

Endorsements: *Islam and the Path to Human and Economic Development*

"Islam and the Path to Human Development represents a path-breaking attempt at conceptualizing a genuine Islamic paradigm for developing societies. It succeeds where prior attempts have failed because it combines a vast knowledge of the subject with a coherent intellectual vision and a deeply felt passion. The book is destined to be the standard work in the area for years to come."

Professor Robert Looney, Distinguished Professor, Naval Postgraduate School

"The authors critique the approaches to development associated with classical theory of Adam Smith and the more recent growth theories of the twentieth century from an Islamic perspective, stressing that development should not only be measured in terms of material advance, but rather in human terms, both in terms of personal development and the recognition of both social responsibility and ultimately accountability to the Almighty. The book is likely to be essential reading for courses on Islamic economics, which are increasingly offered at universities in North America and Europe, as well as of course in the Muslim world."

Professor Rodney Wilson, School of Government and International Affairs, Durham University

"Abbas Mirakhor and Hossein Askari have written a pioneering and profoundly significant work. Their work combines academic rigour, a thorough understanding of the evolution of economic and social theory and policy in the western world, together with remarkably fresh insights into the moral and spiritual universe of Islam and its significance to the outer world of material achievement. It is in the way that they have woven the spiritualised precepts of Islam into the articulation of an alternative understanding of the nature, meaning and purposes of economic development that sets this work apart. In the process Mirakhor and Askari have set markers for a new field of inquiry in economic development.

The great achievement of Askari's and Mirakhor's work is that they have brought back the great spiritual traditions of Islam right into the heart of the debate on economic development. Mirakhor's and Askari's work is truly path-breaking and deserves to be recognised as such."

Dr. Ali Allawi, Fellow, Carr Center, Harvard University, and author of *Crisis of Islamic Civilization*, Yale University Press

“This is a heart-warming book, which brings together the concept of holistic economic development and Islamic economic thought to create a new much needed paradigm shift in global economic development. This insightful book will provide a fresh perspective to economists, Islamic bankers, NGO’s, Civil Servants and individuals across the world who want to build a fairer and better world for all.”

Iqbal Khan, CEO Fajr Capital and former founding CEO of HSBC Amanah