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**COMPONENT 1:  
PHILOSOPHICAL & ETHICAL ISSUES  
IN THE MODERN WORLD  
FROM AN ISLAMIC PERSPECTIVE**

## Component 1: Religious, Philosophical and Ethical Studies in the Modern World

### Theme 1: Issues of Relationships: Content from an Islamic Perspective

Where references are very long, the most relevant sections have been highlighted.

References taken from The Qur'an, English Meanings and Notes by Saheeh International Al Muntada Al-Islam Trust

Relationships	<p><b>Hadith Sahih Bukhari 9:89:252</b> Allah's Apostle said, "Surely! Everyone of you is a guardian and is responsible for his charges: The Imam (ruler) of the people is a guardian and is responsible for his subjects; a man is the guardian of his family (household) and is responsible for his subjects; a woman is the guardian of her husband's home and of his children and is responsible for them; and the slave of a man is a guardian of his master's property and is responsible for it. Surely, everyone of you is a guardian and responsible for his charges."</p> <p><b>Qur'an 30:21</b> And of His signs is that He created for you from yourselves mates that you may find tranquility in them; and He placed between you affection and mercy. Indeed in that are signs for a people who give thought.</p> <p><b>Qur'an 4:35</b> And if you fear dissention between the two, send an arbitrator from his people and an arbitrator from her people. If they both desire reconciliation, Allah will cause it between them. Indeed, Allah is ever Knowing and Aware.</p> <p><b>Qur'an 4:128-130</b> And if a woman fears ill usage or desertion on the part of her husband, there is no blame on them if they effect a reconciliation between themselves, and reconciliation is better... And if they separate, Allah will render them both free from want out of His amplexness.</p> <p><b>Qur'an 2:229</b> Divorce is twice. Then, either keep [her] in an acceptable manner or release [her] with good treatment. And it is not lawful for you to take anything of what you have given them unless both fear that they will not be able to keep [within] the limits of Allah. But if you fear that they will not keep [within] the limits of Allah, then there is no blame upon either of them concerning that by which she ransoms herself. These are the limits of Allah, so do not transgress them. And whoever transgresses the limits of Allah - it is those who are the wrongdoers.</p>
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<p>Sexual Relationships</p>	<p><b>Qur'an 17:32</b> And do not approach unlawful sexual intercourse. Indeed, it is ever an immorality and is evil as a way.</p> <p><b>Qur'an 7:80-81</b> And [We had sent] Lot when he said to his people, "Do you commit such immorality as no one has preceded you with from among the worlds? Indeed, you approach men with desire, instead of women. Rather, you are a transgressing people."</p>
<p>Issues of equality: gender prejudice and discrimination</p>	<p><b>Qur'an 2:229</b> Divorce is twice. Then, either keep [her] in an acceptable manner or release [her] with good treatment. And it is not lawful for you to take anything of what you have given them unless both fear that they will not be able to keep [within] the limits of Allah. But if you fear that they will not keep [within] the limits of Allah, then there is no blame upon either of them concerning that by which she ransoms herself. These are the limits of Allah, so do not transgress them. And whoever transgresses the limits of Allah - it is those who are the wrongdoers.</p> <p><b>Qur'an 40:40</b> Whoever does an evil deed will not be recompensed except by the like thereof; but whoever does righteousness, whether male or female, while he is a believer – those will enter Paradise, being given provision therein without account.</p>

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### Theme 2: Issues of Life and Death: Content from an Islamic Perspective

<p>The world</p>	<p><b>Qur'an 36:81</b> Is not He who created the heavens and the earth able to create the likes of them? Yes, [it is so]; and He is the Knowing Creator.</p> <p><b>Qur'an 7:54</b> Indeed, your Lord is Allah who created the heavens and the earth in six days and then established himself above the throne. He covers the night with the day, [another night] chasing it rapidly; and [He created] the sun, moon, and the stars, subjected by His command. Unquestionably, His is the creation and the command; blessed is Allah, Lord of the worlds.</p>
<p>The origin and value of human life</p>	<p><b>Qur'an 5:32</b> Because of that, We decreed upon the children of Israel that whoever kills a soul unless for a soul or for corruption [done] in the land – it is as if he had slain mankind entirely.</p> <p><b>Qur'an 6:151</b> (Say, "Come, I will recite what your Lord has prohibited to you. [He commands] that you not associate anything with Him and to parents, good treatment, and) <b>do not kill your children out of poverty; We will provide for you and them.</b> (And do not approach immoralities – what is apparent of them and what is concealed.) <b>And do not kill the soul which Allah has forbidden [to be killed] except by [legal] right.</b> This has He instructed you that you may use reason."</p> <p><b>Qur'an 30:40</b> Allah is the one who created you, then provided for you, then will cause you to die and then will give you life.</p>
<p>Beliefs about death and the afterlife</p>	<p><b>Qur'an 46:33</b> And the evil consequences of what they did will appear to them, and they will be enveloped by what they used to ridicule.</p> <p><b>Qur'an 3:16</b> Those who say "O Lord, indeed we have believed, so forgive us our sins and protect us from the punishment of the Fire."</p>

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### Theme 3: Issues of Good and Evil: Content from an Islamic Perspective

<p>Crime and Punishment</p>	<p><b>Qur'an 16:90</b> Indeed, Allah orders justice and good conduct and giving [help] to relatives and forbids immorality and bad conduct and oppression. He admonishes you that perhaps you will be reminded.</p>
<p>Forgiveness</p>	<p><b>Qur'an 42:30</b> And whatever strikes you of disaster – it is for what your hands have earned; but he pardons much.</p> <p><b>Qur'an 64:14</b> (O you who have believed, indeed, among your spouses and your children are enemies to you, so beware of them. But...) <i>if you pardon and overlook and forgive - then indeed, Allah is Forgiving and Merciful.</i></p>
<p>Good, Evil and Suffering</p>	<p><b>Qur'an 2:34</b> And [mention] when we said to the angels “Prostrate before Adam”; so they prostrated, except for Iblis. He refused and was arrogant and became the disbelievers.</p> <p><b>Qur'an 2:155</b> And we will surely test you with something of fear and hunger and a loss of wealth and lives and fruits, but give good tidings to the patient.</p>

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### Theme 4: Issues of Human Rights: Content from an Islamic Perspective

Human Rights and Social Justice	<p><b>Qur'an 5:32</b> Because of that, We decreed upon the Children of Israel that whoever kills a soul unless for a soul or for corruption [done] in the land - it is as if he had slain mankind entirely. And whoever saves one - it is as if he had saved mankind entirely. And our messengers had certainly come to them with clear proofs. Then indeed many of them, [even] after that, throughout the land, were transgressors.</p>
Prejudice and discrimination	<p><b>Qur'an 5:8</b> O you who have believed, be persistently standing firm for Allah, witness in justice, and do not let the hatred of a people prevent you from being just. Be just; that is nearer to righteousness. And fear Allah. Indeed, Allah is [fully] aware of what you do.</p> <p><b>Qur'an 49:13</b> O mankind, indeed we have created you from male and female and made you peoples and tribes that you may know one another. Indeed, the most noblest of you in the sight of Allah is the most righteous of you. Indeed, Allah is Knowing and Aware.</p>
Issues of wealth and poverty	<p><b>Qur'an 2:177</b> Righteousness is not that you turn your faces toward the east or the west, but [true] righteousness is [in] one who believes in Allah, the Last Day, the angels, the Book, and the prophets and who gives wealth, in spite of love for it, to relatives, orphans, the needy, the traveller, those who ask [for help], and for freeing slaves; [and who] establishes prayer and gives Zakah; [those who] fulfil their promise when they promise; and [those who] are patient in poverty and hardship during battle. Those are the ones who have been true, and it is those who are the righteous.</p>