# PROFESSIONAL ETHICS

Its Foundations and Practices



ABDUREZAK ABDULAHI HASHI



### LIBRARY INTERNATIONAL ISLAMIC UNIVERSITY MALAYSIA

# PROFESSIONAL ETHICS

Its Foundations and Practices

ABDUREZAK ABDULAHI HASHI



Gombak • 2018

Copy No: 11100395859
Initial Date: AML: 17314

First Edition, 2018 © IIUM Press, IIUM

IIUM Press is a member of the Majlis Penerbitan Ilmiah Malaysia - MAPIM (Malaysian Scholarly Publishing Council)

All rights reserved. No part of this publication may be reproduced, stored in a retrieval system, or transmitted, in any form or by any means, electronic, mechanical, photocopying, recording, or otherwise, without any prior written permission of the publisher.

Perpustakaan Negara Malaysia

Cataloguing-in-Publication Data

Hashi, Abdurezak Abdulahi, Dr.

PROFESSIONAL ETHICS: ITS FOUNDATIONS AND PRACTICES / ABDUREZAK ABDULAHI HASHI.

ISBN 978-967-418-438-4

- 1. Professional ethics.
- 2. Professional ethics--Religious aspects--Islam.
- 3. Business ethics.
- I. Title.

174.4

Published by
IIUM Press
International Islamic University Malaysia
P.O. Box 10, 50728 Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia

Printed in Malaysia by
Perniagaan Normahs
No. 3, 5 & 7, Jalan 12/10,
Taman Koperasi Polis Fasa 1,
68100 Mukim Batu, Kuala Lumpur.

16/8/18 2i 21. 8.18 - mab fp BJ 1725 H348 2018

### Contents

Preface	iii
PART I: UNDERSTANDING ETHICS	
CHAPTER 1	
Understanding Ethics: Its Concepts, Importance and History	3
The Challenges of Provisional Definition of Ethics	3
Ethics, Ethikos, Morality and Mores	14
Rationale of Morality	16
The Study of Ethics: A History	18
CHAPTER 2	1 1
The Question of Morality and the Theories of Ethics	27
Introduction: The Question of Morality	27
Conventional Theories of Morality	28
1. Ethical Egoism	30
2. Ethical Altruism	38
3. Ethical Utilitarianism	44
4. Ethical Relativism	52 56
5. Deontology Ethics	60
<ul><li>6. Divine Command Theory of Morality</li><li>7. Ethical Nihilism</li></ul>	66
7. Ethical Nihilism	00
PART II: ETHICS IN RELIGIOUS TRADITIONS	
CHAPTER 3	
Religious Traditions and Morality : A concise exposition	77
Religious Ethics	77
Ethics and Major Religious Traditions	78
1. Hinduism and Morality	78
2. Buddhism and Ethics	82
3. Judaism and Morality	84
4. Christianity and Ethics	86
5. Islam and Morality	88

CHAPTER 4	
Ethics between the Original Sin of Christianity and the Original	
Innocence of Islam	94
Introduction	94
Conceptions of Original Sin and Original Innocence	95
Convergences	102
Ethical Divergences	111
PART III: ISLAMIC ETHICS : ITS PRINCIPLES AND FOUNDATIONS	
CHAPTER 5	
Islamic Ethics: Its Genesis and Scope	123
Introduction: Definition and Scope	123
Conceptually	125
The Essence of Morality	129
History of Muslim Sciences of Ethics	138
CHAPTER 6	
<b>Understanding Tawhid: The Foundation of Islamic Moral</b>	
Philosophy	149
Islamic Monotheism, the Tawhīd	149
CHAPTER 7	
Principles of Islamic Ethics	162
• Introduction	162
Principles of Islamic Ethics	163
1. Life is not <i>nihil</i> neither illusive, but real and puposive	163
2. Man is inherently innocent; original sin, redemption and atonement have no place in islam	167
3. The sense of morality stems from <i>fitrah</i> ; not from desires and	10,
wants	168
4. Morality is realised internally and externally; monaticism is	
not in the agenda	170
5. Ethics is guided by the divine revelations; not by hedonistic	1.00
desires and utilities	172
6. Ethics serve universal justice; ethics of both relativism and favouritism are denied	174

	In ethics, principles, motives and the outcomes matter; moral consequentialism is not true	176
	Islamic ethics requires a balance between personal freedom	
	(rights) and accountability	178
	In ethics both individual and collective interest matter; egoism	1.70
	and altuirsm are not true	179
	Moral norms reflect absolute truth value; moral subjectivism is not valid	181
	Norms and principles determine moral property of values;	
	utility is not a value in itself	182
	Ethics, law and religion are complementary fields; no	
	dichotomy of the sacred and secular	185
	APTER 8	
	tues and Vices (Faḍā'il and Radhā'il) from the Islamic	
	spective	190
	Moral Property of Conducts	190 197
Virt	ues (faḍā'il) and Vices (radhā'il)	19/
CH	APTER 9	
	estones of Ethical Judgements in Islam	204
	oduction	204
	Qur'an	207
	Qur'an and Moral Values	211
	cs in the Prophetic Tradition (sunnah)	219
The	Role of the Sunnah	223
Ethi	cs and the Shari'ah Laws	226
Figl	h, Uṣūl al-Fiqh and Ethics	228
Obj	ectives of the Shari'ah	231
Ethi	cs and Maxims of Fiqh	236
	DADTIN PROFESSIONAL FEMACE	
	PART IV: PROFESSIONAL ETHICS	
СН	APTER 10	
	fessional Ethics : Concepts and Scope	251
	egories of Ethical Enquiries and the Place of Professional Ethics	251
	fession, Professional and Professionalism	253
Prof	fessional Ethics	257

CHAPTER 11		CHAPTER 17	
Professional Ethics in Islam	264	Engineering Ethics from the Islamic perspective	374
Introduction	264	Introduction	374
Islamic Ethics of Work Structure and Human Resource Manageme	ent 267	The Qur'an and Expressions of Engineering Techniques	374
Islamic Administrative Ethics and Virtues	270	Examples of Man-made Engineering Arts in the Qur'an	385
RVL authorities and not the first the first terms of the first terms o		Moral Principles of Engineering Arts in the Qur'an	389
PART V: BUSINESS AND ADMINISTRATIVE ETHIC	S		
		PART VIII: ETHICS AND HEALING PRACTICES	
CHAPTER 12			
Introduction to Business Ethics	291	CHAPTER 18	
Introduction	291	Medical and Nursing Ethics	401
Business Ethics in Islam	292	Introduction	401
		Definition of Medical Ethics	402
CHAPTER 13		History of Medical Ethics	403
Principles of Administrative Ethics	300	Principles of Medical Ethics	407
Introduction	300		
Components of Administrative Ethics	303	CHAPTER 19	
Ethics of Promoting Public Participation in Administrations	305	Medical Ethics from Islamic Perspective	413
Administrators, Leaders and Managers	306	Introduction	413
		The History of Islamic Medical Ethics	415
PART VI: POLITICS, POLITICIANS AND ETHICS		Medical Ethics from Islamic Perspective	417
Indeed to Manual to the Count of		1	
CHAPTER 14		CHAPTER 20	
Ethics and Politics	315	Bioethics: History and Approaches	427
The scope of politic and forms of governing regimes	315	Introduction	427
Between Ethics and Politics	319	Definition of Bioethics	429
		History of Bioethics	431
CHAPTER 15		Bioethical Declarations	437
Between Ethics and Politics: Islamic perspective	331	Bioethical Approaches: A Comparative Analysis	439
Introduction	331		
Between Ethcis and Politics	333	CHAPTER 21	
Political Ethics in Islam	338	The Islamic Responses to Bioethics : An Overview	448
		Introduction	448
PART VII: ENGINEERING AND MORALITY		The Scope of Islamic Bioethics	450
CHAPTED 16		Conclusion	458
CHAPTER 16 Engineering Ethios: A Comparative Assount	363	Conclusion	450
Engineering Ethics: A Comparative Account	363	Index	459
Engineering Profession: Definition of Scope		andta.	439
Ethics and Engineering	366		

## PROFESSIONAL ETHICS

#### Its Foundations and Practices

This book, Professional Ethics: Its Foundations and Practices uses comparative and analytical methods, and addresses the foundations, principles and approaches of ethics in relation to professional practices. Besides highlighting the meaning and concepts of moral ideals, this book also illustrates moral philosophies of leading conventional moral theories like moral egoism, altruism, utilitarianism, relativism, deontology and virtues theories of ethics, as well as moral concepts of major religious thoughts including Hinduism, Buddhism, Judaism, Christianity and Islam. With somewhat detailed explanations, this work offers a descriptive account on the genesis, the scope, the foundations, principles, virtues and milestones of the Islamic moral system. The scope and the components of professional ethics both from conventional and Islamic perspectives are then comparatively elucidated in the relevant chapters of this book. Additionally, it presents an abridged explanations of the principles of applied ethics, its themes and practices in the given professional fields such as business, administration, engineering, politics, medicine and bioethics. This work does not however present meta-ethical analysis of the meaning and concepts of ethics, nor does it aim to present a normative account of morality. Rather this work seeks to understand applications of theoretical and formal ethics in real problematic issues to solve actual dilemmas in given professions.

ABDUREZAK ABDULAHI HASHI (PhD), is an Associate Professor at the Faculty of Science, International Islamic University Malaysia (IIUM). His PhD was on comparative theology; particularly on the Abrahamic Faiths. Apart from being chair person and co-chair person for a number of international academic conferences, seminars and workshops, he himself was a speaker and presenter in various international academic conferences in Turkey, Malaysia, Australia and the United States of America. His academic books includes, among others, The Scholarship of Comparative Religion from Islamic perspective: Concepts and Methods, (IIUM Press, 2012); The Study of Religious Traditions: Approaches and Theories (IIUM Press, 2014); Bioethics: A Comparative Study of its Concepts, Issues and Approaches (IIUM Press, 2015); Students' Encyclopaedia of Religious Beliefs and Traditions (Dar al-Kutub al-Ilmiyyah, 2015); Worldviews and Belief Systems: A Comparative Introduction (Fajar Ulung Sdn Bhd, 2016).



#### **HUM Press**

Tel: +603 6196 5014 / 6196 5004 Fax: +603 6196 4862 / 6196 6298 Email: iiumbookshop@iium.edu.my Website: http://iiumpress.iium.edu.my/bookshop

