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**ABSTRACT**

**New Morality and Writings on Morality**

*Yeni Ahlak ve Ahlak Üzerine Yazılar*

This book discusses the concept of morality, considering it as a platform that is different from a traditional and religious basis. The authors aim to persuade the reader to consider the concept of morality philosophically and scientifically rather than as a taboo concept not to be questioned or discussed.

According to Baha Tevfik, the old understanding of morality, whether religious or philosophical, has failed. In the twenty-first century, the source of morality is the human being. Morality can be explained through psychology. Tevfik is forced to rethink a morality because he is aware of superstitions and distorted ideas in society. Therefore, a “new morality” displays a contradiction. It is a reaction against society.

The writings here are different from those of the Second Constitutional Monarchy (1908), from the conventional ideas and clichés about morality during the Ottoman Period. This work consists of essays of rebellion. Nevertheless, Tevfik’s individualist approach is not objective. He ignores philosophy and religion and does not consider sociological phenomena.

This is a unique work. It defines the concept of psychology-oriented morality and should be read, thought about, and discussed.

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