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Abstrak

The emergence of various advanced technologies in the digital era—such as artificial intelligence (AI), blockchain technology, biotechnology, and automation systems—has created a variety of new questions related to Islamic law. These developments have created an urgent need for contemporary reassessment and *ijtihad fiqh* so that Muslims can interact with technology legally and ethically according to Islamic principles. This study was conducted through a full library research approach. The main references consist of PhD and Master's theses, academic journals, seminar articles, and classic works in the field of *fiqh*. Secondary sources include official websites such as the portal of the Department of Islamic Development Malaysia (JAKIM), State Islamic Religious Councils, websites of state muftis, writings of contemporary scholars, and reports of fatwa and technology institutions. The focus of this study is on three main aspects: first, identifying types of current technologies that raise questions in terms of *fiqh* and Islamic law; second, explaining the role of contemporary *fiqh* in addressing legal and ethical challenges related to the use of such technologies; and third, evaluating the contribution of contemporary *fiqh* in guiding society towards the acceptance and use of technology in a syariah-compliant manner.

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1.0 INTRODUCTION

The rapid development of technology in the 21st century has had a major impact on the way people live in various aspects, including communication, medicine, education, finance and social systems. The world is now moving rapidly towards automation, digitalization and integration of smart systems that are changing the structure of society. In the context of Muslims, this progress not only brings benefits, but also poses new challenges from the perspective of law, ethics, and shariah values. In short, when a technology has become a medium or an internal device creating human needs for primary, secondary, and basic needs tertiary, then the technology development law that was originally fardu kifayah can changed to fardu ain, sunnah, and as a priority (Anas & Yulianto, 2023)

Furthermore, Changes that occur in modern day technology are identified without paying attention to the scientific basis to build a proper foundation in technological development in Islam. this is a task from among academics to give appropriate advice to their government through the right channels (Muhammad Ridho, Muhammad Rian, & Shofia, 2024)fiqh as a scientific discipline that regulates Muslim life based on shariah, plays an important role in assessing and providing guidance on new issues that arise with the progress of time. However, the traditional fiqh approach that is centered on classical texts often requires reinterpretation to suit current realities. This is where the need for contemporary fiqh arises a modern form of ijtihad that is responsive to world changes and the emergence of new technologies.

Contemporary fiqh is not just repeating old laws, but seeks to understand new, complex and dynamic contexts. It serves as a bridge between the eternal principles of Islam and the changing realities of the world. Therefore, the existence of contemporary fiqh is very important in ensuring that Muslims are able to interact with technological advances wisely, responsibly, and in line with the demands of syariah.