



EDITOR'S NOTE

One of the most prominent features of today's world is the extremely high volume of data flow and information processing. The data provided and evaluated by artificial intelligence is greater than what we traditionally have access to. It is not just data that reaches us; this data is processed and presented to us. This means that we are faced with more alternatives in the choices we make and the decisions we take. Is it advantage or disadvantage? When a robust cultural policy is in place, this situation is an advantage rather than a disadvantage.

Cultural policy is an important political field that determines how society will be shaped around a system of identity and values. Within cultural policy, values such as freedom, justice, fairness, merit, compassion, and brotherhood are the founding elements that ensure the system works for the benefit of everyone. If individuals lack freedom; society lacks justice; politics lacks law; the economy lacks equality; and the public sphere lacks conscience and morality, then cultural policy is flawed, and the structures that hold society together are deeply eroded and decaying. The subject of real time is needed precisely in such times of crisis. What needs to be done is to go beyond the visible surface of events and try to see the deeper structural factors and network of relationships. As the verse indicates:

“They are the ignorant ones who know only the visible side of worldly life and have no idea about the future. (er-Rûm, 30/7)

The demand to see what lies deeper necessitates a strategy that places humanity as an active element within the flow of time. Consequently, the Quran employs a value-based language rather than a factual one. It focuses not on what is, but on what ought to be. It looks not to the past, but to the future. It pursues the active subject that will shape the history of the future and influence outcomes. History and time are linked to God's grace and guidance, and to human active agency. Active agency, however, becomes possible only through the creation of a desire in humans to direct the flow of history.

Each article by our esteemed authors in the latest issue of *Kader* serves this purpose. We are grateful to each of our authors for their contributions. I would like to thank all our reviewers for their support in carefully reading and evaluating the articles and ensuring they reach the reader in a more complete form. I am grateful to our editorial board for carefully monitoring the process at every stage, from the acceptance of the articles to their publication.

I hope our new issue brings good fortune. On this occasion, I wish all our readers health, prosperity, and happiness in the new year...

On behalf of the editors
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