

# CHALLENGES OF DEVELOPING A FATWA-MAKING METHODOLOGY FOR MEDICAL ISSUES SYMPOSIUM

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من الواقف الحاميه في باب الصلوة بعلامة التين سلمه محمى صح النقر  
وساثر اراضا يكون قرآن عظيم من بعض آية ويا ادعيه ما ثوره  
دن او قنوب افلند كد نصكره بومقابله ده النان شرعا حلالا للمدعي  
الجواب اولور هه في ابن عباس رضيات عنه ان الحق ما اخذتم  
بعض اراضك شفا يكون  
ابن رجة الحق حلاله

In the wake of rapidly growing advances in medical biotechnologies, we are increasingly become more concerned that some of these advancements may dramatically change our social life. We are aware of the potential of this change to undermine our current moral laws. We also foresee that some of these developments will go completely against human nature/fitrah. It is obvious that some seek to construct a different type of human being in the near future. At our first meeting titled "Challenges of Developing a Fatwa-Making Methodology for Medical Issues", held on 06.05.2010, we discussed the existing and ideal decision-making processes through which Islamic responses to complex medical issues could be developed. "Is it possible for people outside the medical field to comprehend complex technical issues obscure to even many medical professionals? Can we evaluate the morality of novel advancements by simply looking at its results?" Many questions can be asked. Obviously, it is very difficult to understand the issues at hand and to arrive at a decision.

Our first meeting featured interesting discussions. However, our questioning left us with more questions than answers. Therefore, we decided to organize a second, follow-up roundtable. We are convinced that, Muslim scholars should consider in their decision-making process, the difficulties and the sensitivities of each situation, and the risks which may ensue from the near future as well as a new methodology itself.

The planned discussion titles are:

- The application of fundamental normative concepts on modern issues
- The position of fundamental fiqh concepts (e.g. darurah, maslahah) across the process of fatwa-making on medical issues
- The position of fundamental assumptions in classical fiqh literature vis-à-vis modern issues

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