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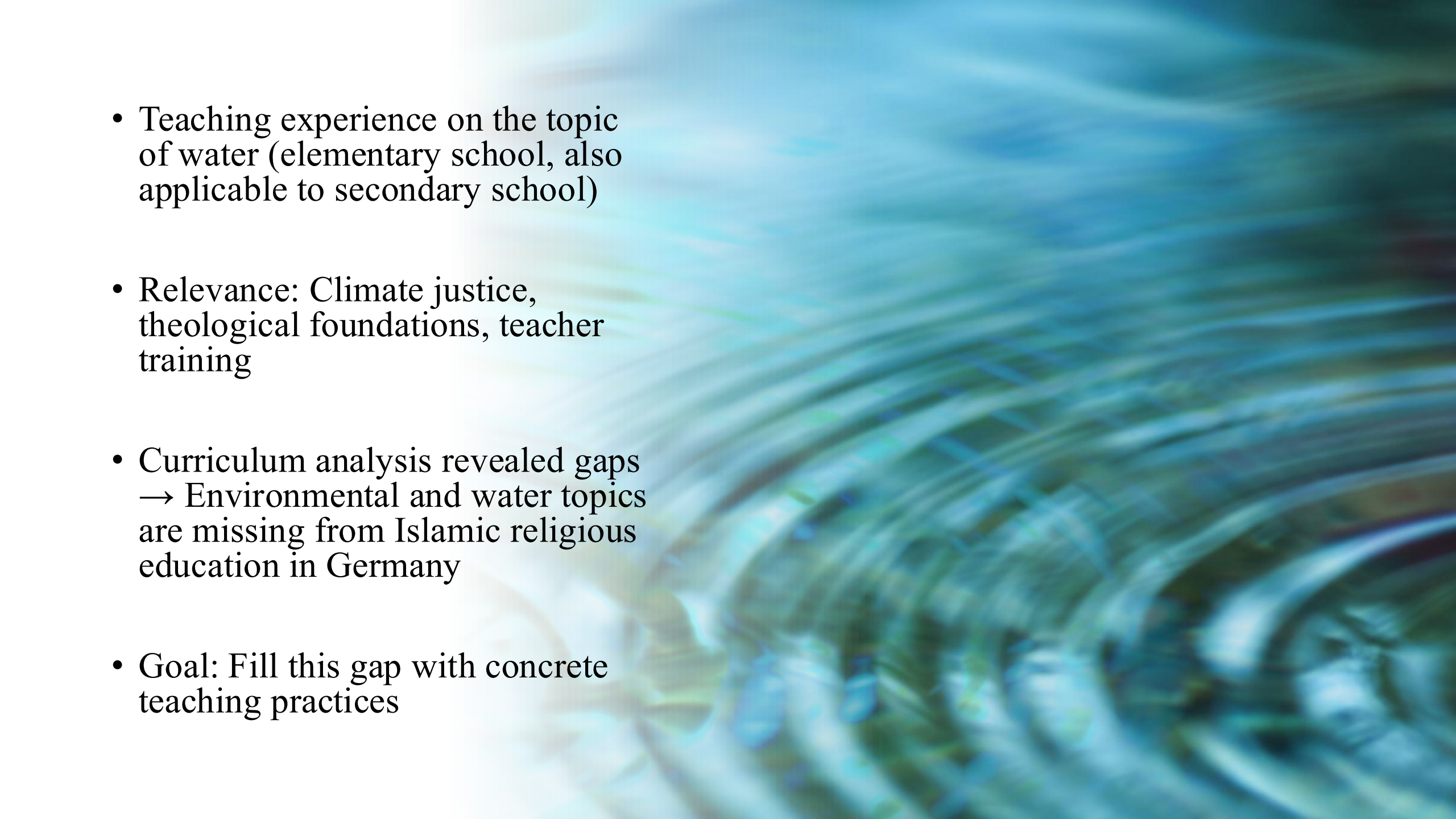
Water as a Sign of God's Mercy Theological-Didactical Competence Orientation in School Practice

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- The background of the slide features a close-up, artistic shot of water ripples. The water is a deep blue color, and the ripples create a series of concentric, overlapping circles that catch the light, giving it a shimmering, textured appearance. The lighting is soft, highlighting the peaks of the ripples and creating a sense of depth and movement.
- Teaching experience on the topic of water (elementary school, also applicable to secondary school)
 - Relevance: Climate justice, theological foundations, teacher training
 - Curriculum analysis revealed gaps
→ Environmental and water topics are missing from Islamic religious education in Germany
 - Goal: Fill this gap with concrete teaching practices

Lesson plan: Water as a sign of mercy

- Two principles

1. **elementarisation**
2. **Student-orientated.**

Rahmah – 'Amal – Amanah

- **Methods:**

1. Station work: feeling, hearing, painting water, writing prayers
2. Poster design: “Water as a sign of mercy”
3. Concluding ritual: river made of textile, drop leaves with thanks/requests

- **Experience:**

Children encounter water through their senses, creatively, and spiritually



Exkurs: Hayy Competence Model (short)

- Inspired by Ibn Tufail's story Ḥayy ibn Yaqẓān (12th century)
- Model describes areas of competence for Islamic environmental education:
- **Perception** (Fitra, Tafakkur)
- **Understanding and interpretation** (Tadbīr, I'tibār)
- **Life ethics and spirituality** (Zuhd, Ikhlāṣ)
Application: Helps to structure teaching integrally (heart – mind – soul)
- Separate chapter in my Phd-thesis → here just one example on the topic of water





Competences and results

- The pupils recognized water as a gift from God.
- They formulated their own hopes and responsibilities.
- They expressed these through: posters, rituals, and prayers.

Results:

- Evaluation (child interviews, students)
- Interreligious meeting (Protestant, Catholic)
- University course on “Environment and Water” for teacher training students at university of education