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**ABSTRACT**

**Moral Discourse in Islamic Civilisation: An Analytical Model**

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In this work, Hamid Tahir urges modern researchers to define the science of Islamic morals in the present era. He argues that his study will be a successful contribution to the science because it clarifies commonly misunderstood concepts and provides objective studies in the field of Islamic morality, given that they are extremely few in number.

This book includes eight moral models by Islamic thinkers and scholars. In his introduction, Tahir discusses the moral ideas of Prophet Muhammad and his companions as well as the impact of the practices of the first Muslims on the formulation of Islamic morals. He then refers to moral discourse in Islam and the many differences that have emerged in moral thought throughout history. He presents the specific characteristics of moral discourse in Islam, exemplifying this through a series of models representing “moral discourse in Islamic civilisation”. Tahir emphasises that this discourse is not isolated from Islamic societies, but rather – as it clearly appears through the different models – has sprung from these societies and gravitated towards them.

The eight moral models which Tahir provides are based on the fundamental reasoning of moral science. He has selected these models from the books of Muslim scholars (such as ibn al-Muqafa‘ and al-Jahiz), Sufis (such as al-Muhasabi and al-Hakim), jurists (such as ibn Hazm and al-Sabaki) and preachers and social reformers such as ibn al-Jawzi. Tahir explains that these thinkers have drawn upon elements of moral discourse in Islam from Islamic sources.

Tahir has analysed the texts and provided explanation of important issues. For every model he also briefly summarised a source related to that subject. He considers that the methodologies of Islamic thinkers are in need of further research.

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