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islamic ethics and the trusteeship paradigm explores the emerging ethical theory of the trusteeship paradigm as developed by the moroccan philosopher taha abderrahmane b 1944 the volume with contributions in english and arabic examines the development of this modern islamic theory of ethics and how it permeates various disciplines philosophy theology legal theory sufism moral theory sociology and anthropology communication environment and biomedical ethics the trusteeship paradigm aims to make ethics the compass of human thinking and action in order to overcome the predicaments humanity faces and realize a more just and balanced world this makes of it one of the principal and profound ethical theories in islamic scholarship that engages both classical and modern thought contributors mutaz al khatib mostafa amakdouf mohamed amine brahimi assia chekireb abdelmounim choqairi issam eido hicham el makki amin el yousfi adil et tahiri ramon harvey mohammed hashas eva kepplinger mohamed ourya harald viersen

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this book explores philosophical ethics in arabo islamic thought examining the meaning origin and development of divine command theory it underscores the philosophical bases of religious fundamentalism that hinder social development and hamper dialogue between different cultures and nations challenging traditional stereotypes of islam the book refutes contemporary claims that islam is a defining case of ethical voluntarism and that the prominent theory in islamic ethical thought is divine command theory the author argues that in fact early arab islamic scholars articulated moral theories theories of value and theories of obligation she traces the development of arabo islamic ethics from the early islamic theological and political debates between the kharijites and the murji ites shedding new light on the moral theory of abd al jabbar al mu tazili and the effects of this moral theory on post mu tazilite ethical thought highlighting important aspects in the development of islamic thought this book will appeal to students and scholars of islamic moral thought and ethics islamic law and religious fundamentalism

this book transcends the narrow philosophical concept of ethics confined to the greek model demonstrating that islamic ethics is an interdisciplinary field it encompasses both theoretical and practical ethics incorporating disciplines such as qur n ad th biography of the prophet s ra theology kal m jurisprudence fiqh sufism and philosophy the book provides analytical readings of a list of islamic ethical heritage sources covering a period from the 3rd 9th to the 8th 14th century it emphasises two ideas first the richness and diversity of ethical perspectives within islamic tradition showcasing multiple approaches including the greek philosophical narrative and analytical approach belonging to other disciplines beyond philosophy second it challenges the perception of scarcity in ethical sources within islamic civilization contributors matthew anderson ovamir anjum raja bahlul hans daiber omar farahat mohammed ghaly paul heck mutaz al

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a study of modern muslim ethics focused upon the lives and writings of sayyid ahmad khan and mawlana mawdudi this book sheds light upon the modern ethical problems of contemporary islam sayyid ahmad khan often called a liberal a modernist or an acculturationist represents the liberal trend of sunni muslim ethics khan s approach borrows much from reason but for khan reason and revelation are not in conflict reason guides the interpretation of islam when revelation is insufficient in contrast mawlana mawdudi s fundamentalism is at least in part anti rational it depends upon revelation as it comes to one man in particular and is very autocratic mcdonough is concerned with khan and mawdudi both writers within the indo pakistan muslim tradition their conflicting views their differing interpretations of ethics that suit islam in the contemporary world exemplify the difficulties and turmoil faced by muslims the world over for these men modernity has not spelled the end of islam yet each has found a different way of relating islam to the present and the future in faithfulness to traditional islam this book will be of interest to students of contemporary islam

as well as to those interested in questions of comparative ethics for the liberal fundamentalist conflicts outlined in this monograph are analogous to manifestations of the same dichotomy in all world religions

this book discusses the position of ethics in islamic tradition which not only related to akhlaq but also has a strong connection with aqidah and shari ah specifically the discourse of ethics in this book focuses on al ghazali s view a prominent philosopher and jurist in islamic tradition

this volume addresses the interplay of ad th and ethics and contributes to examining the emerging field of ad th based ethics the chapters cover four different sections noble virtues mak rim al akhl q and virtuous acts fa il al a m l concepts adab ta b b uzla disciplines ad th transmission gender ethics and individual and key traditions the ad th of intention consult your heart key ad ths the volume concludes with a chronologically ordered annotated bibliography of the key primary sources in the islamic tradition with relevance to understanding the interplay of ad th and ethics this volume will be beneficial to researchers in the fields of islamic ethics ad th studies moral philosophy scriptural ethics religious ethics and narrative ethics in addition to islamic and religious studies in general contributors faqihuddin abdul kodir nuha alshaar safwan amir khairil husaini bin jamil pieter coppens chafik graiguer m imran khan mutaz al khatib salahudheen kozhithodi and ali altaf mian

this bibliography is the culmination of four years work by a team of noted scholars its annotated entries are organised by religious tradition and cover each tradition's central concepts offering a judicious selection of primary and secondary works as well as recommendations of cross cultural topics to be explored specialists in the history and literature of religions and comparative religion will find this bibliography a valuable research tool

in ethics and analogy qiyās in 5th-11th century islamic legal theory felicitas opwis presents how ḥabīb al-jabbār and al-ḥusayn al-baḥār al-dabbās al-shāhrazadī and al-juwaynī relate the ethical status of acts to their legal norm and whether they apply the ethical content of divine rulings in the procedure of analogy when extending laws to new circumstances the study draws attention to theological worldview as an explanatory factor of norm construction and a jurist's approach to identifying the ratio legis of divine rulings the book traces the shift fully articulated later by al-ghazālī toward understanding the purpose of the divine law as attaining people's ma'ālā in this life which enables extending the law outside of scripture and supports a legal universalism

culturally relevant ethical decision making in counseling presents a hermeneutic orientation and framework to address contextual issues in ethical decision making in counseling and psychotherapy authors rick houser felicia l wilczenski and mary anna ham incorporate broad perspectives of ethical theories which are grounded in various worldviews and sensitive to cultural issues key features introduces a wide range of ethical theories important to the foundation of ethical decision making is an in depth understanding of general culturally relevant ethical theories that represent most world philosophical views in addition to covering mainstream theories this book introduces a wide range of ethical theories from western eastern middle eastern pan african native american and latino ethical perspectives offers numerous examples case studies are provided throughout the text to show how to apply diverse ethical theories to clinical practice the authors

also discuss how to negotiate between an enhanced ethical perspective based on diversity and professional standards codified and mandated in this country provides a systematic ethical decision making model ethical decision making has become a critical part of the training and practice of professional counselors and they can benefit immensely from systematic training in this area the model in this book provides practitioners with a broad based approach to ethical decision making and ultimately improves the ethical decision making process for counselors intended audience this is an ideal textbook for advanced undergraduate and graduate courses on professional standards and ethics in the fields of counseling psychotherapy and psychology

presenting an outline of the version of islamic ethics that is embedded in the textual legacy of the islamic legal tradition abdulaziz sachedina argues that this juridical ethics is an important even dominant form of ethics in modern islam he notes that this form of ethics has been challenged by modernity and examines the variety of ways in which legal ethical thinkers have reacted to these challenges

islam s intellectual suicide and the threat to us all people are shocked and frightened by the behavior coming out the islamic world not only because it is violent but also because it is seemingly inexplicable while there are many answers to the question of what went wrong in the muslim world no one has decisively answered why it went wrong until now in this eye opening new book foreign policy expert robert r reilly uncovers the root of our contemporary crisis a pivotal struggle waged within the muslim world nearly a millennium ago in a heated battle over the role of reason the side of irrationality won the deformed theology that resulted reilly reveals produced the spiritual pathology of islamism and a deeply dysfunctional culture terrorism from 9 11 to london madrid and mumbai to the christmas 2009 attempted airline bombing is the most obvious manifestation of this crisis but reilly shows that the pathology extends much further the closing of the muslim mind solves such puzzles as why peace is so elusive in the middle east why the arab world stands near the bottom of every measure of human development why scientific inquiry is nearly dead in the islamic world why spain translates more books in a single year than the entire arab world has in the past thousand years why some people in saudi arabia still refuse to believe man has been to the moon why muslim media frequently present natural disasters like hurricane katrina as god s direct retribution delving deeper than previous polemics and simplistic analyses the closing of the muslim mind provides the answers the west has so desperately needed in confronting the islamist crisis

analyzing pre modern writings on islamic legal theory this book comprehensively presents the transformation of the concept of *ma la a* as a vehicle of legal change from a minor legal principle to being understood as the all encompassing purpose of god s law

moral rationalism and *shar a* is the first attempt at outlining the scope for a theological reading of *shar a* based on a critical examination of why *adliyya* theological ethics have not significantly impacted *sh* readings of *shar a* within *sh* works of *shar a* legal theory *us l al fiqh* there is a theoretical space for reason as an independent source of normativity alongside the *qur n* and the prophetic tradition the position holds that humans are capable of understanding moral values independently of revelation describing themselves as *adliyya* literally the people of justice this allows the *sh a* who describe themselves as *adiliyya* literally the people of justice to attribute a substantive rational conception of justice to god both in terms of his actions and his regulative instructions despite the *sh* adoption of this moral rationalism independent judgments of rational morality play little or no role in the actual inference of *shar a* norms within mainstream contemporary *sh* thought through a close examination of the notion of independent rationality as a source in modern *sh us l al fiqh* the obstacles preventing this moral rationalism from impacting the understanding of *shar a* are shown to be purely epistemic in line with the emic insider approach adopted these epistemic obstacles are revisited identifying the scope for allowing a reading of *shar a* that is consistent with the fundamental moral rationalism of *sh* thought it is argued that judgments of rational morality even when not definitively certain cannot be ignored in the face of the apparent meaning of texts that are themselves also not certain an *adliyya* reading of *shar a* demands that the strength of independent rational evidence be reconciled against the strength of any other apparently conflicting evidence such that independent judgments of rational morality act as a condition for the validity of precepts attributed to a just and moral god

leirvik puts forward a discussion of how the notion of conscience may unite muslim and christians across religious divides as well as examining the relation between selfhood and otherness in interfaith dialogue

this book brings together international scholars of islamic philosophy theology and politics to examine these current major questions what is the place of pluralism in the islamic founding texts how have sacred and prophetic texts been interpreted throughout major islamic intellectual history by the sunnis and shi a how does contemporary islamic thought treat religious and political diversity in

modern nation states and in societies in transition how is pluralism dealt with in modern major and minor islamic contexts how does modern political islam deal with pluralism in the public sphere and what are the major internal and external challenges to pluralism in islamic contexts these questions that have become of paramount relevance in religious studies especially during the last three four decades are answered as critically highlighted in islamic founding sources the formative classical sources and how it has been lived and practiced in past and present islamic majority societies and communities around the world case studies cover egypt turkey indonesia and thailand besides various internal references to other contexts

muslim medical ethics draws on the work of historians health care professionals theologians and social scientists to produce an interdisciplinary view of medical ethics in muslim societies and of the impact of caring for muslim patients in non muslim societies edited by jonathan e brockopp and thomas eich the volume challenges traditional presumptions of theory and practice to demonstrate the ways in which muslims balance respect for their heritage with the health issues of a modern world

the companion encyclopedia of asian philosophy is a unique one volume reference work which makes a broad range of richly varied philosophical ethical and theological traditions accessible to a wide audience the companion is divided into six sections covering the main traditions within asian thought persian indian buddhist chinese japanese and islamic philosophy each section contains a collection of chapters which provide comprehensive coverage of the origins of the tradition its approaches to for example logic and languages and to questions of morals and society the chapters also contain useful histories of the lives of the key influential thinkers as well as a thorough analysis of the current trends

this collection of 15 essays illuminates the evolution of political islam from the era of the prophet muhammad to the presidency of mahmoud ahmadinejad in iran under the auspices of the association for the study of the middle east and africa joseph morrison skelly brings together a team of experts to create a compelling scholarly investigation of the interrelationship of islam and politics divided into several topical sections including early origins of islamic politics the development of jihad in an age of terror and contemporary politics political islam from muhammad to ahmadinejad defenders detractors and definitions is an in depth exploration of the various dimensions of political islam for the international community the islamic world itself and anyone who seeks a deeper understanding of this phenomenon political islam from muhammad to

ahmadinejad takes an evenhanded approach in considering competing interpretations of political islam successfully broadening the scholarly investigation of the topic the work assesses political islam across a broad chronological time frame and includes regional perspectives within the contexts of areas in africa and the middle east skelly and his colleagues tackle controversial issues head on and provide an intellectual framework for advancing political islam into new stages of economic development intellectual renewal and accommodation with constitutional democracy and human rights each contributor lends a unique and specialized perspective to the discussion on this timely topic

although islamic philosophy represents one of the leading philosophical traditions in the world it has only recently begun to receive the attention it deserves in the non islamic world this important text provides a concise and accessible introduction to the major movements thinkers and concepts within that tradition from the foundation of islam to the present day ever since the growth of islam as a religious and political movement muslim thinkers have sought to understand the theoretical aspects of their faith by using philosophical concepts leaman outlines this history and demonstrates that although the development of islamic philosophy is closely linked with islam itself its form is not essentially connected to any particular religion and its leading ideas and arguments are of general philosophical significance the author illustrates the importance of islamic thought within philosophy through the use of many modern examples he describes and contrasts the three main movements in islamic philosophy peripatetic sufi and illuminationist and examines the persian as well as the arabic traditions wide coverage is given to key aspects of islamic philosophy including epistemology ontology politics ethics and philosophy of language providing readers with a balanced view of the discipline the second edition has been thoroughly revised and updated throughout including the addition of two new chapters on recent debates surrounding islam s need for an enlightenment and on the future of islamic philosophy the new edition of islamic philosophy will continue to be essential reading for students and scholars of the subject as well as anyone wanting to learn more about one of the most significant and influential philosophical traditions in the world today

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