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Introduction

At the outset, it is necessary to explain that morals are just and good human relations and human behaviours. Thus, rules that are just and good for the people are considered as morals. A system of morals is known as morality, e.g. Islamic morality. Ethical rules are also moral rules-collectively known as ethics—but they are applicable to only a group of people, e.g. ethics of doctors, lawyers' ethics, and ethics governing administrators and managers of companies and corporations. In civil laws, ethical rules are either codified or exist in the form of traditions. However, in Islam, most of ethical rules applicable to public administrators and executives of companies and corporations are enshrined in the Qur'an and Sunnah (Prophetic traditions, known as ahadith).

Various Qur'anic verses and numerous ahadith remind us the importance of professional and administrative ethics for the overall well being of the community. The Qur'an expresses this in many ways. Sometimes in a form of warning humanity from the grave environmental or social consequences of their misconducts of social administration, or through narrating the stories of the past nations who had engaged with mismanagement and immorality in their individual and collective lives which eventually ended up with