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Fighting Domestic Violence

New book is a study of domestic violence in a cross-cultural context

Arlington, TX – October 1, 2009 – Domestic violence is a global phenomenon occurring among people of all races, ages, social economic status, educational, and religious backgrounds. Advocate M. Basheer Ahmed, M.D., believes that in order to develop culturally appropriate interventions in addressing this issue, it is critical to understand this subject within a cross-cultural context. In relation to this, he presents *Domestic Violence Cross Cultural Perspective*, a comprehensive and eye-opening book released through Xlibris.

Family roles, values, customs, and expectations are deeply rooted within a person's culture and religious traditions. Many community and religious leaders are not familiar of the incidence of domestic violence among immigrant population and lack the knowledge of the effect of domestic violence on the victims, their children, the legal implications and the resources available for them.

In its opening chapter, *Domestic Violence Cross Cultural Perspective* summarizes various topics discussed related to psychodynamics of abuse, cross-cultural, Islamic, Jewish and Hindu perspective. The other topics covered are effects of domestic violence on children and the legal aspects of domestic violence. The last chapter gives a detailed description of the development of a domestic violence program for the immigrant community.

Written for health professionals, religious, and community leaders in a simple language, *Domestic Violence Cross Cultural Perspective* addresses the aspects of domestic violence from different cultural and religious orientations and suggests strategies to help victims and perpetrators.

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