

An Informative **Interactive Question and Answer** Page on Internet Ethics, Computer Ethics, Cyber Ethics, E-Commerce Ethics, Web Ethics, Business Ethics and Other General Ethical Issues

[Click Here For Internet Ethics Books From Amazon.com](#)

[Please, Send us Your Best Provocative Ethical Questions!](#)

Please **respond** to the ethical questions. **Best ethical advice will be posted!**

Please include your affiliation and indicate if you would like your name and e-mail posted with your question and/or answer.

Q. What are "Internet Ethics" and why are they important?

(Paul Hyland, Senior Web Developer, Exit1 Inc.)

[Let Us Hear Your Opinion](#)

A. Internet ethics seeks to come up with a code of conduct and disclosure obligation for those who communicate on the Internet. The primary aim of this code will be to reduce to a minimum dashed exceptions for those who use this medium. Because of the exponential expansion of the Internet as a global medium for social interaction, commerce and marketplace of ideas, what is at stake here is no less than the harmony of the human race itself.

(Dr. Aaron Levine, Samson and Helin Bitensky Professor of Economics, Yeshiva University)

Q. Should the same moral standards apply to the internet as apply to other forms of communication, or should we develop (evolve) new norms for this new world?

(Dr. Chris MacDonald, Post-Doctoral Fellow Department of Bioethics, Dalhousie University)

[Let Us Hear Your Opinion](#)

A. Our moral standards must be the same. Standards of etiquette, however, are rightly different.

(Dr. Kenneth D. Pimple, Research Associate Indiana University-Bloomington;

Poynter Center for the Study of Ethics and American Institutions)

Q. Should ethical standards be universally applicable - irrespective of culture, nation, race...?

(Robert Davison, Dept of Information Systems City University of Hong Kong)

[Let Us Hear Your Opinion](#)

Q. Is it ethical to set a visible page counter to a high number and thus give the impression that the site receives lots of traffic?

[Let Us Hear Your Opinion](#)

A. No. That would be a lie. Lying is always unethical.

(Dr. Kenneth D. Pimple, Research Associate Indiana University-Bloomington; Poynter Center for the Study of Ethics and American Institutions).

Q. It used to be that pen names were something used by a relatively small group of journalist. Now it seems that almost everyone has a few e-mail accounts where each account represents a different fantasy of a single individual. Is this proper? How do we know who is who anymore?

[Let Us Hear Your Opinion](#)

INTERNET ETHICS BOOKS

[Ethics and Electronic Information in the Twenty-First Century](#)

[Jewish Business Ethics From Amazon.com](#)



