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A COMPOSITE ETHICS
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This book is intended to meet the needs of both scholars and general readers interested in Islamic ethics and religion.


It presents the vast ethical system set forth in numerous works of a great Muslim thinker and moral reformer, Imām al-Ghazālī, whose sole concern during the later part of his life was to live a truly religious and moral life and to guide his Muslim brethren in the same direction.

In the first chapter the author has defined the nature and characteristics of the ethical system of this outstanding moralist. In the remaining six chapters he presents the system in its entirety with particular references to its background concepts and underlying principles. Man's nature and moral aim, good and evil character, virtues and vices, devotional acts, man's moral duties towards his fellow-men and other related problems of Islamic ethics—are all discussed in some detail to give the reader sufficient information about Islamic ethics as understood by the great Imām. The author has also examined the observations made by other writers on important points of al-Ghazālī's ethics and given his own opinion.

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