

Editorial

According to Socrates, knowledge is virtue. But mere knowledge of ethical principle is not sufficient to bring people in the road to virtue. Training on practical ethics is more effective in producing good conduct. Casuistry or the applied ethics is a discipline to apply valid standards to particular concrete cases. Keeping this idea in mind Bangladesh Bioethics Society organized a workshop on road safety to raise awareness of the truck and bus drivers. Because, everyday reckless driving take a heavy tolls of life in Bangladesh. Most of the bus and truck drivers do not follow the traffic rules. It is also necessary to handle drug addiction problem. It has been posing a serious threat to our youths and their families as well as the whole society. BBS can organize awareness programme for the youth to combat the menace of drug addiction. It is one of the major cause of social disorganization.

Five articles have been published in this issue. Article on Bioethics and Patient Law U.S.A., U.K. and India raises discussion on the ethical questions of Bioethics which include relationship among life science, biotechnology, medicines, politics, law and philosophy. In order to conduct research on bioethics we need a searchable consolidated database. The article under the title 'Peace, Conflict and Resolution (Good vs Evil) rightly identifies the colossal structural injustice and inequalities rooted in the global, social and political economy. The philosophy of Confucianism and Taoism is highlighted based on two basic propositions that man's original nature is good. Secondly the evil nature of the man in the by-product of external environment. Ensuring justice, dignity and human rights and philosophical leadership and eradication of poverty and corruptions establish peace in the world.

Article on Islamic perception medication with special reference to ordinary and extraordinary means of medical treatment. It deals with medication, bioethics, extraordinary medical treatment and medical ethics. Article under the title "Research Involving Human Subjects – Ethical Perspective is discuss that research involving human subject should be justifiable and minimal risky for the participant. Ethical perspective should be emphasized. "The Epistemological Import of Informed Consent in Clinical Research" is an attempt to establish the epistemological import and limits of informed consent in clinical research.

One quest for a moral life in the society will continue. We shall evaluate human achievement in the light of eternal value of truth, beauty and goodness. Bioethics will be all pervasive.

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