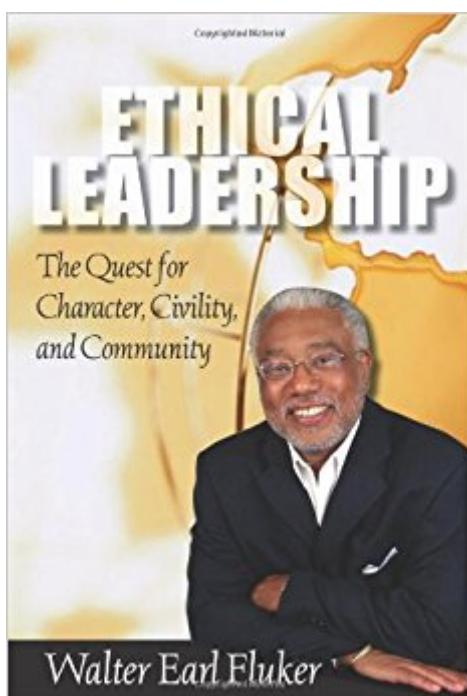


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# Ethical Leadership: The Quest For Character, Civility, And Community (Prisms) (Prisms)



## **Synopsis**

We live in a leadership crisis. "In an age when incompatible worlds collide and when scandals rock formerly stable institutions," says Walter Fluker, "what counts most is ethical leadership and the qualities of personal integrity, spiritual discipline, intellectual openness, and moral anchoring." Fluker finds these characteristics exemplified in the work and thought of black-church giants Martin Luther King Jr. and Howard Thurman. This volume, for leaders and emergent leaders in religious and other settings, sets forth the context and principles for ethical leadership, particularly for ministries and other professions whose mission directly advances the common good. Fluker's volume grounds leadership in story, the appropriation of one's roots, as a basis for personal and social transformation. He then explores the key values of character, civility, and community for ethical action on the personal, public, and spiritual realms. From these considerations he develops a model of the specific virtues that embody each realm of ethical leadership before applying them to the practical aspects of leadership and decisionmaking.

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## **Customer Reviews**

Walter Earl Fluker is Executive Director of the Leadership Center at Morehouse College, Atlanta; the Coca-Cola Professor of Leadership Studies there; and editor of the Howard Thurman Papers Project.

This is a research, by Dr. Fluker, which became a noteworthy textbook for those who are serious about functioning in Ethical Leadership and/or Transformative Leadership. is wholly a critical reflection on the narrative of the United States viewed through the prisms of social, self, and spirit with highlights of Transformational Leaders who utilized character, civility, and community in order to correct the country's character flaws, errored civility, and unjust communities. Within Dr. Fluker's posits, he offered three processes which Ethical Leaders (from the African American perspective) can utilize in transforming their personal lives for the better, as well as lead in the transformation of their communities, and do their parts in the transformation of the diverse minority groups and mindsets of dominant groups in the postmodern U.S. society. I particularly appreciated Dr. Fluker's (2010) definition of Ethical Leaders: "those whose characters have been shaped by the wisdom, habits, and practices of particular traditions-often more than one-yet they tend to be identified with a specific cultural ethos and narrative" (Fluker, 2012, Kindle). And most importantly, in each chapter he described how/ when Ethical Leaders become Transformational Leaders: when they function autonomously in reframing the narratives of the cultural ethos, practices, and habits (lifeworlds). Dr. Fluker identified the three worlds which the Ethical Leader consider, and illustrated them in a triangular fashion throughout the writing: psychological world, social world, and spiritual world dimensions. From within these three "worlds" Dr. Fluker lifted out 3 intersections where these lifeworlds "collide": Character, Civility, and Community intersections. Ethical leaders come into being through the development of character, civility, and community. And with the kiss of excellence, resembling that of a seasoned preacher/ pastor, Dr. Fluker neared the conclusion of "Ethical Leadership" by suggesting the telling of one's story, and proceeded to tell the imaginative story of the "White Unicorn". For serious leaders, this is a "must read", and a "must refer to" type of book.

boringly. overly formulaic at times.

This book is thoughtfully and well written by a seasoned practitioner of leadership , a research scholar on leadership, and one who is committed to ethical leadership as being foundational for community answering the chaos so widely prevalent among us.I highly recommend this book to colleges, seminaries, and to all who seek insights on effective leadership.. J.Alfred Smith Sr.

Book was delivered timely and well wrapped for protection. This is an excellent source on ethical

leadership in today's community of hip hop and changing values. Fluker has done a wonderful job in addressing the loss of credible leaders due to the lack of ethics and compassion for the rest of these. As emerging leaders ethics and civility is one of the cornerstones of effective leadership.

The book came in a timely fashion. College students need to get their books as soon as possible, as assignments begin the first week, so I appreciate when I get books on time. I have quoted from this book almost weekly, and it is an excellent read. A must have for all in ministry, administration, and leadership.

If you're into thoughts, ideas or examples of leadership and leadership skills, this book is for you. It is full of many examples of leadership styles and personalities. Gives you a lot to think about. Helps you decipher your own leadership style or lack thereof. Buy it!

This is a necessary treatise concerning not only moral leadership but ethical leadership. An encouraging word regarding staying true to conviction and principle while allowing and understanding the position of others, is an important yet lost concept.

Great book would recommend to others.

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