

Propositions

To accompany the doctoral dissertation of
**Islamic Banking in the Framework of a Socio-economic Moral Order:
Theoretical Foundations**

Critical analysis and ethical approach to a value-based economy

1. Islamic morality, Islamic ethical values and moral norms are not that different from Christian and Western tradition of morality, ethical values and moral norms.
2. A values-based approach to economy or economics is not that different from the Islamic economic approach.
3. Doing the right thing is a matter of the realization of values. The realization of value occurs in five different spheres; i.e., the market [M] sphere, the governance or governmentality [G] sphere, the “*Oikos*” or the home [O] sphere, the social [S] sphere, the cultural [C] sphere. This thesis labels this approach as the Klammer model.
4. The value-based approach to economy or economics incorporates the standard economic approach.
5. There is actually no significant difference in the daily practice and operation of Islamic banking and conventional banking.
6. Islamic banking institutions do not practice what they have been preaching and theorizing.
7. Islamic banking institutions have not been doing the right thing, since they stick more to Islamic law than that they adhere to Islamic morality, Islamic ethical values and moral norms.
8. The failure of Islamic banks to adhere to Islamic morality, Islamic ethical values and moral norms in their operation and practicality, means that they fail to meet a value-based approach to economics, do not realize the important values in five different spheres, and therefore have not been doing the right thing.
9. In order for the commercial organizations (Islamic banking) to be able to doing the right thing, they must operate within the five different spheres in realizing values by embracing not only the logic of the market in the M sphere and the logic of the governance in the G sphere, but also the logic of the *Oikos* in the O sphere, the logic of the social in the S sphere and the logic of the cultural in the C sphere.

10. My long exposure to the Western thinking, culture, virtue ethics and ethical values have brought me to engage in an intercultural dialogue between Islam and the West, that ended up viewing Islamic banking not from an Islamic perspective only but also with the value-based approach developed by Western thinkers and ethicists to discover that both perspectives complement each other.
11. This dissertation is an invitation to further the dialogue between Islam and the West in order to find out the ideal to strive for and the right thing to do, while trying to alleviate cultural misunderstandings.