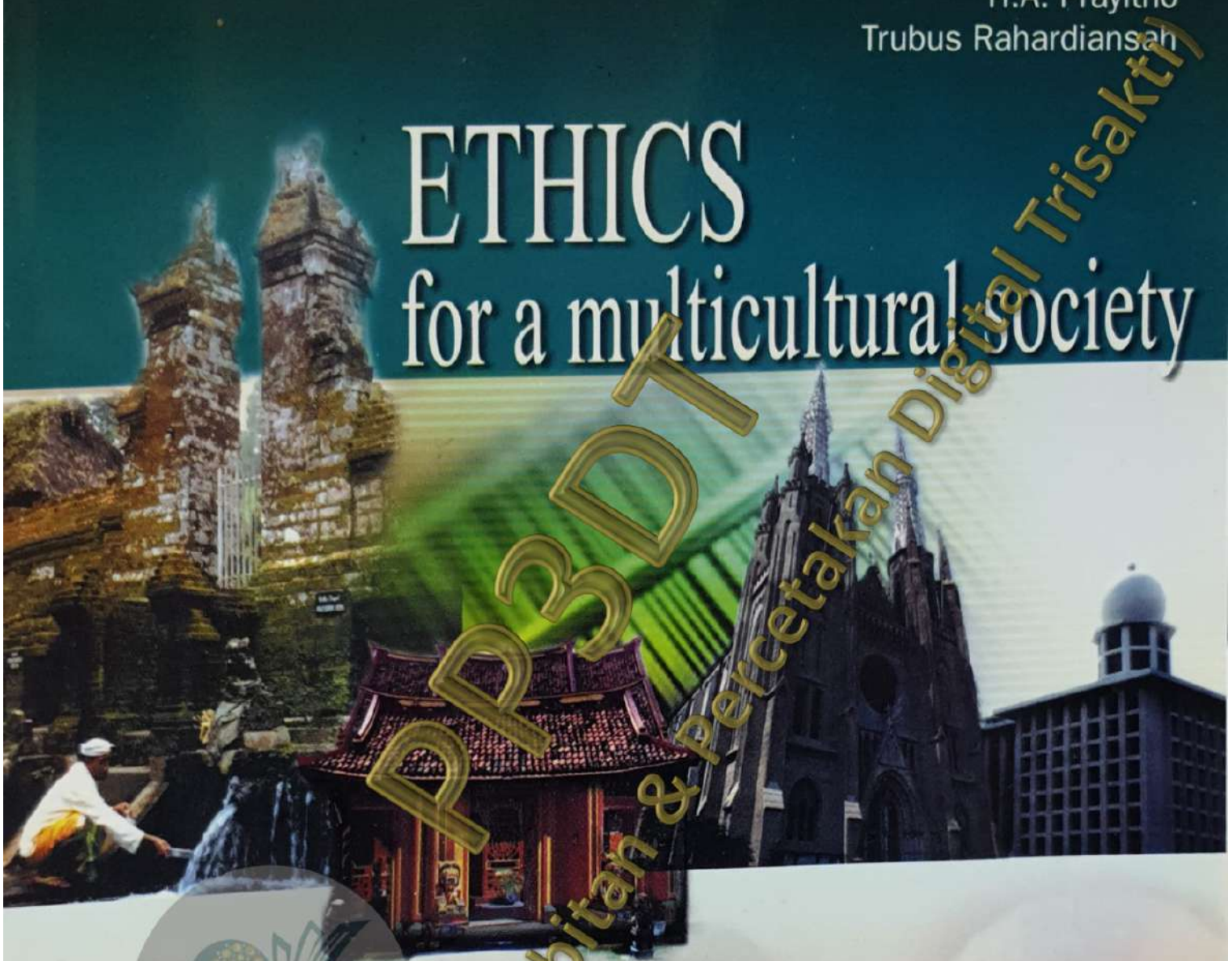


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ETHICS for a multicultural society



Strategic Solution
for Interweaving Togetherness
the Frame Work of Pluralism

Indonesia is a very large country consisting of 17,350 islands, as large as Europe, with a population of 220 million with different religions and beliefs. Such a multicultural society can become extremely powerful, but on the other hand is very vulnerable for internal conflicts. Since a long time, the pluralistic culture in Indonesia has been accepted and even confirmed. The founding fathers of Indonesia imprinted this backdrop and came up with *Bhinneka Tunggal Ika* (Unity in Diversity) as national identity and ascribed by the 1945 Indonesia Constitution as a Pancasila ideology.

Within a pluralistic society, there is always awareness for different identifications, but these should be upheld and respected. Togetherness, regardless of ethnicity should be a striven for as follows; (1) realize the common goal; for peace by establishing a collective awareness, (2) Initiate dialogues for finding the best solution for peace, with common welfare as primary instead of distinctness, (3) Discipline those who are engaged in bidding conflicts with casual outbreaks, (4) Start a common fellowship.

Building a multi-cultural ethics approach should be inter-relationship between religions, ethnicities, ideologies, diversities and social economy variance. This book was edited in 2002 with reprints in 2004 and 2006. Trisakti University distributed these books to 3000 sub-district heads throughout the country and subsequently officially acknowledged by the President, Dr. Susilo Bambang Yudhoyono, when we were welcomed as his guests on 28 June 2005.

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