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**ABSTRACT**

**Morality in Contemporary Arab Thought: An Analytical Study of Current Trends in Conceptions of Morality in the Arab World**

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This work discusses twenty-five complementary yet distinct topics using the contributions of pioneering thinkers from Egypt, Jordan, Iraq, Lebanon and Syria on issues of morality. These contributions date from the early twentieth century. The author describes how moralistic studies in Arab culture have received only a small share of interest and research recently.

The book begins by presenting Arab intellectuals’ interpretations of the doctrines and theories of prominent Ancient Greek thinkers; for example, Ahmed Latafi al-Sayyid’s interpretations of Aristotle’s works and Ismail Muzzaher’s philosophy of pleasure and pain, and Najib Baladi’s book *The Stages of Moral Thought* inspired by Greek philosophers.

The chapter on social morality looks at the contributions of Mansur Fahami, Abdel Aziz Azet, Sayyid Mohammad Badawi and Qabari Ismail.

The book discusses Arab author’s works on existential and rational morality before looking at the writings of Mohammad Youssef Moussa, Ahmed Sabhi, Majed Fakhri, Sahban Khalifat and Naji al-Tikriti on Islamic philosophical morality. The final chapter is dedicated to Qur’anic morality.

The book is a sufficient overview of the study of morality in the Arab world up to the time of its publication. It is thus an important reference for all who wish to familiarise themselves with the views of twentieth-century Arab intellectuals on issues of morality.

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