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Islamic Bioethics: A Partnership between Religion & Science

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Umrah Lounge
Reception at 5:00 pm

Islamic civilization, through its emphasis on reason and revelation, has inspired confidence in human abilities to seek to understand the relationship between science and religion in order to advance scientific research and practice in the field of medicine. With the development of biomedical technology in contemporary times, the ethical problems that face medical practitioners and patients in the West also face Muslim societies around the world. How do Muslim scholars determine the right course of action in treating severe clinical situations? The lecture will demonstrate legal-ethical methodology that has emerged to deal with growing number of clinical and research cases that require moral scrutiny before a legal opinion through fatwa is issued.

Abdulaziz Sachedina has studied in India, Iraq, Iran, and Canada, obtained his Ph.D. from the University of Toronto. He has been conducting research and writing in the field of Islamic Law, Ethics, and Theology (Sunní and Shiíte) for more than two decades. In the last ten years he has concentrated on social and political ethics, including Interfaith and Intrafaith Relations, Islamic Biomedical Ethics and Islam and Human Rights.

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