



Session 5: Character Development and Islamic Bioethics Opening Lecture

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**PART
1**

Discourse
&
Concepts



**PART
2**

Theories
&
Frameworks



**PART
3**

Applied
Islamic
Bioethics



Modules

- **Session 3:**
 - An Introduction to Islamic Moral Epistemology
- **Session 4:**
 - Islamic Law & Bioethics
- **Session 5:**
 - Character Development and Islamic Bioethics

Sessions

Focus Questions

- What is adab, what are the goals of adab, and how can you relate this to your medical practice?
- What are the sources of learning adab?

Self-Reflection Questions

- Place Shariah law, adab, and tazkiya practices in the context of living a righteous Islamic life as a Muslim doctor

Focus questions relate to discrete knowledge found in the readings and lectures

Self-reflection questions are about the field and how it may relate to your practice



Why is this Important for Islamic Bioethics Discourse?

Recall

What is "Islamic" about Islamic Bioethics?

- Islamic Bioethics:
 - Tied to scriptural sources & bearers of tradition (revelation and interpreters of revelation)
 - Ideally ~~would~~ draw from several fonts of Islamic morality
 - Theology/Philosophy - Theological (Usuli/Kalami) Concepts = Production/End-goal
 - ~Maqasid (future session)
 - Legal Ethics - Fiqhi Literature = Moral Status of Action
 - Practical (Virtue) Ethics - Adabi Literature = Agent-focused

Ethical Gaze is shifting

- From action (what is done) → to the agent (actor)
- Correspondingly our sources of values for assessment shift
- Remember it is still incomplete because we need to 'moralize' about the outcomes of the action



Insights into the Materials

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