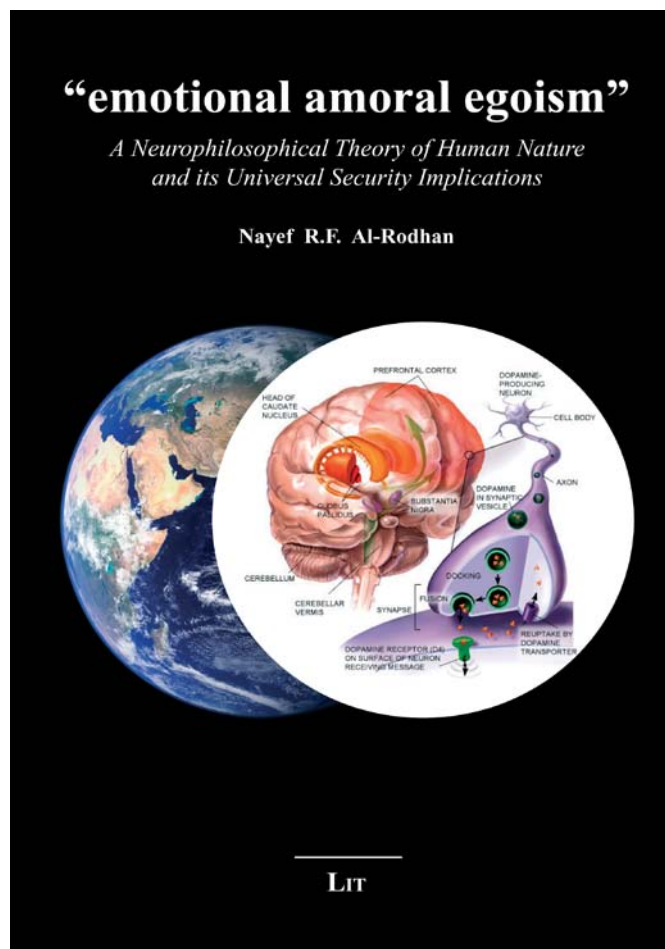


“emotional amoral egoism”:

A Neurophilosophical Theory of Human Nature and its Universal Security Implications

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The enduring assumption that human behaviour is governed by innate morality and reason is at odds with the persistence of human deprivation, injustice, brutality, inequality and conflict. This book offers a fresh look at human nature and universal security by proposing a new general theory of human nature, “*emotional amoral egoism*”, and a specific theory of human motivation that draws on a wide range of philosophical, psychological and evolutionary approaches to human nature as well as neuroscientific research. It argues that human behaviour is governed primarily by *emotional self-interest* and that the human mind is a *predisposed tabula rasa*. The author argues that most human beings are innately neither moral nor immoral but rather *amoral*. Circumstances will determine the *survival value of humankind’s moral compass*. This insight has profound implications for the re-ordering of governance mechanisms at all levels with a strong emphasis on *the role of society and the global system*. This book is essential reading for anyone interested in the substrates of human nature and its universal security implications in relation to identity, conflict, ethnocentrism, xenophobia, morality and global governance.



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