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**ABSTRACT**

**Morals and World View of the Turks**

*Türklerde Ahlak ve Dünya Görüşü*

This book addressesthe concept of morality and its application among the Turks, and their world views and lifestyles between the ninth and twentieth centuries. Nihat Keklik refers to the observations and works of European researchers.

Keklik is of the opinion that one can comprehend the principles of the Turkish worldview only when one understands Turkish culture. He discusses Turks throughout history, including their spiritual values, daily lives, diet, customs for hygiene, hospitality, respect for the military and army, and attitudes towards women.

Unfortunately, Keklik is highly biased in his discussion of “morals” and Turkish-Muslim morals from a historical perspective. He has confined himself to only the positive aspects of the issues he deals with. In his view, European scholars have dealt with negative aspects in their works, and for this reason, he does not need to consider the negativities. Throughout the work, he takes the stance that “Europeans have a lot to learn from us”.

The book takes an already-familiar approach to Turkish ways of living, world views, and understandings of morals throughout history. Another of the book’s flaws is that it is not well written and is based on insubstantial research.

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