with Islamic values, advocating for gender equality and non-violence. Gadamer's hermeneutical framework supports this by demonstrating how understanding evolves through dialogue and historical context.

- Understanding: Recognizing biases in traditional interpretations.
- Explaining: Clarifying misinterpretations of Qur'anic verses.
- Applying: Advocating for egalitarian practices in Muslim communities.

CONCLUSION

Amina Wadud's interpretation of the Qur'an provides a progressive lens through which domestic violence can be addressed in Muslim contexts. Her work encourages equal treatment of men and women, advocating for dialogue and mutual respect in marital relationships. Future research could further explore Wadud's influence on Islamic feminist movements and practical applications of her interpretations in Muslim societies.

REFERENCE



