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# Esthetic beauty and ethical responsibility principle

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Abstract: This scientific article explores the principles of aesthetic beauty and ethical responsibility. It analyzes the aesthetic aspects of the concept of beauty and its harmony with ethical responsibility. Aesthetic beauty influences the human psyche and plays a crucial role in shaping ethical values. The article presents scientific reflections on the relationship between beauty and ethical responsibility at both social and individual levels, as well as the contradictions between beauty and ethics and their place in society. The research delves into the interconnection between aesthetic and ethical principles.

Keywords: Aesthetic beauty, ethical responsibility, beauty and ethics, ethical principles, aesthetic values, human psyche, ethical accountability, beauty and ethical harmony.

Introduction: Aesthetic and ethical beauty responsibility play a crucial role in the cultural and moral development of humanity. The relationship between beauty and ethics is shaped based on social norms and personal values. "The fundamental factor that expresses the beauty of all things and phenomena is its ability to bring pleasure to a person. Since works of art vividly and generally reflect beauty, they evoke pleasure in each individual, cultivating a sense of beauty" [1; 522]. Although beauty is often perceived as an external appearance, its moral significance is also of great importance. Aesthetic beauty can reflect a person's inner world and moral elevation. As a result, beauty not only influences an individual's psyche but also contributes to the formation of moral values in society. That is, "The stable and specific norms and events that regulate the behavior, conduct, interpersonal relations, and society's attitude toward individuals in their personal and social lives" [2; 40] are considered ethics.

Studying the relationship between beauty and ethical responsibility helps to understand how these two concepts complement each other and how they can develop society together. While aesthetic beauty often expresses individual taste and aesthetic values, its alignment with ethical responsibility is essential for achieving social and cultural stability. The harmony between beauty and ethics also enhances social responsibility and ensures adherence to ethical standards when creating beauty.

This article explores the interconnection between aesthetic beauty and ethical responsibility, their roles and impact on society, and how these principles shape social, cultural, and ethical values. The relationship between aesthetic beauty and ethical responsibility is crucial for ensuring stability and ethical purity in modern society.

## **METHOD**

The principles of aesthetic beauty and ethical responsibility stand out as interconnected and mutually influencing concepts in human society. While beauty has been studied in various philosophical, social, and cultural systems, its integration with ethical responsibility has been less explored. Therefore, understanding the relationship between aesthetic beauty and ethical responsibility is crucial not only for shaping aesthetic values but also for forming ethical norms.

Beauty, through its aesthetic aspects, affects human psychology. External beauty can attract a person and bring them emotional joy. However, beauty should not be limited to just external appearances. People often associate beauty with inner greatness, moral purity, and human virtues. Thus, aesthetic beauty reflects not only sensory perception but also ethical and spiritual values. Evaluating beauty from an ethical perspective helps understand its role in social and cultural changes.

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When discussing the integration of aesthetic beauty with ethical responsibility, we emphasize that beauty should not be confined to its external appearance. Beauty creates ethical responsibility because decisions and actions arising from creating or using beauty demand social accountability. For example, when promoting beauty, ethical values must be preserved in public. The elevation of aesthetic beauty requires adherence to ethical standards. In this way, beauty and ethics complement each other, and their harmony shapes proper behavior in the social environment.

Aristotle described beauty as "balance" and "completeness," emphasizing the close connection between aesthetic values and ethical norms [3; 7]. Plato, in his work The Republic, links beauty with justice and moral virtues, seeing beauty as a form of spiritual elevation [4; 129]. In the European Renaissance, the relationship between beauty and ethical values was discussed more broadly. For instance, in Immanuel Kant's works, beauty and ethical values are viewed as complementary concepts [5; 124].

In the 20th century, the issue of beauty and ethical values began to be studied from the perspective of modern philosophy, psychology, and sociology. For example, in Martin Heidegger's The First Philosophical Investigations, it is shown that beauty and ethical values are related to human existence and meaning [6; 229]. Additionally, Theodor Adorno and Max Horkheimer's Dialectic of Enlightenment analyzes the relationship between aesthetic and ethical norms from the perspective of the culture industry [7; 117]. In modern psychology and sociology, numerous studies explore the role of beauty in personality and social life. In Erving Goffman's The Presentation of Self in Everyday Life, the connection between external beauty, moral values, and an individual's role in society is discussed [8; 154].

In contemporary literature, the interaction between beauty and ethical values has been examined through various approaches. One such approach is analyzing aesthetic-ethical aspects from psychological and social perspectives. An example of this is Abraham Maslow's theory of Self-Actualization Needs, which emphasizes the significance of a person's inner beauty and ethical virtues in their social and personal development [9; 183].

The relationship between beauty and ethical responsibility not only influences the behavior of individuals but also shapes society as a whole. When observing and evaluating beauty, the ethical worldview of each person plays an important role. From this perspective, beauty, as an aesthetic value, also carries its ethical responsibility. A person's responsibility in

creating beauty is closely connected to their inner world, virtues, and worldview. At the same time, social norms and ethical standards also play a significant role in the creation and evaluation of beauty.

Ethical responsibility, in turn, requires social and personal accountability in creating, evaluating, and using beauty. The harmony between aesthetic beauty and ethical responsibility forms behavior that aligns with social norms and adheres to ethical codes of conduct. For instance, the visibility and popularization of beauty in society should conform to ethical standards, human rights, and justice. On the other hand, ethical responsibility requires evaluating beauty not only from an external perspective but also from its inner essence. In this case, the service that beauty provides to humanity and its social and ethical significance holds particular importance.

Studying the harmony between beauty and ethical responsibility also highlights social justice, equality, and human rights. The harmony between beauty and ethics shapes the moral and aesthetic values of society and modernizes them. At the same time, the aesthetic values of beauty enhance social responsibility and deepen its ethical essence. All of this ensures the balance between beauty and ethical responsibility, which makes society healthier and morally purer.

### **RESULTS AND DISCUSSIONS**

This scientific article analyzes the interconnection and harmony between the principles of aesthetic beauty and ethical responsibility. During the research process, it was revealed that aesthetic beauty is not only related to external appearance but also to a person's inner qualities, and the mutual influence of beauty and ethical responsibility was established. Moreover, the harmony between beauty and ethical responsibility plays an important role in shaping social and cultural values.

First, the study of the relationship between beauty and ethical responsibility demonstrated that the concept of beauty is not limited to external appearances but also relates to inner essence. The aesthetic values of beauty reflect a person's emotional and ethical state. Therefore, evaluating beauty solely based on external aspects leads to the development of a superficial approach in society. The harmony between beauty and ethics helps improve and complement both individual and collective ethical and aesthetic values.

The second finding is that the harmony between aesthetic beauty and ethical responsibility contributes to maintaining ethical balance in society and ensuring social justice. Beauty requires not only personal satisfaction but also social responsibility. For example, when promoting beauty, individuals and communities

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must adhere to ethical standards. The integration of beauty and ethical responsibility also ensures that aesthetic values are socially beneficial.

Additionally, the study explored situations where aesthetic beauty might conflict with ethical responsibility. Beauty can sometimes promote superficial and shallow approaches, which can harm social norms. In such cases, it is necessary to ethically evaluate beauty and use it responsibly. To overcome the conflicts between beauty and ethical responsibility, aesthetic values should be re-examined from an ethical standpoint, and ethical standards should be created accordingly. As stated, "The social phenomena in the system of spirituality in relation to ethics, just by briefly reviewing, will give us a clear understanding of the essence of ethics. It is clear that ethics stands at the center of these social phenomena. It is not only a central social phenomenon but also a spiritual force driving other social phenomena" [10; 239].

Based on these results, further research is required to deepen the understanding of the role and significance of aesthetic beauty and ethical responsibility in society. Specifically, studying how beauty and ethical values are accepted in different social groups and cultures will help better understand the mutual influence of these fields. Moreover, maintaining the balance between beauty and ethical responsibility will pave the way for the development of an educational system based on new modern aesthetic and ethical paradigms. This will lead to the improvement of both beauty and ethical responsibility, not only individually but also at the societal level. As a result, the integration of aesthetic beauty and ethical responsibility will serve to make society more stable and morally clean.

#### **CONCLUSION**

This scientific article analyzes the interconnections between the principles of aesthetic beauty and ethical responsibility, their role and impact in society. The main objective of the study was to demonstrate that beauty is not only about external appearance but is also closely linked to ethical responsibility through its inner meaning. The harmony between beauty and ethics ensures that aesthetic values are shaped alongside ethical norms. Furthermore, examining not only the social impact of aesthetic beauty but also its alignment with ethical responsibility contributes to the development of ethical norms in modern society.

The role of the harmony between beauty and ethical responsibility in shaping social values is of particular importance. Beauty should be evaluated not only based on external features but also considering its social and ethical significance. Taking ethical principles into account when creating and evaluating beauty helps to

foster correct moral views in society. The harmony between beauty and ethical responsibility serves to ensure justice and equality in society, as aesthetic values enhance ethical responsibility and make society morally clean and stable.

However, there are some conflicts between beauty and ethical responsibility. Sometimes, beauty can promote only superficial and shallow aspects, disregarding ethical values. In such cases, it is necessary to evaluate aesthetic beauty from an ethical perspective and use it responsibly. Additionally, to deepen the understanding of the relationship between beauty and ethical responsibility, further research is required across different cultures and social groups.

The conclusion drawn from the research is that the harmony between aesthetic beauty and ethical responsibility ensures social and ethical balance in society. Developing both beauty and ethical principles together enhances stability and moral purity at both the individual and societal levels. Therefore, it is of great importance to further understand the interconnection between aesthetic beauty and ethical responsibility and study them in depth.

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