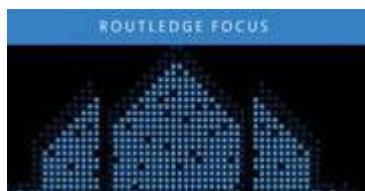




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The book introduces the unique role of the Islāmic psychotherapist, discussing their responsibilities, skills, and qualifications within the broader field of mental health. It examines the ethical guidelines and principles that govern the practice of an Islāmic psychotherapist and focuses on the core of the Islāmic psychotherapist's being - their spiritual connection and intentions. Readers gain a deeper understanding of how this spiritual connection serves as the foundation for their therapeutic work, guiding them in their interactions with clients and shaping their approach to healing. The significance of compassion and empathy in Islāmic psychotherapy is explored and emphasises the transformative potential of these qualities, utilising various techniques, in building strong therapeutic relationships. The concept of *tawakkul*, which embodies a deep sense of trust and reliance on the divine, is examined. This illuminates how *tawakkul* serves as a guiding principle in navigating life's challenges and uncertainties, fostering resilience and inner peace. The transformative power of hope within the context of Islāmic psychotherapy is explored, drawing upon psychological theories and Islāmic teachings, this expounds how cultivating hope can instil resilience, promote psychological well-being, and facilitate the healing process for individuals facing adversity. In "The Soul of the Islāmic Psychotherapist: The Inner and Outer Journey," the therapist's own growth and development is not ignored as there is emphasis on the inner and outer journey. The faith of Islāmic psychotherapists, whether religious or philosophical, significantly shapes the therapeutic relationship and outcomes in the healing process. Therapists are not neutral entities; they bring their own beliefs, values, and worldview into the therapy room. These personal elements profoundly influence how therapists perceive human

nature, suffering, and the process of healing. Through reflections on the inner journey of self-awareness, purification of the soul, self-care, and spiritual growth, underline the importance of cultivating a deep connection with one's soul and with the divine in facilitating holistic healing for clients.

