

# Ethics Project Report

## Ten Questions

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**Q1. What is the value of someone's life?**

*The context or background of this question, is based on a significant member and based on true events, not to be named who was killed.*

*I am the King of my empire, the ruler of the state or rather I'm the government having the supreme power. A certain man or an individual is destroying the peace of my state and I have ordered an order for their execution but the problem is **the person** is*

- a. Highly Popular
- b. Very Educated

*Is my order of execution Just and right? Hence what is the value of someone's life? Am I being/Will I be responsible for his death? Who will decide what is the value of my decision with respect to their life and the debt I have incurred on the state by my decisions? What is the meaning of Qassas in ethics?*

**Q2. How to develop interest of someone in something who doesn't want to take interest in my words/opinions?**

*The context is true event, happened with me on the matter on education and religious topic.*

*Someone may ask why I didn't consult with the person before ordering his execution? But I did and he was not willing to listen to anything at all. Even whatever I said to him, he ignored that all. Until I had no option but to order his execution before he would be rescued and could become a threat to my state.*

*How to convince such a person effectively and how to convey my idea to them even if they don't want to listen? Can Sales and Marketing techniques be applied but would that be ethical, in contrast to capitalized the human life? Can the argument be based on threat and benefits to such a listener (hell and heaven)? How to use cognitive consonance to them effectively?*

**Q3. How to know, if the work I am doing, right now, is the work that ALLAH intends me to do?**

*A very challenging question regarding my present and future that I ask daily from myself and everyone should, regarding their own acts. Something I will do now and it may affect my future completely, the Butterfly Effect.*

*Whatever I did or the decision I took was good for me and possibly in my opinion for my state. It was good for my people and the judicial system did not object my decision but was that really ethical? And the decision I took was also the decision ALLAH wanted me to take?*

**The question comes from daily activities like when we are faced with challenges which require our judgement to make decisions on very contradicting activities. Acts that are quite opposite of our belief and our own nature, which sometimes even involve lying or exchanging bribe, the divorce and mostly when question is very contradictory to what we believe in religion, and so after that we take an action, how can we justify that action as being right and same as what ALLAH will also want from us to do? Is that our examination(imtihan) of our belief(iman)?**

#### **Q4. How to live ethically in an unethical society?**

***A lot of us live in many different kind of societies, some of which are very good to live in while 3<sup>rd</sup> world countries are too unethical with current global culture. And we still don't know where and how we lost from being ethical to unethical ones.***

*What if the person being executed would happen to be a relative to/of someone, very powerful, and so they may try to prevent this execution at any cost possible. There is a chance of civil war, and this execution could prove to be fatal for my leadership or government. Another reason is that my decision was just by me but not for them and it has hurt their feelings, and so they feel injustice has been served and they have decided to leave the current system of government or my rule.*

**They or someone like that would ask the same question, whose feelings have been hurt, that how they can leave such a society. Not only the government, but many would think to leave their faith when such calamities happen to them, even the existence of such powers, that didn't stop such calamities. In ethics, is it better to leave such a society? Or is it better to change it and become the cause of change in such a way that won't hurt the current political system or disrupting it in its aim? If someone decides to leave such a society then where is the loyalty and patriotism with homeland and its people?**

#### **Q5. The concept of freedom?**

***Can I do everything I want? This is the question I ask myself whenever I happen to see myself alone, thinking about doing anything on the internet, with all the available options to live my life however I want, I want to do everything this world is doing because it give me the opportunity/option to do it, like sex, drugs, alcohol, stalking, harassment and as far as thinking about someone, but is this freedom ethical?***

*What duties I can perform or the movements I can bring about in order to say my own point of view. What freedom I have in international as well in national politics where I can oppose my opponents point of view without bringing calamity/disaster to myself? As that individual will try to gain power and discourage and frustrate me in every way of life. Would it still be ethical to do something about him because if yes, then it will create a never ending cycle and a paradoxical situation.*

**What is the concept of freedom in Islam? How much freedom does one religion give to one individual such that he/she can carry out the activities without disrupting the global and neutral culture? How much freedom is allowed in according to global society i.e. World? How much freedom one person has politically, religiously and ethically?**

#### Q6. Humans as tools? Ethics of human resource management

*I see a dire need of people whom I can rule as being their ruler and as Aristotle has already said, which isn't universal, that some people are born to be ruled and some are born to rule, to justify his thoughts of slavery. A lot of people around me can become great asset to me if I use them correctly. But would that be ethical?*

*As a leader if I want to start a movement of revolution or a business and I need people so I can work with them for either my cause or their cause. If I know how to use them effectively and as far as my end result is going to be good, didn't it make me the rightest of person to use them since otherwise the talents would be wasted and human resource would go into a waste of opportunities and hence into turmoil. This is right now in accordance with people but we exploit many things, natural and artificial resources and so it makes human a natural resource for me and as far as I am thinking for their own benefit as well. As a HR manager, I can bring good benefits to my company if I can learn how to control or manage them effectively.*

**What ethical behaviors should I adopt as a HR manager? As HR is for company then how can an employee benefit or protect its rights from company? How much freedom one has on another as to perform any scientific, moral or social experiment on them? How ethical it is to use people, students, employees, citizen as tools for one's own benefit as tools?**

#### Q7. The concept of respect?

*This is question which one may ask what makes a person, entity and creation worthy of being respected? Is age, one's contribution to society, experience in one field and virtue are important factors or there is something else which is Universal Right for a person to be respected.*

*In many areas of life, a person would demand respect either because of their age or longevity/experience in life. They may ask because of the power and authority they have, either forcefully or culturally motivated. And some, usually, parents and teachers would ask because they think they deserve it & it's their right. Some may argue that everything in existence deserve respect because everything has worth and is equal in Law.*

**Does everyone deserve the same respect? even if they're animals, humans and things? How is age related to respect in Islam? Is the concept of respect universally ethical? Or with norms and culture we can change that?**

#### Q8. What are the ethics of relationships?

*With the advent of global society, many societies are either on the brink of extinction or creation. This emergence of societies and cultures have introduced one of the dangerous and most motivated side-effect, **online relationships**. Because of this, new cultures are being introduced and so the norms with them and a new form of relationship advice, dating culture and sexualities have been brought into the culture. Once known taboo things, are seen as trending including **Open relationships, friends with benefits, polyamorous marriages, polygamous relations, harem society and virtual relationships** either with humans but with machines as well. What place does these relationships have in moralities and ethics?*

*Why we marry? Is the purpose only procreation or companionship? If procreation then what about infertile couples? If companionship then what about homosexuality? Rumi and Tabraiz were also companions, can companionship happen without marriage? What about 2 sexes? What is the ethics of lying? A husband can lie from his wife and to solve matters but how does it justify ethics? Isn't it like utilitarianism?*

**Q9. Religion in ethics. Is it ethical to even have a religion in the 1<sup>st</sup> place? Is it ethical to do as the religion say?**

*If I am a Muslim, then why? If I am not, then why not? If ALLAH has created one into a family of other religion other than Islam then why are such people be justified because it is not their fault born into one. Can't a person have one ethical religion irrespective of one's belief and faith? What should be the ethics if one wants to leave their faith and why do we consider it a taboo? Why religion exists in the 1<sup>st</sup> place and how can one follow or start a religion followed by everyone as a whole? Even considering Islam as complete and If I want to promote/preach it, what methods I can adopt and what ethical boundaries I need to consider?*

*The way of life concept of religion vs beliefs? Religion defines ethics or ethics define religion? Which one is superior? The way of the global society and its Laws? Islamic point of view in slavery, polygamy, freedom in LGBT and feminist movement and pedophilia as well as the life of Prophet PBUH with his wives?*

**Q10. Universal ethics vs Normative (Cultural Ethics)?**

*Eating meat? Smoking and drinking? Talking and use of abusive words and curses? Bargaining in Trading? Interest on Loans? Punishments/Fines on mistakes? Ethics of getting education, is it ethical to get education without paying its fee, if one wants to get it? Abortion in Islam and ethics? GMOs, culture tissue technology and cloning? Test tube babies and external fertilization as well as 3 chromosome human? blood donation? Gheebat and Tohmat? Islam and Sufism as they are usually not the same!*

