



Human Wisdom: The Foundation of Bioethics

Ali A. Moosavi-Movahedi



unesco

UNESCO Chair on
Interdisciplinary Research in Diabetes
University of Tehran, Iran



UNESCO Chair on Interdisciplinary Research in Diabetes,
University of Tehran

Institute of Biochemistry and Biophysics, University of Tehran,
Tehran, Iran

Fellow of TWAS, IAS, and the Academy of Sciences of I.R. Iran

[Web: ibb.ut.ac.ir/moosavi](http://ibb.ut.ac.ir/moosavi)



Bioethics as Respect for Life

- Bioethics is a profound respect for life and all living beings.
- Human beings, nature, and other forms of life are inseparably interconnected.
- Humans are not separate from nature; they are an integral part of a living system.
- Human health and flourishing depend on the health and sustainability of the environment.



KEY MESSAGE

Human well-being cannot be separated from the well-being of nature.



A Wise Relationship with Nature

- Understanding living organisms and their reciprocal relationships is a fundamental dimension of bioethics.
- The human relationship with nature should be based on:



Balance



Responsibility



Respect



Coexistence



KEY MESSAGE

A wise person balances human needs with the inherent value and rights of other living beings and nature.



Cultivating Bioethics from Childhood

- Bioethical awareness should be cultivated from childhood.
- Respect for living beings should be embedded in early education and upbringing.
- Education can transform human beings from mere consumers of nature into conscious and constructive members of the natural world.
- Responsible attention to the non-living world can foster:



Conscience



Wisdom



Compassion



A sense of responsibility



KEY MESSAGE

Education can transform human beings from mere consumers of nature into conscious and constructive members of the natural world.



Bioethics, Health, and Civilization

- Bioethics is more than a set of principles in biology, medicine, and environmental studies.
- **It can serve as a guiding wisdom for civilization and the ethical advancement of humanity.**
- Contemporary diseases, including diabetes, may be associated in part with industrial lifestyles and a departure from natural balance.

Bioethical principles should be reflected in:

- **Public policy**
- **Legislation**
- **Culture**
- **Science and Technology**
- **Education**



KEY MESSAGE

Science and technology truly advance human flourishing when they support healthy living and the health of nature.

Bioethics as a Bridge to a Sustainable Future

BIOETHICS CONNECTS:



Science



Wisdom



Nature



Environment



Human & Social
Responsibility

The End



Learn from Nature:
Create the Future

