

## **ABSTRACT**

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As an intellectual, Nurcholish Madjid always release the ideas of an independent, universal and inclusive. Including ideas about civil society. This is not independent of Nurcholish Madjid mindset that is open, modern and universal, especially in religious and political discourse. This mindset can not be separated

from his family background, education and environment interact figures that she admires. Thus forming a figure that has Nurcholish Madjid typical thinking. This can be seen in the conception of civil society that he remove it.

Nurcholish Madjid provide different conceptions of other intellectuals of understanding of civil society. Using as reference the classical Islamic life as the foundation of civil society. Nurcholish Madjid managed to create a conception of civil society that stands alone and different from the civil society that come from the West. Conception of civil society was initiated by the Nurcholish Madjid, a collaboration of ideas and Nurcholish Madjid about modernity with Islamic theology is based on inclusiveness, which is typical of him.

According to Nurcholish Madjid have 6 (six) characteristics or conditions of a society can be said as a civil society, the six traits are: adherence to the law, tolerance, respect for the principles of pluralism, egalitarianism, an award based on merit, and openness of participation of all communities. According to Nurcholish Madjid, the sixth feature must be created, so that if the six traits or conditions can be implemented it will create a civilized order of society or civil society.

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Different definitions of civil society initiated by Nurcholish Madjid. Nurcholish Madjid made the classical Islamic life as a picture of modern life or civilized society. Drafts issued by Nurcholish Madjid this makes the concept of civil society that initially did not differ significantly with the initial concept of civil society, a concept that stands alone and has a distinct historical foundation of civil society that come from the West.

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Results in this study is to determine what kind of picture of the concept of civil society in the perspective of Nurcholish Madjid. As a thinker as well as theologians, Nurcholish Madjid not quit thinking with a view religious. This view is not free from family influence, educational environment and the people who interact and admired by Nurcholish Madjid. Of understanding of civil society, Nurcholish Madjid made the lives of the people of Medina at the time of the prophet as an example of modern life that can be applied to the present. It is not released from Nurcholish Madjid fascination with classical Islamic life.

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