

# Islamic Principles and Family Stability: An Analytical Study on the Role of Religion in Preventing Divorce

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## ABSTRACT

The stability of families is a fundamental aspect of social cohesion, significantly influencing the overall well-being of societies. Amid growing international concerns over rising divorce rates and marital conflicts, this study critically examines the role of Islamic teachings in fostering marital stability and reducing divorce. By conducting a systematic literature review and thematic analysis of scholarly works published between 2000 and 2024, this research explores the impact of Islamic principles on marital resilience. This study adopts a qualitative research methodology, utilizing systematic review techniques to synthesize insights from peer-reviewed sources. The analysis identifies key themes, including the role of religious practices in strengthening emotional bonds, the significance of pre-marital education and

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counseling, and the influence of Islamic financial ethics in alleviating economic stress—a major contributor to marital instability. Furthermore, Qur’anic teachings and Prophetic traditions provide a structured approach to conflict resolution, emphasizing mediation, forgiveness, and non-violent dispute resolution mechanisms. The findings highlight the importance of faith-based community support systems in offering mediation, financial guidance, and structured counseling programs to sustain marital harmony. This research concludes that Islamic teachings serve as a comprehensive framework for mitigating divorce risks and reinforcing marital resilience by integrating ethical, financial, and social dimensions of family stability.

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## Introduction

Family stability serves as the cornerstone of a well-structured and cohesive society. Families constitute the foundational units that shape communities and nations, irrespective of cultural or religious contexts. Islamic principles provide a comprehensive framework that fosters social harmony, resilience, and familial solidarity. Central to Islamic teachings is the sanctity of marriage and the necessity of preserving familial relationships. These teachings establish ethical guidelines for marital conduct and outline structured mechanisms for conflict resolution to prevent divorce.

Islamic values significantly influence the structure and implementation of family life. Marriage is regarded as a sacred institution in Islam, where separation is considered a last resort. The Holy Qur’an emphasizes the importance of reconciliation through mediation, advocating for the involvement of mediators from both parties to facilitate conflict resolution (Qur’an 4:35). Such guidance promotes a preventive approach to divorce by encouraging mutual understanding, patience, and compromise between spouses.



Extensive research has demonstrated the protective role of religion in ensuring marital stability. Karimi et al. (2019) highlight that religious engagement strengthens couples' resilience and enhances their ability to cope with marital challenges. Similarly, participation in religious activities such as prayer and community gatherings fosters stronger marital bonds by reinforcing shared values and providing essential social support networks. These faith-based practices reinforce the sanctity of marriage, instill a sense of accountability, and ultimately contribute to the stability of family life.

Given these insights, this study seeks to explore how Islamic principles contribute to reducing divorce rates and reinforcing marital stability. By examining religious doctrines, ethical frameworks, and community-based interventions, this research aims to offer a comprehensive understanding of the role of Islamic teachings in maintaining family cohesion and addressing contemporary marital challenges. (Saidon et al., 2019).

Islamic principles give practical explanations in everyday life, including monetary management, the upbringing of children, and communication. Mutual consultation, or "shura," is an imperative part of making decisions within the Islamic family. This model encourages open and polite communication between husband and wife, which has been shown to reduce misunderstandings and foster stronger bonds in marriage. A just division of labor and responsibilities, purposed in Islam, creates a harmonious and tranquil family atmosphere (Cahyono, 2024).

One of the salient features of Islamic teachings is the approach to moral and ethical conduct. Ebrahimi et al. (2015) point out that among the Qur'anic principles that will help in making healthy family relations are those related to patience (saber), kindness (ihsan), and forgiveness (of). These ideals encourage conflict-reducing activities and increase mutual respect in the family. Further, the same research by Fehring & Manhart, 2020 even supports that NFP, as Islam provides, helps bring an increased level of marital satisfaction with higher stability. An interesting observation is noted: one's quality in marriage and partnership improves, given one's adherence to religiously informed activities.

The cultural stigma of divorce also, in a way, has contributed to the discouragement of marital breakup in Islamic societies. Accordingly, Perry (2018) explains that religious persons consider divorce as the very last option and instead opt for reconciliation methods that concur with Islamic values. It reflects a broader social obligation toward maintaining family unity and the sanctity of marriage itself, as stated by Nafisah et al. (2024).

This study complements existing knowledge on family stability and discusses Islamic values' impact on limiting divorces. It intends to highlight Islamic beliefs' importance in answering the challenges of modern marriages through religious teachings, solidarity in communities, and individual lifestyles. The findings should be valuable input for governments, religious leaders, and families in search of strong, affectionate relations. The study aims to connect theoretical knowledge with actual application and points out why religion has always been relevant to sustaining family stability.

## Methodology

The methodology section shows how this study has adopted a concerted process to discover how Islamic teaching can help stabilize family functioning and prevent divorce. A description of the research design, methods of data gathering, and the applied instrument for analysis is used,



synthesizing findings from texts. This ensures that in-depth is accorded to the development of the study's objectives vis-à-vis the methodologies engaged in attaining them.

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#### 2.1.1 Research Questions

This study seeks to address the following key research questions:

RQ1: How do Islamic teachings contribute to marital stability and prevent divorce?

RQ2: What role do religious practices, moral education, and ethical teachings play in strengthening marital relationships?



RQ3: How do Islamic financial ethics and economic principles help mitigate financial stress—a major factor in marital instability?

RQ4: What is the impact of faith-based community interventions in supporting marital resilience and reducing divorce rates?

This study's research methodology follows a structured five-step approach to systematically exploring the role of Islamic principles in fostering marital stability and preventing divorce.

The first step involves data acquisition. Relevant peer-reviewed studies were retrieved from Scopus and ISI Web of Science databases. A targeted keyword search was applied using Boolean operators to refine the selection and ensure relevance to the research focus.

The second step includes applying inclusion and exclusion criteria to ensure the validity and reliability of selected studies. Research articles were chosen based on their alignment with Islamic teachings, family stability, and divorce prevention, while non-relevant, outdated, or duplicate sources were excluded.

Following the selection process, an in-depth literature review was conducted to extract key findings on Islamic marital guidance, financial stability, and social interventions. This phase involved analyzing diverse perspectives within Islamic jurisprudence and family law to provide a comprehensive understanding of the topic.

Subsequently, a thematic analysis was performed to categorize the findings into distinct thematic areas. The analysis focused on four primary themes: (1) religious and ethical teachings in marriage, (2) pre-marital counseling and mediation practices, (3) financial ethics and economic stability, and (4) community-based faith interventions.



Figure 1 illustrates the systematic research process, providing a structured visualization of the methodological steps undertaken in this study.

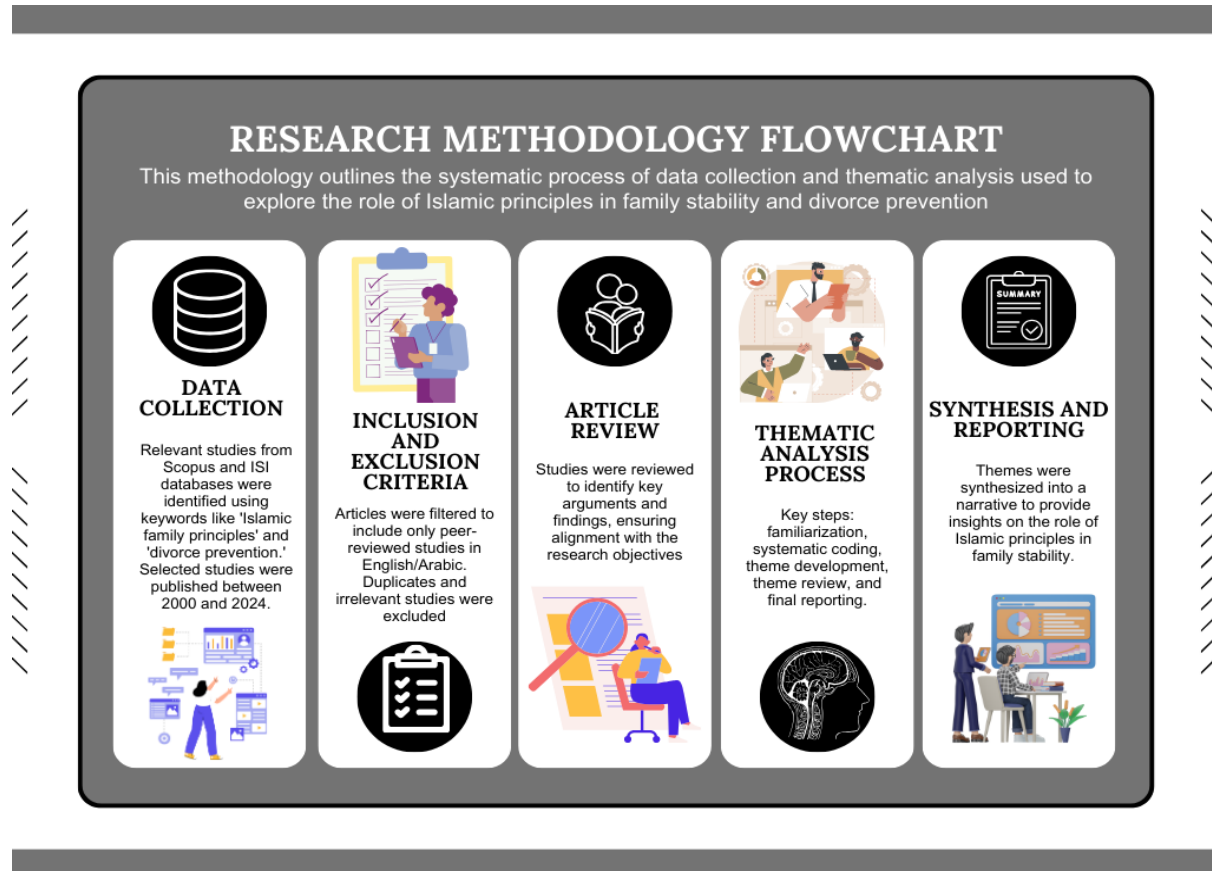


Figure 1: Research Methodology Flowchart) Source by the Author (.

## Data Collection

This study utilized secondary data sources to ensure a comprehensive analysis of the role of Islamic principles in marital stability and divorce prevention. The secondary sources consisted of peer-reviewed journal articles obtained from two highly reputable academic databases: Scopus and ISI Web of Science. These databases were chosen based on their strict qualification criteria for indexing high-quality research articles.

The literature search was conducted using specific keywords, including but not limited to "Islamic family principles," "family stability," and "divorce prevention." The search process was refined using Boolean operators (AND, OR) and various filtering techniques to align the retrieved studies with the research objectives.

A total of 50 studies were reviewed, covering a range of topics related to marital stability, Islamic family governance, divorce causes, and the influence of Islamic law on family dynamics. The review was

restricted to articles published between 2000 and 2024 in English and Arabic to ensure that recent trends and developments were captured. Duplicate studies, non-academic sources, and irrelevant research were excluded from the final selection.

## 2.3 Thematic Analysis

The data obtained from the selected studies were analyzed using thematic analysis, a qualitative method that identifies, analyzes, and interprets patterns (themes) within the data. This method was chosen for its flexibility and ability to synthesize findings across diverse studies, aligning with the study's objective of exploring the influence of Islamic principles on family stability.

The thematic analysis process involved the following steps:

1. **Familiarization:** Reviewed collected articles to understand their content, key arguments, and findings, ensuring alignment with research objectives.
2. **Coding:** Identified and systematically coded relevant data, allowing themes to emerge inductively and deductively.
3. **Theme Development:** Grouped codes into broader themes such as religious education, moral values, and financial stability in preventing divorce.
4. **Theme Review:** Refined themes to ensure coherence, eliminating overlaps and merging redundant themes.
5. **Reporting:** Synthesized themes into a cohesive narrative highlighting their significance in the context of Islamic principles and family stability.

## 2.4 Data Sources and Literature Review

This study exclusively depends on past studies, the literature review relied on a vast number of previous studies reviewed from Scopus and ISI databases. This systematic review connects the findings of many different fields, such as sociology, religious studies, and law, into one multi-dimensional analysis. All the studies selected have undergone peer review to ensure that their findings can be reliable and valid.

## 2.5 Ethical Considerations

Since the research involves secondary data, there was no need for ethical approval. However, sources have been fully acknowledged to ensure academic integrity and avoid plagiarism. The analysis uses the best practices of systematic reviews and thematic studies to represent and interpret the findings correctly.

## 3. Results Analysis

The findings of this study highlight the significant role of Islamic values in promoting marital stability and reducing the likelihood of divorce. Through thematic analysis of the reviewed literature, several key areas of impact were identified: religious activities, moral and ethical guidance, community support, financial stability, and Qur'anic teachings on marital resilience.

The analysis revealed that faith-based practices, such as collective prayers and religious gatherings, foster unity and emotional bonding between spouses. Additionally, adherence to Islamic ethical and financial





principles was found to play a crucial role in minimizing conflict and economic stress, both of which are major contributors to marital instability.

Furthermore, Qur'anic conflict resolution strategies emerged as vital components in managing disputes within marriages. The findings indicate that mediation, reconciliation, and the encouragement of forgiveness—central to Islamic teachings—provide effective mechanisms for maintaining harmony in marital relationships.

Lastly, the role of faith-based community support systems was evident in providing structured counseling, financial guidance, and mediation programs that assist couples in navigating marital challenges. Collectively, these factors demonstrate the multi-dimensional influence of Islamic values in fostering marital stability and reducing divorce risks.

### 3.1 Strengthening Marital Bonds Through Religious Practices

Religious practices play a crucial role in promoting marital happiness and stability by fostering shared beliefs and values between spouses. Numerous studies indicate that religious homogamy—where both partners share the same religious beliefs—enhances marital satisfaction and resilience (Dew et al., 2020; Lai et al., 2023). Shared religious activities, such as prayers and religious gatherings, strengthen emotional bonds and reduce marital conflicts by encouraging mutual understanding and cooperation (Fallahchai et al., 2021).

Conversely, religious differences within marriage, particularly in interfaith unions, often introduce complexities that may lead to increased marital tension. Amin (2023) and Hamdanah (2018) highlight the challenges faced by interfaith couples, especially regarding the religious upbringing of children. These studies emphasize that shared faith serves as a stabilizing factor in marriage, reducing misunderstandings and fostering stronger emotional connections.

Research also suggests that religion plays a dual role in marriage—it has the potential to unite couples through shared values, yet differences in religious outlook can contribute to conflicts (Kelley et al., 2020). The sanctification of marriage through religious rites has been linked to increased marital adjustment, as couples who engage in positive religious coping strategies tend to experience greater marital satisfaction and stability (Fallahchai et al., 2021).

Beyond individual relationships, religious beliefs influence broader cultural and societal dynamics. Pazvakawambwa et al. (2013) found that religious norms shape marital unions in ways similar to cultural expectations. As societal perceptions of religious principles evolve, these shifts can significantly impact marriage stability. Understanding the interplay between religious beliefs and cultural expectations is, therefore, essential in evaluating the long-term influence of faith on marriage.

Table 1 summarizes the key studies on the impact of religious practices on marital satisfaction and stability. It highlights the primary research focus, findings, and conclusions, illustrating how religious participation fosters intimacy, reduces conflict, and enhances marital resilience. The table also examines the challenges of religious differences in marriage and their broader social implications.

Table 1: Key Studies on the Role of Religious Practices in Strengthening Marital Bonds





Author(s)	Year	Key Focus	Findings	Conclusion
Dew et al.	2020	Marital sanctification and sexual satisfaction	Shared religious practices enhance intimacy, with couples reporting greater sexual satisfaction when engaging in religious marital sanctification.	Joint religiosity fosters intimacy and strengthens marital bonds.
Lai et al.	2023	Religious homogamy and marital satisfaction	Couples with similar religious beliefs experience fewer conflicts and greater marital happiness. Religious dissimilarity leads to discord.	Religious homogamy acts as a stabilizing force in marriage, while differences may cause tension.
Amin	2023	Interfaith marriages and their challenges	Interfaith marriages often lead to challenges, including increased marital conflict and identity struggles for children in such families.	Differing religious beliefs complicate marital dynamics, particularly in interfaith settings.
Hamdanah	2018	Challenges of religious identity in families	Children in interfaith marriages face conflicting religious identities, affecting their well-being and family harmony.	Interfaith marriages require careful navigation to mitigate impacts on family dynamics.
Kelley et al.	2020	Dual role of religion in marriage	Religion can either unify or divide couples, depending on whether beliefs are shared or differ.	A nuanced understanding of religion's dual role is necessary for marital stability.

Fallahchai et al.	2021	Religious coping and marital adjustment	Positive religious coping strategies improve marital outcomes and promote resilience in relationships.	Religious coping mechanisms strengthen marital adjustment and reduce stress.
Pazvakawambwa et al.	2013	The cultural influence of religion on marriage patterns	Religion shapes marriage patterns in ways similar to cultural norms, influencing marriage behaviors and expectations.	Religious practices align closely with cultural norms, impacting marital dynamics.

## Moral and Ethical Guidance in Preventing Divorce

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Divorce is a social problem that, in many ways, requires moral and ethical guidance to prevent its occurrence. Most researchers stress the need for pre-marital counseling, social support, and legislation to preserve the family unit intact. The moral commitment tied to family responsibilities, particularly in agrarian-based cultures, reveals one way in which gender roles influence decisions to divorce. Haugen et al. (2014) contend that farmers' wives are usually assumed to bear the ethical brunt of leaving a partnership or marriage since their decisions are intently linked with their roles as care providers and their commitment to family and land, suggesting a need for ethical guidance in step with the values and obligations implicit in particular contexts of community. Besides, pre-marital counseling significantly helps to reduce the conditions contributing to divorce.

According to Musyafaah et al. (2022), pre-marital therapy eases common problems that are considered significant factors in divorce, such as marital conflicts and financial burdens. For instance, the Indonesian government has structured pre-marital classes and matrimony sermons, which strengthen the family relationship and reduce divorces, according to Djawas et al. (2021).

These preventive interventions underline the moral commitment of communities and institutions to support couples through the challenges of marriage. The legislative frameworks are critical in preventing divorce. As prescribed by (Li, 2022), the cooling-off periods compel couples to rethink their decisions before finalizing a divorce, encouraging reflection and communication. This approach conforms to the ethical consideration of maintaining family unity by minimizing divorce's psychological and financial impacts on the parties. Barlow and Duncan criticize the ineffectiveness of punitive legislation in keeping the traditional family institution and propose supportive laws to facilitate the achievement of durable



marriages (Barlow & Duncan, 2000). Moreover, the post-divorce milieu of moral and ethical aspects of divorce considerations needs consideration. Jacob indeed confirms such a view, stating the required pastoral attention for the divorced people themselves, how much help and advice were instead only to cater to the actual occasion itself, the separation events to just being post-divorce counseling to resettle into Jacob 2023; this is withstanding BeckMeyer's points that consider post-divorce families capable, especially in transitional processes for either partner with much resource utilization Becker-Meyer 2024.

In short, preventing divorce requires a multidimensional approach that includes moral education, pre-marital training, enabling legislation, and after-divorce care (Jacob, 2023). As society examines the ethical dimensions of marriage and divorce, it can be built to favor family stability and well-being (Beckmeyer, 2024).

The majority of key academic studies, considering the many aspects of how moral and ethical guidance play a role in preventing divorce, are summarized below in Table 2.

The table highlights research findings regarding community-specific moral imperatives, pre-marital counseling, legislative measures, and post-divorce support systems. These studies provide insights into how specialized interventions, such as pre-marital education and cooling-off periods, lower divorce risks by making individuals more reflective, equipped to cope with common marital challenges and oriented toward family stability. The insights also emphasize the importance of support beyond the divorce process, enabling families to adapt to new realities. These findings give a broad basis for the ethical dimensions of marriage and divorce, providing recommendations on how to help create resilient family structures.

Table 2: Insights on the Role of Moral and Ethical Guidance in Divorce Prevention

Author(s)	Year	Focus Area	Key Findings	Conclusion
Haugen et al.	2014	Moral dilemmas in farming communities	When considering divorce, women in farm families face moral conflicts related to caregiving roles and family commitment.	Moral guidance must align with community-specific values and responsibilities.
Musyafaah et al.	2022	Role of pre-marital counseling	Pre-marital counseling addresses spousal disputes and economic challenges, reducing divorce risks.	Pre-marital education is crucial in fostering stable family structures.
Djawas et al.	2021	Government Initiatives in Indonesia	Pre-marital courses and marriage sermons aim to strengthen family bonds and reduce divorce rates.	Institutional support enhances marital stability through preventive education.

Li	2022	Legislative cooling-off periods	Cooling-off periods encourage couples to reconsider divorce decisions, fostering reflection and dialogue.	Legislative measures can promote family preservation while respecting ethical considerations.
Barlow & Duncan	2000	Critique of punitive legislation	Punitive legislation often fails to reinforce family values; supportive measures are more effective in fostering stable marriages.	Supportive legislative frameworks are more beneficial than punitive ones for marriage stability.
Jacob	2023	Pastoral guidance for divorced individuals	Post-divorce pastoral support helps individuals navigate new realities and emotional challenges.	Moral guidance should extend to post-divorce scenarios to support individuals and families.
Beckmeyer	2024	Post-divorce family assets	Post-divorce family resources aid in adjustment processes for parents and children.	Strengthening post-divorce support systems can improve outcomes for divorced families.

### 3.3 The Role of Community and Collective Faith

Faith-based organizations play a crucial role in promoting health, particularly among vulnerable populations. The findings of this study indicate that these organizations have successfully mobilized resources and implemented community-driven health programs aligned with local values and beliefs. Empirical evidence (Fagan et al., 2010; Campbell et al., 2007) demonstrates that faith groups have contributed significantly to health education and disease prevention, empowering individuals to take charge of their health and economic well-being. Additionally, community-based participatory research (Johnson et al., 2020) confirms that partnerships with faith organizations enhance public health outcomes, particularly in marginalized communities. During the COVID-19 pandemic, religious institutions provided essential emotional and psychological support (Kaplan et al., 2009), reinforcing their role as critical pillars of social resilience.

In what was called the "silent pandemic," many people turned to for solace in religion and community; the comfort and coping strategies came through worship together and involvement in the community (Goodwin & Kraft, 2022). Religious communities gave a sense of belonging and purpose that were



crucial for mental health during the pandemic. Faith is essential in fostering resilience and coping mechanisms, showing how shared faith can help mitigate the adverse effects of crises. Furthermore, the inclusion of religion in different spheres of social life has demonstrated increased social cohesion. Religious groups are active in discussions and programs to address some of the most pressing social issues, including immigration and health inequities (Filomeno, 2020). Collaboration between schools and religious groups has led to immigration-themed discussions, which have allowed for more understanding and inclusion among various communities (Filomeno, 2020). This type of program supports social justice and advances religious groups' shared mission and identity.

Besides health and social issues, one's faith plays a vital role in personal development and overcoming difficulties.

Faith is essential in health and bereavement, among others, in individual well-being (Salsman et al., 2011). In these situations, many often report that their faith gives meaning to their experiences and a means by which distress can be coped with. This connection between faith and well-being underlines the requirement for further research into how faith could help those facing significant life challenges. The role of faith-based organizations in addressing societal challenges has been widely documented (Table 3). This table highlights key studies on how religious groups contribute to health promotion, mental health, and social cohesion. The chart shows how FBOs use their resources to promote health initiatives, particularly within vulnerable populations, and how shared faith fosters resiliency and provides emotional strength during crises like the COVID-19 pandemic.

It also explores the contribution of faith to social justice and inclusion in diverse groups and impacts individual well-being by providing a framework for managing life's challenges. These findings underpin the key position of faith communities as trusted partners within community development and as drivers of social and emotional resilience.

Table 3: Contributions of Faith Communities to Health, Mental Well-being, and Social Cohesion

Author(s)	Year	Focus Area	Key Findings	Conclusion
Fagan et al.	2010	Role of FBOs in health promotion	Faith-based organizations (FBOs) effectively mobilize resources and implement health initiatives that align with community values and beliefs.	FBOs are critical for advancing health equity, especially in underserved communities.
Campbell et al.	2007	Health education and disease prevention	Faith communities facilitate health education programs that empower individuals to improve health outcomes.	Faith communities enhance public health by addressing education and prevention within trusted networks.

Kaplan et al.	2009	Community-based participatory research (CBPR)	CBPR involving faith organizations improves health outcomes, particularly among marginalized populations.	Collaborative efforts between faith groups and researchers benefit public health in marginalized settings.
Goodwin & Kraft	2022	Faith and mental health during COVID-19	Faith communities provided emotional and psychological support during the pandemic, fostering resilience through collective worship and engagement.	Collective faith mitigates psychological stress during crises by fostering a sense of belonging.
Johnson et al.	2020	Faith communities as anchor institutions	Faith organizations leverage their community trust to promote health equity and resilience.	Faith-based institutions are pivotal in addressing systemic health inequities.
Filomeno	2020	Faith and social justice	Faith groups engage in dialogues and initiatives addressing social issues like immigration and health disparities.	Faith initiatives promote social justice and integration within diverse communities.
Salsman et al.	2011	Faith and personal well-being	Faith provides a framework for coping with illness and grief, supporting personal development and resilience.	The relationship between faith and well-being is essential for coping with significant life challenges.

### 3.4 Financial Harmony Through Islamic Principles

The integration of Islamic concepts into finance in recent years has been discussed seriously, especially in fostering a more ethical approach toward financing and improving financial literacy for varied stakeholders. Islamic finance is essentially based on Shariah law, which, among other things, prohibits the receipt and payment of interest-riba, excessive uncertainty-gharar, and gambling maysir and advocates for sharing profit and loss mudarabah and musharakah as cardinal principles of all financial transactions (Miarti & Mudzakar, 2021; Sardar, 2023; Abbas, 2023). This ensures that ethical standards are well maintained to please the religious sentiments of the people and will further reduce inequality and instability in financial markets.



In essence, the critical characteristic feature of Islamic finance is to put an extreme focus on capacity building regarding financial literacy, especially regarding MSMEs. As suggested by some earlier studies, higher exposure to Islamic financial literacy increases substantially in enabling MSMEs with excellent financial management skills, eventually resulting in better economic efficiencies; see Suseno et al. 2021 and Supriadi, 2023: The three proposed pillars of financial literacy movements are advancing educational initiatives, enhancing the financial literacy infrastructure, and utilizing the substantial Muslim demographic to cultivate comprehension of Islamic financial products. These activities are necessary to enable MSMEs to make informed financial decisions appropriate for Islamic teachings, thus alleviating poverty and achieving social justice.

Islamic financial institutions have an essential function in compliance with Shariah standards. The governance frameworks include a Shariah supervisory board, its task is to see compliance and whether the financial product attains conformance to Islamic criteria. This governance not only strengthens the credibility of Islamic finance but also nurtures public trust, which is essential for its growth (Hamid & Masood, 2011; Azhar et al., 2022). It has been observed that while these institutions discharge financial transactions in line with Islamic accounting principles, they are more operational and profitable.

The rise of Islamic fintech has opened new horizons for financial inclusion by facilitating access to Sharia-compliant financial services at lower costs and greater efficiency. Technology innovation is urgently needed to reach out to marginalized groups and develop ethical standards of financial dealings that strictly conform to Islamic principles (Aman, 2019). A combination of technology and Islamic finance presents a unique opportunity to enhance financial literacy and enable people to use their resources prudently (Miarti & Mudzakar, 2021; Abbas, 2023).

Table 4 emphasizes the role of Islamic principles in financial behavior and literacy, underlining the ethical structure given by Shariah law. This shows essential contributions that explore how Islamic finance may help develop ethical behavior, improve financial management among MSMEs, and increase economic inclusion by using new structures such as Islamic fintech (Sofyan, 2023; Gunawan et al., 2021). This is reflected in the following table showing the role of Shariah governance in enhancing the credibility and efficiency of IFI operations: These results imply that the more profound the infiltration of Islamic values into finance, the more equitability in economic outcomes, the more trust among the general public is strengthened, and the poor people can achieve financial stability.

Table 4: Contributions of Islamic Principles to Ethical Financial Practices and Financial Literacy

Author(s)	Year	Focus Area	Key Findings	Conclusion
Marti & Mudzakar	2021	Core principles of Islamic finance	Islamic finance prohibits riba (interest), gharar (uncertainty), and maysir (gambling), emphasizing profit-loss sharing (mudharabah and musharakah).	Islamic finance promotes ethical financial behavior and aligns with Shariah law.
Suseno et	2021	Islamic financial	Financial literacy programs empower	Enhanced financial literacy



al.		literacy for MSMEs	MSMEs, improving their financial management and fostering poverty reduction and social justice.	drives better decision-making and economic outcomes for MSMEs.
Supriadi	2023	Financial literacy infrastructure	Leveraging the sizeable Muslim population, educational programs, and infrastructure is key to improving understanding Islamic financial products.	Adequate literacy programs support informed financial practices among Muslim communities.
Hamid & Masood	2011	Shariah governance in IFIs	Shariah supervisory boards ensure compliance with Islamic principles, enhancing credibility and public trust in Islamic financial institutions.	Strong governance structures in IFIs strengthen sector credibility and operational efficiency.
Azhar et al.	2022	Role of Shariah Supervisory Boards	Supervisory boards oversee adherence to Islamic ethics, contributing to the effective management of financial transactions.	Governance mechanisms in IFIs play a pivotal role in sustaining ethical financial practices.
Sofyan	2023	Role of Islamic fintech in financial inclusion	Islamic fintech provides Shariah-compliant services, improving affordability and efficiency for underserved communities.	Technology enables broader financial inclusion and ethical financial management aligned with Shariah.
Gunawan et al.	2021	Islamic fintech and financial literacy	Technological innovations in Islamic finance enhance accessibility and empower individuals to manage their finances responsibly.	Islamic fintech fosters ethical financial practices and promotes financial inclusion.

Abbas	2023	Impact of Islamic accounting standards	Compliance with Islamic accounting standards enhances operational efficiency and profitability in IFIs.	Adherence to Islamic accounting principles ensures ethical and practical financial operations.
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### 3.5 Qur'anic Teachings on Conflict Resolution

The Qur'anic conflict resolution doctrines underline the principles of peace, justice, and reconciliation in-depth in Islamic culture. The Quran presents a framework for solving disagreements through talking, mediation, and facilitating forgiveness. Examples are poems such as An-Nisa 4:35 and Al-Hujurat 49:9, emphasizing mediation and reconciliation among individuals and groups to show how conflicts can be resolved through constructive participation and mutual understanding (Rifaat Mi, 2010; Tahir et al., 2023). This is further supported by the Islamic principle of "as-slim"-peace; it encourages one to live in harmony and resolve disputes amicably.

Another important source of dispute-resolution methods in Islam is the teachings of the Prophet Muhammad. His approach, especially in formulating the Medina Charter, has shown how effective non-violent mediation is, and how vital one mediator is to resolve a dispute. It finds expression in the modern Islamic paradigm of conflict management: modern Islamic measures that propose peaceful conversation and mutual respect amongst many religions and culture are observed. The steps resorted to by the Prophet in these cases negotiation and compromise (Tahir et al., 2023; Tasgheer, 2022).

Conflict resolution in Islam depends so much on renouncing violence, evidenced through the number of Qur'anic texts advocating for non-violent ways of resolving conflicts. The Quran disowns violence and calls for peaceful coexistence among the brethren. This is a vital pointer in removing the myths surrounding Islam as a religion related to violence since it stipulates the core commitment of the religion to peacefulness and coexistence.

The Qur'an further addresses interpersonal issues, calling for conflict resolution approaches focusing on empathy and compassion. These Islamic teachings have been found to support an accommodating approach to conflict management, adding compromise, integrating styles, considering them all valid methods for dispute resolution accordingly. This is thus a holistic approach toward resolving issues, improved relationships, and feelings within the community.

Table 5 Summarizes in a tabulated form the concepts of conflict resolution from the Quran and as applied by Prophet Muhammad (PBUH). The last part indicates a key overall finding of the research, where mediation, conciliation, and reconciliation with condemnation of violence to others are underlined as the characteristics of Islam in managing conflicts. The Qur'an's call for peace and constructive participation and the Prophet's action in the Medina Charter have provided timeless solutions to interpersonal and communal conflict resolution. These doctrines emphasize understanding, empathy, and mutual respect while condemning violence and calling for discourse. Results confirm the importance of Islamic dispute resolution frameworks in encouraging peaceful coexistence and social harmony in contemporary contexts.



Table 5: Qur'anic Teachings and Prophetic Practices in Islamic Conflict Resolution

Author(s)	Year	Focus Area	Key Findings	Conclusion
Rifaat Mi	2010	Qur'anic framework for mediation	Qur'anic verses such as An-Nisa (4:35) and Al-Hujurat (49:9) emphasize mediation, reconciliation, and constructive engagement in resolving conflicts.	The Qur'an provides a structured framework for peaceful conflict resolution.
Tahir et al.	2023	Islamic principles of peace and justice	Islamic teachings highlight "as-slim" (peace) as a core principle, promoting reconciliation and mutual understanding.	Peace and reconciliation are central to Islamic conflict resolution strategies.
Nursita & Sahide	2019	Role of peace in Islamic conflict resolution	Promoting "as-slim" encourages coexistence and harmony in interpersonal and community conflicts.	Islamic conflict resolution fosters peaceful coexistence and societal harmony.
Pratama	2023	Prophetic practices in conflict resolution	The Prophet Muhammad's mediation methods, such as the Medina Charter, exemplify non-violent conflict resolution and the value of compromise.	The Prophet's strategies are foundational to modern Islamic conflict management models.
Tasgheer	2022	Conflict resolution among diverse communities	Islamic teachings advocate dialogue and mutual respect for resolving disputes across differing faiths and communities.	Dialogue and respect are essential for resolving interfaith and intercultural conflicts.
Baidowi et	2021	Non-violence in Islamic conflict	The Qur'an condemns violence and promotes peaceful approaches, countering	Islamic teachings reinforce the importance

al.		resolution	misconceptions of Islam as a violent religion.	of non-violence in conflict resolution.
Azim	2017	Styles of Islamic Conflict Management	Islamic conflict resolution includes obliging, compromising, and integrating styles to strengthen relationships and community bonds.	Islamic conflict resolution aims to both resolve disputes and foster stronger relationships.

### 3.6 Thematic Highlights from the Study

Key findings in this research are how Islamic principles foster marital stability while cushioning against factors that potentially breed divorce. Religious activities abound in Islam, such as congregation during prayers and collective rituals. These provide a foundation for fostering emotional intimacy and marital harmony between pairs in Muslim married relations. Dew et al. (2020) and Lai et al. (2023) affirm that combined religiosity and religious homogamy stabilize marriage by increasing understanding between spouses and reducing conflict. On the other hand, Amin (2023) and Hamdanah (2018) have indicated that interfaith marriages often result in problems, such as identity conflicts in children and higher marital strife. These studies indicate shared faith as an essential stabilizing force in marriages. Kelley et al. (2020) and Fallahchai et al. (2021) provide examples of how marriage sanctification through religious practices strengthens marital relationships and provides coping resources contributing to resilience, thus serving as a bonding and shielding agent.

While pre-marital education and legislative initiatives have equal importance in moral and ethical guidance, the risks of divorce can be reduced. Haugen et al. (2014) and Musyafaah et al. (2022) address the issue of tailored and pre-marriage counseling on common marital challenges, including economic pressures and husband-wife conflicts. Such programs typified by the Indonesian government, Djawas et al. (2021)-are meant to provide couples with the necessary competencies to see them through the complexities associated with marriage while observing ethics in conformity with standards specific to the community. While such legislative measures as cooling-off periods, discussed by Li 2022, provide an ethical framework for contemplation, thus aiding reconciliation and reducing the emotional burden of divorce, post-divorce support networks highlighted by Jacob 2023 and Beckmeyer 2024 also provide the required continuity in support to help families adapt to their new situation for long-term familial stability.

The communal function of faith goes beyond individual marriages and contributes to greater cohesion at the societal level. Faith-based organizations (FBOs) are foundational in advancing health, mental wellness, and social equity, especially in marginalized communities (Fagan et al., 2010; Johnson et al., 2020). In disasters like the COVID-19 pandemic, church communities offered essential emotional and psychological support, enhancing resilience via communal worship and participation (Goodwin & Kraft, 2022).



Besides that, partnerships between religious communities and educational or government-based entities have encouraged high-impact discussions on immigration concerns, inequality, and such matters, increasing social inclusion (Filomeno, 2020). As well explained by Miarti and Mudzakar (2021) and Sofyan (2023), this confluence of faith with financial balance has demonstrated ways in which Islamic finance mechanisms can potentially enable the renaissance of individual and social economic principles while trying to reduce the emergence and sustenance of poverty within humankind. Together, these studies analyze how Islamic values function to achieve personal, familial, and social well-being changes.

To further elaborate on the findings, this section categorizes the results into key thematic highlights that underscore the role of Islamic principles in marital stability.

#### 4.1 Thematic Highlights from the Study

The study's results were integrated into specific themes, all of which have collectively emphasized the role of Islamic values in stabilizing marriages and reducing divorce. The commitment to religion became an essential element, as social and religious practices provided a moral and spiritual basis for couples to build a strong relationship. These practices cultivate emotional closeness and respect for one another, thus enabling individuals to exercise patience and perseverance through difficult times threatening stability.

Forgiveness is widely regarded in Islam as a pivotal virtue in relationship preservation. Teachings on mercy and reconciliation in Islam develop a psychological attitude among spouses that may help them handle conflict, fix broken mutual trust, and strengthen their marriage. Forgiveness in focus keeps them off the notion of every minor dispute as a considerable dispute, which in turn nurtures love and dissolves the divorce rate.

One vital finding was the role played by the community and shared faith in marital stability. The religious community has a tremendous support system in place, where advice, mediation, and other forms of support are provided to couples facing issues. Faith-based groups and leaders significantly contribute to counseling and resolving disputes to preserve the sanctity of marriage. One social safety net that helps to increase that commitment in these couples will be shared supportiveness when negotiating the things on which you differ.

These themes underline how faith, forgiveness, and communal support interact to provide a firm foundation for marital stability. Together, they will show how Islamic concepts address marital problems and develop lasting relationships.

## Conclusion

This research also focuses on Islamic beliefs as the primary determinant factor in developing marriage stability and reducing divorce risks in a family to promote community togetherness. An Islamic interpretation of marital issues is holistic, set within the context of communal religious practice, moral guidance, community support, and adherence to the rules or principles. This will stabilize the influence of collective religiosity and forgiveness to the extent that incorporating shared religious practices considerably enhances emotional connections and marital resilience when partner disagreements occur.



Again, these findings have underlined the fact that personal and familial behaviors are aligned to restore marital harmony in concert with the moral and spiritual precepts of Islam.

The study found that the multidimensional problems of marriage and divorce required pre-marital counseling, legislative measures, and post-divorce support systems. Cooling-off periods and community-based, pre-marital education programs provided ethical and practical resources for couples to handle marital difficulties, emphasizing the need for institutional and cultural support. Legislative and pastoral frameworks emphasized the moral commitment of communities to the betterment of family stability and the support of people in post-divorce transitions that contributed to long-term well-being.

The communitarian aspect of Islamic values was reflected in social development, whereby faith-based organizations and Islamic finance demonstrated their potential to address health issues, financial inclusion, and social justice. In resource mobilization, facilitation of fair economic practices, and provision of emotional and psychological support during disasters, these organizations demonstrated the considerable applicability of Islamic values to enhance the resilience of individuals and communities. In short, these observations confirmed that Islamic values could provide the surest foundation for stable families and a cohesive society proposition, which, indeed, was increasingly vital for finding practical solutions to some of the most insurmountable contemporary problems facing many societies.

## Recommendation

Based on the findings of this study, a comprehensive and multi-dimensional strategy is recommended to enhance marital stability and minimize divorce risks. This approach integrates religious, financial, and legal interventions across five key areas:

- ☐ **Pre-Marital Education:** Structured counseling programs should be established to address financial and relational challenges while promoting Islamic marital ethics and responsibilities.
- ☐ **Community Support Systems:** Religious leaders and faith-based organizations should actively provide couples mediation and emotional support services.
- ☐ **Financial Literacy:** Educational programs on Shariah-compliant financial management should be introduced to reduce economic stress and enhance financial stability within families.
- ☐ **Legislative Frameworks:** Cooling-off periods and mediation policies should be reinforced to encourage reconciliation before proceeding with divorce.
- ☐ **Post-Divorce Support:** Structured counseling and social reintegration programs should help families transition effectively while maintaining long-term emotional and psychological well-being.

By implementing these interconnected interventions, Islamic marital frameworks can strengthen relationships, reduce marital conflicts, and enhance overall family well-being, ensuring that couples receive the necessary support to navigate challenges successfully.





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