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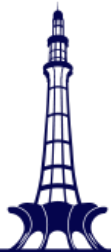
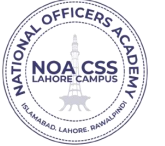
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CONCEPT OF ISLAM / BASIC TEACHINGS OF ISLAM

Meaning and Scope :

- Islam is a monotheistic and revealed religion centred on the belief in Allah, the one God of the universe, and following the teachings of Prophet Muhammad (peace be upon him).
- The Arabic word "Islam" means "surrender" or "submission," signifying a total and sincere surrender to God for peace and tranquillity.
- Islam is not named after a tribe or an individual but was divinely communicated from God.
- Quranic references confirm that Islam is the true religion and seeking any other religion will not be accepted.
- Islam is a global faith, not limited to any specific region or culture, and it implies a complete submission to God as a way of life.
- Allah is the Arabic name for "The One and Only True God," the creator of the heavens and the earth, and is the greatest and most inclusive name for God in Islam.



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According to Quran

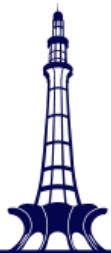
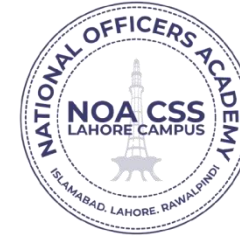
Quran endorses this fact as,

“ Deen with Allah is Islam. ” (Al-Quran, 3:19)

This very fact has been pointed out in another verse as :

”And whosoever seeks a Deen other than Islam, it will not be accepted from him. (Al-Quran, 3:85)”

- Islam is a global faith, not of the East or the West. Islam is a complete way of life, implying a total submission to God. One who surrenders his or her will to God, voluntarily, is called a Muslim. It was not Muhammad but Adam who first brought Islam to humanity. Then, each Prophet and Messenger came to exhort the people to a clear understanding of God’s commandments. They offered teachings relevant to that time, until God chose the final Prophet, Muhammad, to come with the Last Testament referred to as the Qur’an.
- Allah is an Arabic word, meaning “The One and Only True God,” the proper name of The One who created the heavens and the earth. For a Muslim, Allah is the greatest and most inclusive of names for God, denoting The One who is adored in worship, The One who created all that exists.



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BASIC TEACHINGS OF ISLAM

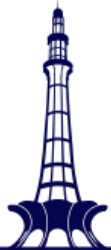
The basic teachings of Islam are:

- 1. Oneness of God (Tauheed):** Islam emphasizes the belief in the unity of God and His attributes. Quranic verses, such as from Chapter 112, affirm the oneness of Allah and that there is none comparable to Him.
- 2. Muhammad is the Messenger of Allah:** Muhammad is the last in a line of messengers sent by God. The Quran mentions various prophets, including Adam, Noah, Abraham, Moses, Jesus, and Muhammad. Muhammad is considered the final messenger and his teachings, known as the Sunnah, carry great authority for believers.
- 3. Quran is the Book of Allah:** The Quran is the last revealed book of Allah, revealed to Prophet Muhammad over a span of 22.5 years. It contains guidance for all aspects of life and is considered the word of God.

Quranic references:

"Deen with Allah is Islam" (Quran 3:19)

"And whosoever seeks a Deen other than Islam, it will not be accepted from him" (Quran 3:85)



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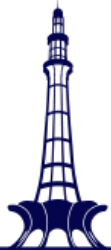
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Belief in Islam

1. Belief in Allah:

- Allah is the Almighty, the Creator of everything.
- Allah is Eternal, All-Powerful, All-Wise, and Merciful.
- He sent Prophets and revealed Scriptures for guidance.
- Muslims are commanded to believe in and worship Allah alone.
- Quranic References:
 - "Righteousness is not that you turn your faces toward the east or the west, but [true] righteousness is [in] one who believes in Allah, the Last Day, the angels, the Book, and the prophets." (Quran 2:177)
 - "O you who have believed, believe in Allah and His Messenger and the Book that He sent down upon His Messenger and the Scripture which He sent down before." (Quran 4:136)



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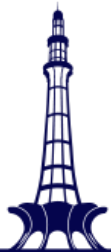
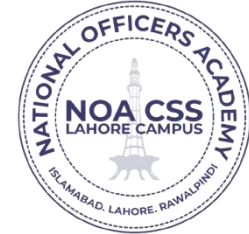
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2. Belief in Messengers:

- Allah chose Messengers to convey His message and establish His religion.
- Messengers brought glad tidings and warnings to their people.
- Believers must believe in all the Messengers and their teachings.
- Quranic References:
 - "The Prophet believes in what has been sent down to him from his Lord, and [so do] the believers. Each one believes in Allah, His angels, His books, and His prophets. [They say,] 'We make no distinction between one another of His prophets.'" (Quran 2:285)
 - "And ask those of Our messengers whom We sent before you: 'Did We ever appoint gods to be worshipped besides the Most Merciful?'" (Quran 43:45)
 - "And, indeed, We have sent messengers before you (O Muhammad); of them, We have related to you their story, and of some, We have not related to you their story." (Quran 40:78)



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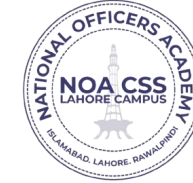


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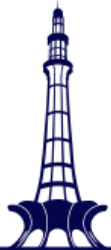
3. Belief in Holy Books:



- Muslims are required to believe in all the holy books sent by Allah.
- The Torah was given to Moses, the Psalms to David, the Gospel to Jesus, and the Quran to Muhammad.
- These books provide guidance and contain Allah's orders and prohibitions.

Quranic Reference:

- "He has sent down upon you, [O Muhammad], the Book in truth, confirming what was before it. And He revealed the Torah and the Gospel." (Quran 3:3)



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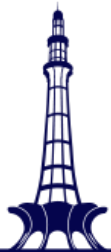
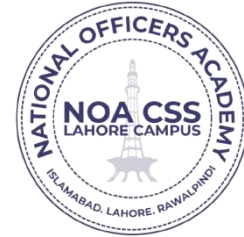
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4. Belief in Angels:

- Angels are created beings made from light.
- They carry out Allah's commands and glorify Him.
- Believers must believe in the existence of angels.
- Quranic Reference:
- "And [mention] when your Lord said to the angels, 'Indeed, I will make upon the earth a successive authority.' They said, 'Will You place upon it one who causes corruption therein and sheds blood, while we declare Your praise and sanctify You?'" (Quran 2:30)



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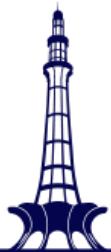
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5. Belief in the Hereafter:

- Believers must believe in the Day of Resurrection and the Hereafter.
- On the Day of Judgment, everyone will be resurrected and held accountable for their actions.
- Rewards and punishments will be given in Paradise and Hell.
- Quranic Reference:
- "O mankind, if you should be in doubt about the Resurrection, then [consider that] indeed, We created you from dust, then from a sperm-drop, then from a clinging clot, and then from a lump of flesh, formed and unformed - that We may show you. And We settle in the wombs whom We will for a specified term, then We bring you out as a child, and then [We develop you] that you may reach your [time of] maturity. And among you is he who is taken in [early] death, and among you is he who is returned to the most decrepit [old] age so that he knows, after [once having] knowledge, nothing. And you see the earth barren, but when We send down upon it rain, it quivers and swells and grows [something] of every beautiful kind." (Quran 22:5)



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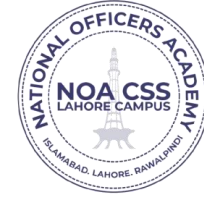


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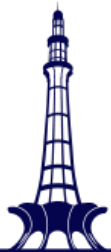
6. Belief in Destiny (Taqdir):



- Belief in Allah's divine decree and knowledge of all things.
- Good and evil come from Allah, and everything is under His control.

Hadith Reference:

- Prophet Muhammad said, "Iman (faith) is to believe in Allah, His angels, His books, His messengers, the Last Day, and to believe in destiny, both the good and the evil of it." (Sahih Muslim)



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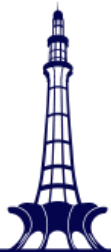
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- **Comprehensive Belief:**
- "I believe in Allah, in His angels, in His books, in His messengers, in the Last Day, and in the fact that everything good or bad is decided by Allah the Almighty, and in the life after death."
- Note: The Quranic references provided are examples, and there are many more verses related to each belief mentioned. Similarly, there are numerous Hadiths that further elucidate these beliefs.



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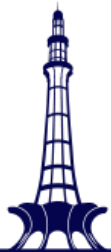
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FIVE PILLARS UPON WHICH THE EDIFICE OF ISLAM IS FOUNDED

1. Shahada (Profession of Belief/Testimony of Faith):

- Bearing witness that there is no god but Allah and that Muhammad (PBUH) is His messenger and servant.
- Quranic reference: "There is no deity except Allah, and Muhammad is the messenger of Allah." (Quran 47:19)
- Hadith reference: Recorded by Bukhari and Muslim on the authority of Ibn e Omar.



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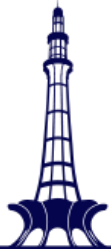
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2. Salat (Establishing Prayer):

- Performing the obligatory prayers (Salah) five times a day.
- Quranic reference: "And establish prayer and give zakah and bow with those who bow [in worship and obedience]." (Quran 2:43)
- Hadith reference: Various Hadiths emphasize the importance of prayer in the teachings of Prophet Muhammad (PBUH).

3. Zakat (Paying Poor-Due or Compulsory Charity):

- Giving a portion of one's wealth to the needy and deserving.
- Quranic reference: "And establish prayer and give zakah and obey the Messenger - that you may receive mercy." (Quran 24:56)
- Hadith reference: Prophet Muhammad (PBUH) instructed Muslims to give Zakat to purify their wealth and help those in need.



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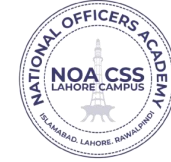


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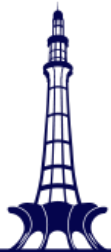


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4.Saum (Keeping Fast during the Month of Ramadan):



- Observing fasting from dawn to sunset during the month of Ramadan.
- Quranic reference: "O you who have believed, decreed upon you is fasting as it was decreed upon those before you that you may become righteous." (Quran 2:183)
- Hadith reference: Prophet Muhammad (PBUH) emphasized the significance of fasting during Ramadan as a means of self-discipline and spiritual growth.



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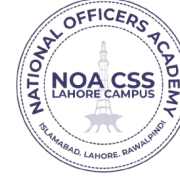


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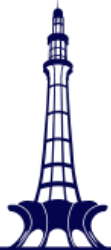


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5.Hajj (Performing Pilgrimage to Makkah):



- Undertaking the pilgrimage to the holy city of Makkah at least once in a lifetime.
- Quranic reference: "And [due] to Allah from the people is a pilgrimage to the House - for whoever is able to find thereto a way." (Quran 3:97)
- Hadith reference: Prophet Muhammad (PBUH) provided guidance and performed the Hajj, establishing its importance as a pillar of Islam.



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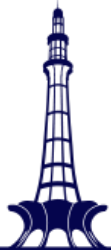
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Deen: Meaning and Scope

- Deen refers to the absolute sovereignty of Allah and the complete submission of mankind to Allah. It encompasses the belief in reward and accountability in the afterlife.
- Deen is a comprehensive way of life and a code of conduct that covers all aspects of human existence.
- Islam is not merely a religion (Madhab) but a complete way of life (Deen), incorporating beliefs, spirituality, and the practices of worship.
- The term Deen is mentioned in the Holy Quran and Hadith, indicating its significance and approval by Allah.
- Allah states in the Quran that the Deen accepted by Allah is Islam, emphasizing that Islam is the chosen way of life.
- Deen is complete and applicable to all aspects of life.
- The Deen is pure because it originates from Allah, who is pure and perfect.



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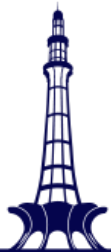


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- Allah has chosen and approved Deen as the way of life for humanity.
- The essence of Deen is based on the concept of reward, which requires adherence to laws and systems established by Allah.

Quranic references:

- "Verily the Deen in the sight of Allah is only Islam" (Aal-Imran 3:19)
- "Today, I have completed your Deen, and have completed my bliss upon you and accepted for you Islam as a Deen." (Al-Mai'da 5:3)
- "Unquestionably, for Allah is the pure religion." (Al-Zumar 39:3)
- "Indeed Allah has chosen for you this Deen." (Al-Baqara 2:132)
- Overall, Deen encompasses the entire framework of beliefs, values, and practices that guide Muslims in their relationship with Allah, their conduct in society, and their pursuit of spiritual fulfillment. It provides a holistic approach to life, addressing both spiritual and worldly matters.



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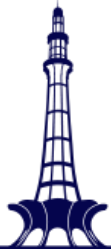
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Importance of Deen in Human Life

- Making life purposeful and meaningful:
 - The concept of heaven and hell gives a sense of purpose to life.
 - Deen guides individuals to fulfill their purpose through the teachings of the Quran and Sunnah.
- Relationship with the Creator:
 - Deen establishes a relationship between individuals and Allah, emphasizing submission and obedience.
 - Believers strive to please Allah and find comfort and solace in their connection with Him.
- Power to endure adversities of life:
 - Religion provides strength and resilience in the face of challenges and prevents despair and hopelessness.
 - Believers trust in Allah's protection and guidance, knowing that every problem can be overcome with His help.



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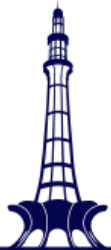


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- Encounter with ideological vacuum:
 - Religion fills the intellectual and spiritual void by offering sound beliefs and healthy teachings.
 - It protects against the influence of destructive ideas and promotes understanding and rationality.
- Fight against discrimination:
 - Religion opposes discrimination based on color, race, or class, recognizing the equality of all human beings.
 - Islam emphasizes piety and knowledge as the basis for superiority, promoting harmony and equality.
- Peace of mind and tranquility:
 - Following the true teachings of the Prophet Muhammad brings inner peace and mercy from Allah.
 - Deen shapes individuals to be morally upright and emotionally serene.



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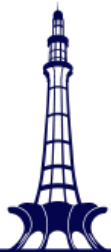
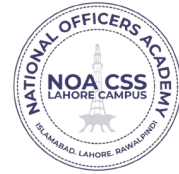


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- Source of wisdom and knowledge:
 - Religion, founded on the freedom of will and accountability, can contribute to scientific progress.
 - The Quran is a source of limitless knowledge, stimulating further study and contemplation.
- Shield against evils:
 - Deen guides believers to follow the example of the Prophet Muhammad, protecting them from misguidance.
 - Believers strive to seek salvation and avoid actions that displease Allah.
- Remembrance of Allah:
 - Deen emphasizes worshiping Allah alone and remembering Him in all aspects of life.
 - Muslims are constantly mindful of Allah, seeking His guidance and relying on Him in all circumstances.



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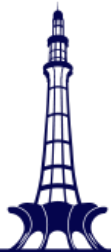


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- Justice and rule of law:
 - Deen promotes establishing a system of balance, ensuring justice and equality for all.
 - It emphasizes treating others justly and kindly, regardless of their religious or cultural backgrounds.
- Zakat and charity: Decreasing the love and lust for wealth:
 - Islam prescribes paying Zakat as a means of purifying wealth and reducing attachment to material possessions.
 - Generosity and charity are encouraged, fostering compassion and empathy for the less fortunate.
- Strong belief in the hereafter decreases materialistic desires:
 - The belief in accountability in the hereafter makes believers mindful of their actions in this world.
 - It promotes a sense of responsibility and encourages giving to the needy and poor.



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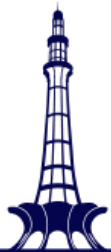
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- Fasting: A realization of starvation and hunger of others:
 - Fasting during Ramadan fosters empathy and compassion for those who are less fortunate.
 - It reminds individuals of the struggles faced by those who have limited access to food.
- Legitimate ways and means of physical and emotional satisfaction:
 - Deen promotes moral conduct and prohibits adultery, fornication, and other immoral forms of relationships.
 - It sets limits to maintain purity and dignity in personal and intimate relationships.
- Blessings of lawful earning and livelihood:
 - Islam encourages earning a lawful livelihood and enjoying the blessings provided by Allah.
 - Halal earnings are emphasized, aligning one's income with Allah's approved instructions.



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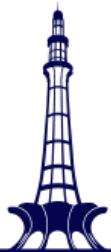


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- A glimpse from secular societies:
 - Deen encompasses all aspects of life, including political, economic, and social spheres.
 - Islam integrates an individual's beliefs and faith with their interactions in society.
- Return to religion in the West and industrial societies:
 - Many industrialized societies are turning back to religion due to identity crises and the search for meaning.
 - Religion provides a sense of belonging, morality, and guidance in a world experiencing radicalization and extremism.
- Deen as salvation:
 - Deen provides guidance, teachings, and the path to seek salvation from the torment of Hellfire.
 - Following the teachings of Islam and seeking Allah's mercy are the means to salvation.



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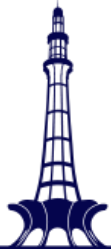


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- Modern ways and methods of treatment and religious therapy:
 - Islamic medicine has preserved and developed medical knowledge, contributing to scientific progress.
 - Psychological therapies incorporating Islamic teachings, such as Salah therapy, are being utilized.
- In conclusion, Deen plays a crucial role in providing guidance and purpose in human life. It offers a comprehensive framework for individuals to lead meaningful lives, establish a relationship with their Creator, and navigate various aspects of life with wisdom and justice. It provides solace, shields against evils, and promotes empathy, equality, and charity. Deen offers a holistic approach to life, integrating faith, morality, and social responsibility.



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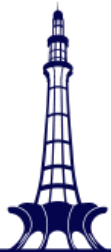
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Madhab (Religion) and its Scope

- Definition of Madhab: Madhab is derived from the word "Zahab," meaning a manner, pattern, method, or belief. It refers to a set of beliefs and rituals of worship.
- Difference between Madhab and Deen: Madhab is a specific religious system, while Deen encompasses an entire way of life.
- Islam as the only accepted religion: Islam is the only religion accepted by Allah, as it is purely the word of Allah.
- Madhab as self-made and against Islam: Other religions or Madhahib are considered self-made and not accepted by Allah, as they are influenced by human intervention.
- Madhab as an un-Islamic law: Madhab represents a self-created means of establishing a relationship with Allah, often with self-invented methods of prayers.



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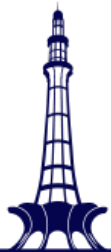


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- Deen as the code of living: Deen refers to living in accordance with the teachings of the Holy Prophet Muhammad (PBUH) and striving to fulfill the will of Allah.
- Mention of five Madhahib: The commonly recognized Madhahib include Hanafi, Shafai, Hanbali, Maliki, and Ahl-e-Hadees.

References:

- Tasheel ul-Adab Filisaan ul-Arb (linguistic reference)
- Quranic reference: "Today, I have completed your Deen" (Al-Ma'idah 5:3)
- Hadith reference: "I have left among you two things, if you hold fast to them, you will never go astray" (Hadith of the Prophet Muhammad, Sahih Bukhari)



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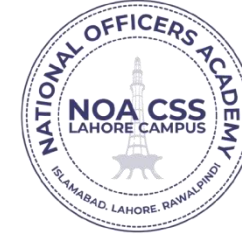


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Comparison between 'Deen' and 'Madhab'

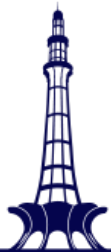


1. Deen is Authentic while Madhab is self-Created:

- Deen is an authentic Islamic term proven by the Holy Qur'an and Ahadees.
- Madhab is a non-Islamic word and has not been used in the Qur'an or Ahadees in the context of Islam.

2. Verification of Deen is done by Allah:

- Allah accepts only Islam as the true religion: "The Deen in the sight of Allah is only Islam" (Aal-Imran 3:19).
- Madhab lacks verification and proof, as it is self-made and based on sectarianism.



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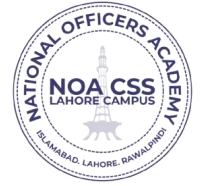
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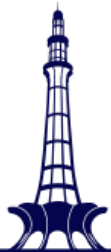
3. Deen is Favoured by Allah:

- Deen has been approved and favored by Allah: "Today, I have completed your Deen, and have completed my bliss upon you and accepted for you Islam as a Deen" (Al-Mai'da 5:3).
- Madhab is self-made and goes against Islam, thus not favored by Allah.



4. Deen is complete while Madhab continuously evolves:

- Deen is complete and perfected: "Today, I have completed your Deen" (Al-Mai'da 5:3).
- Madhab is incomplete and involves self-made statements and proclamations that contradict Islamic concepts.



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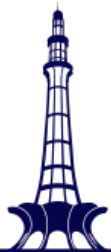
5. Deen is Pure while Madhab contains impurities created by man:

- Deen is the pure religion favored by Allah: "Unquestionably, for Allah is the pure religion" (Az-Zumar 39:3).
- Madhab is adulterated with self-made statements, contradictory advice, and suggestions that deviate from Islamic concepts.



6. Deen has been chosen by Allah:

- Allah has chosen Islam as the Deen: "Indeed Allah has chosen for you this Deen" (Al-Baqara 2:132).
- Madhab is self-made and created with human intervention.



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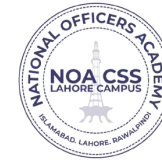
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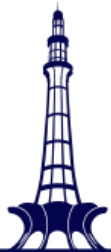
7. Only Deen will be accepted:

- Islam is the only acceptable religion by Allah: "And whoever desires other than Islam as religion - never will it be accepted from him" (Aal-Imran 3:85).
- Madhab is self-made and against Islam, thus not accepted.



8. Jihad in Deen:

- Jihad in Deen aims to establish the Deen of Allah completely: "And fight them until there is no fitnah and [until] the religion, all of it, is for Allah" (Al-Anfal 8:39).
- Jihad in Madhab focuses on perpetuating sects based on personalities, individualities, communities, or regions.



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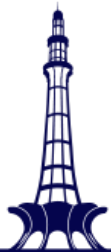
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9. Deen as a term reflects Complete Code of Life:

- Deen is a comprehensive and authentic way of life, encompassing all aspects of life.
- Madhab is a narrower term that primarily involves individual deeds and rituals.

10. Madhab is a narrower term limited to individual deeds:

- Madhab is a collection of traditions, rituals, and dogmas, often limited to specific social customs and celebrations.
- Deen covers a broader scope, guiding collective life and societal progress.



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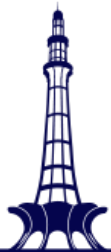
11. Deen is an Objective Reality whereas Madhab Confines to Subjective Experience:

- Deen is an objective reality, a system of collective life based on Divine Laws.
- Madhab is subjective, focused on individual religious experiences and relationships with God.



12. Madhab is illogical and Mythical while Deen is based on sound logics:

- Deen is based on sound logic, while beliefs in Madhab can be illogical and mythical.
- Madhab may involve physical involvement without significant impact on social, emotional, or economic states.



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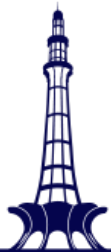
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13. Deen is a right path to Communion with Almighty:

- Deen aims for the welfare and progress of all mankind, establishing a communal relationship with Allah.
- Madhab focuses on individual salvation and personal communion with God.

14. Deen is a true scale of measuring actions while Madhab does not provide such criteria:

- Deen provides objective criteria to measure actions based on Divine Laws.
- Madhab lacks a comprehensive criterion and relies on subjective experiences.



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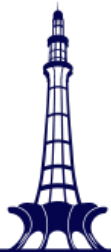
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15. Madhab is hostile to Scientific Investigation contrary to Deen which itself motivated Humans to explore the world:

- Madhab may be hostile to scientific investigation, hindering progress and rational exploration.
- Deen encourages reason, knowledge, and scientific inquiry, providing guidance for advancements in light of Permanent Values.

16. Madhab supports prejudices while Deen negates such behavior:

- Madhab may support prejudices, catering to biases and prejudices of individuals.
- Deen seeks to lead individuals towards a path of life in harmony with the realities of life, promoting equality and justice.



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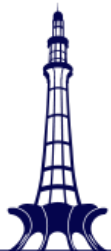
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17. Madhab supports new idols while Deen tends towards a rational approach:

- Madhab may establish new idols and rituals, diverting attention from the true purpose of life.
- Deen opposes idol worship, promoting rationality and adherence to Divine Laws.

18. Madhab induces senseless fear while Deen makes man confident:

- Madhab may induce perpetual fear, while Deen encourages courage, self-reliance, and confidence.
- Deen empowers individuals to challenge fate and take active roles in self-development.



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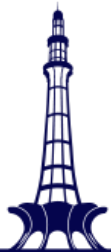
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19. Madhab followers bow before every seat of authority and prestige whereas Deen followers bow before only Almighty:

- Madhab may promote bowing before authority and prestige, religious or temporal.
- Deen encourages individuals to be self-reliant, maintaining dignity and bowing only before Allah.

20. Deen broadens the concept of both lives while Madhab treats the matter with contempt:

- Deen embraces both worldly and spiritual aspects, seeking well-being and happiness in this life and the hereafter.
- Madhab may denounce worldly matters and focus solely on the afterlife.



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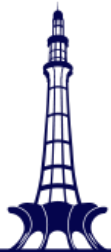
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21. Deen encourages an active life while Madhab discourages it by belief in predestination:

- Deen motivates individuals to lead an active life of self-development and challenging fate.
- Madhab, with belief in fatalism or predestination, may discourage active engagement and self-development.

22. Deen opposes exploitation practices whereas Madhab denies:

- Deen challenges tyranny and exploitation, seeking to establish a social order based on justice and right.
- Madhab may perpetuate exploitation, with religious leaders exploiting their followers for personal gain.



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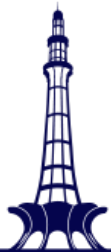
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23. Deen is the name of only obedience to Allah, while Madhab is a mixture:

- Deen emphasizes obedience to the laws of Allah as the true worship.
- Madhab may involve religious meditation and practices that may lead to self-deception.

24. Deen motivates man towards attaining and enjoying natural things of beauty:

- Deen encourages the appreciation and enjoyment of the good and beautiful things created by Allah.
- Madhab may frown upon and disregard arts and beauty.



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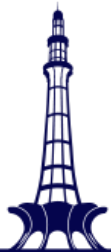


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25. Deen allows all lawful amendments, but Madhab denounces everything:

- Deen recognizes the need for change and innovation in response to evolving conditions of life.
- Madhab often denounces new ideas and innovations, considering them as sins.

Conclusion: Deen, as presented in the Qur'an, is a comprehensive and rational way of life that encompasses all aspects of life. It is based on Divine Laws and provides guidance for individual and collective well-being. Madhab, on the other hand, tends to be self-created, lacks verification, and may involve rituals, dogmas, and practices that deviate from the principles of Deen. It is important to adhere to the teachings of Deen and seek guidance from the Qur'an and Hadith to ensure a true and authentic understanding of Islam.



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Divine and Non-Divine Religions



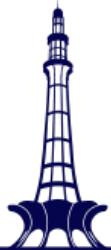
Divine Religions:

1. Islam - A Divine Religion

- Qur'an states that Islam is the true religion acceptable to Allah. (Al Imran 3:19, Al Imran 3:85, Al-Ma'idah 5:3)
- Hadiths affirm that all messengers share essential principles. (Al-Bukhari, Al-Anbiya, 48; Muslim, Al-Fadail, 145)

2. Christianity

- Traditional Christian theology recognizes the divine nature of God and the concept of divinity as originating from Him.
- Redeemed Christians are said to partake in the divine nature. (Psalm 8:5, Hebrews 2:9, 2 Peter 1:4)

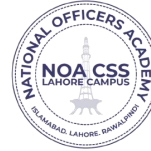


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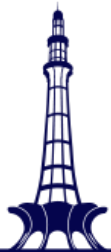
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3. Judaism

- God in Judaism is seen as the absolute one, the ultimate cause of all existence.
- Yahweh delivered the Israelites from slavery and gave them the Law of Moses. He is regarded as a personal God.



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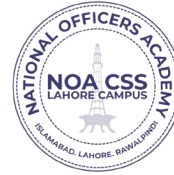


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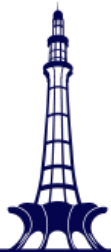


1. Buddhism

- The Buddha acknowledged the existence of devas but considered them trapped in samsara. He was portrayed as superior to them.

2. Hinduism

- Hinduism encompasses diverse beliefs, ranging from personal Creator to an impersonal Absolute and pluralistic views. It does not depend on the existence or non-existence of God.



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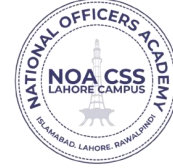
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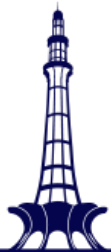
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3. Jainism

- Jainism denies the existence of an omnipotent creator god. The universe and its constituents are viewed as eternal and uncreated.

Please note that there are no specific Quranic or Hadith references provided for the non-divine religions, as they are not part of Islamic teachings. The focus of the information provided is on divine religions, particularly Islam, as it is the context in which the references are presented.



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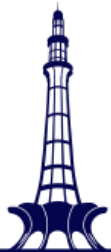
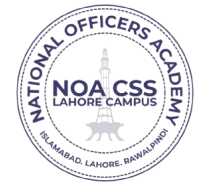
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Distinctive Aspects of Islam:

- Islam is Deen Chosen by Allah:
 - Qur'an affirms that Islam is the chosen and accepted religion by Allah. [Qur'an 5:3, 2:132]
- Islam as Complete Code of Life:
 - Islam encompasses all aspects of human life and provides guidance for social, moral, political, and economic matters.
 - It is a comprehensive religion that offers solutions for contemporary challenges. [Qur'an 39:3]
- Uniqueness of the Name of Islam:
 - The name "Islam" signifies complete submission to the will of Almighty God.
 - Unlike other religions named after individuals, tribes, or regions, the name "Islam" was revealed by Allah. [Qur'an]
- Social and Economic Securities for Women:
 - Islam provides significant social and economic rights for women, surpassing the advancements made in later societies.
 - The Quran proclaimed economic rights for women over 1400 years ago, including inheritance rights. [Qur'an]



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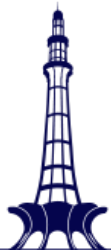


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- Finality of Prophethood:
 - Islam believes in the finality of Prophet Muhammad as the last messenger of God.
 - This concept sets Islam apart from other religions that anticipate the arrival of future prophets. [Hadith]
- Religion with Allah is Only Islam:
 - Islam declares itself as the true religion accepted by God, encompassing the teachings of all previous prophets.
 - Other religions are not accepted if they reject Islam. [Qur'an 3:19, 3:85, 6:125]
- An Easy and Practical Religion:
 - Islam emphasizes ease and practicality in religious obligations.
 - There are concessions for the sick, travelers, and other exceptional circumstances, demonstrating the flexibility of Islam. [Qur'an 2:185, 22:78]



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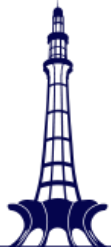


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- No Priesthood in Islam:
 - Islam does not have a hierarchical priesthood or organized church.
 - Any knowledgeable Muslim can lead prayers and seek guidance from the Quran and Hadith. [Qur'an]
- No Distinction between World and Hereafter:
 - Islam emphasizes the importance of both worldly life and the hereafter, striking a balance between the two.
 - The ultimate goal is the hereafter, but Islam discourages asceticism and encourages a moderate approach to life. [Qur'an]
- Islam as a Champion of Moral Role Model:
 - Prophet Muhammad serves as an exemplary moral role model for Muslims.
 - Islam encompasses diverse aspects of laws and conventions, providing a comprehensive moral framework. [Hadith]



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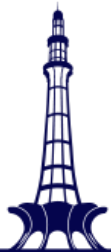


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- Universality and Continuity of the Deen:
 - Islam addresses all of mankind and provides timeless guidance for all ages, regions, and people.
 - Its universal message remains relevant in the modern world. [Qur'an]
- A Straightforward Concept of God:
 - Islam's concept of God is based on divine revelation and emphasizes the distinction between the Creator and the created.
 - It rejects myths, superstitions, and man-made philosophical ideas, presenting a pure and clear understanding of God. [Qur'an]
- Direct Relationship with God:
 - Islam emphasizes direct worship and communication with God, without the need for intermediaries.
 - Each individual has a personal relationship with the Merciful Creator. [Qur'an]



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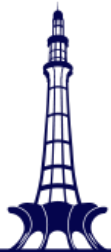


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- Unique Concept of Worship:
 - Islam defines worship broadly, encompassing all acts intended to please God.
 - It emphasizes the importance of intention and sincerity in all actions. [Qur'an]
- Based on Authentic Sources:
 - The Quran, the scripture of Islam, has been preserved without alteration for over 1400 years.
 - It is recognized as the unchanged and authentic Word of God. [Qur'an]
- An Eternal Message:
 - Islam's message remains relevant and applicable in the modern world.
 - It provides guidance for both spiritual and worldly aspects of life, reflecting its timeless nature. [Qur'an]



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- A Complete Way of Life:
 - Islam covers all aspects of life, including spirituality, morality, politics, economics, and family life.
 - It offers comprehensive guidance for individuals and society based on the law of God. [Qur'an]
- Moderate Teachings Delivered by Islam:
 - Islam promotes moderation and rejects extremism.
 - It strikes a balance between worldly pleasures and spiritual obligations, advocating a balanced way of life. [Qur'an]
- Differences and Contradictions Among Faiths - Their Reality:
 - Islam acknowledges differences among religions due to varying conditions, historical developments, and human influences.
 - The Quran emphasizes the preservation of its original message and warns against interpolation. [Qur'an]



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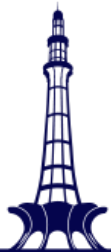
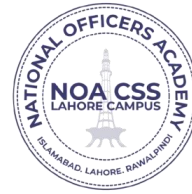


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- Safeguarding of the Quran:
 - Islam affirms the preservation of the Quran, ensuring it remains unchanged.
 - Memorization and written preservation have maintained the original text over centuries. [Qur'an]
- Zakat Principle to Alleviate Interest
- Directions in Political Matters
- Islamic Concept of Justice
- Social Welfare in Islam
- A Religion of Human Rights



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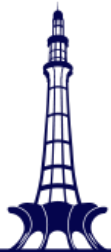
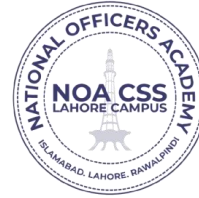


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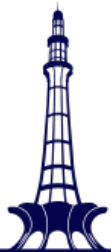
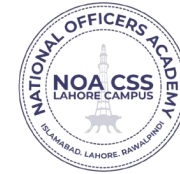
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TRUE BELIEF – AT-TAUHEED

- Tawhid is the belief in and worship of One God only, Allah.
- Islam strictly upholds monotheism, affirming that Allah is the Only God of the Universe.
- The Quran emphasizes the Oneness of God and condemns polytheism and the worship of multiple gods or associating partners with Allah.
- Quranic verses promoting Tawhid:
 - "Your God is One God; there is no God save Him, the Beneficent, the Merciful." (2:163)
 - "Allah! There is no God save Him, the Alive, the Eternal." (3:2)
 - "He it is Who fashioned you in the wombs as pleased Him. There is no God save Him, the Almighty, the Wise." (3:6)
 - "Allah (Himself) bears witness that there is no God but He, and so do the angels and the men of knowledge, standing firm on justice. There is no God save Him, the Almighty, the Wise." (3:18)
 - "Allah has said: Take not two gods. Truly, He (Allah) is the Only One God. So you should fear Me Only." (16:51)



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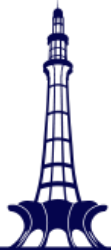
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- Hadith emphasizing the importance of Tawhid:
 - "The key to Paradise is to testify that there is no God but Allah." (Ahmad)
 - "The best branch of faith is to say: There is no God but Allah. And the lowest branch is to remove harm from the road." (Bukhari, Muslim)
 - "Whoever bears witness that there is no God but Allah and Muhammad is Allah's apostle, Allah has forbidden Hellfire for him." (Muslim)



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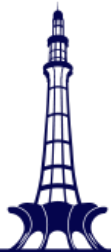
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There are three aspects of Tauheed in Islam:

1. Tauheed ar-Rububiyah (Lordship): Belief in the Oneness of Allah's Lordship over the entire universe. This encompasses recognizing Allah as the sole creator, sustainer, and controller of all things. He has the power to give life and death, provide sustenance, and reward or punish individuals on the Day of Judgment.
2. Tauheed al-Uluhiyyah (Worship): Belief in the Oneness of worship, acknowledging that Allah is the only God worthy of worship. Only Allah should be invoked, prayed to, and sought for help. Acts of devotion such as prayer, charity, sacrifice, fasting, and pilgrimage should be dedicated to Him alone, without associating any partners with Him.
3. Tauheed al-Asma waas-Siffat (Attributes of oneness): Belief in the Oneness of Allah's Names and Attributes. This means recognizing that Allah possesses the most perfect and unique names and attributes, and none of His creation can claim the same. For example, only Allah has knowledge of the Unseen, and no human or creature can possess this knowledge.



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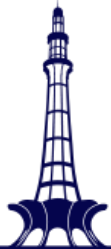


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Effects of Tawhid (TRUE BELIEF)on Human Life

Definition:

- Tawhid refers to the belief in the oneness of Allah and the worship of one God.
- I. Enlarged Vision and Broadening of Mind
- Believers of Tawhid have an expanded outlook and intellectual horizon.
 - They see everything in the universe as belonging to Allah and feel connected to all creation.
 - Quranic reference: "Your God is One God; there is no God save Him, the Beneficent, the Merciful."
(2:163)
- II. Highest Degree of Self-Esteem
- Tawhid instills self-respect and independence in believers.
 - They recognize that Allah alone possesses power and authority, making them fearless and independent.
 - Hadith reference: "The best among you are those who have the best manners and character."
(Bukhari, Muslim)



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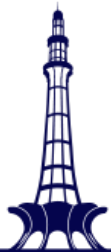
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III. Sense of Modesty and Humility

- Belief in Tawhid generates modesty and humility in believers.
- They understand that all their possessions and abilities are bestowed by Allah, eliminating pride and arrogance.
- Hadith reference: "Whoever humbles himself for the sake of Allah, Allah elevates him."
(Muslim)

IV. Piety and Righteousness as Sole Qualities

- Tawhid promotes virtuous and upright behavior.
- Believers understand that success and salvation lie in leading a righteous life and pleasing Allah.
- Quranic reference: "Indeed, the most noble of you in the sight of Allah is the most righteous of you." (49:13)



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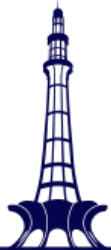
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V. Hope and Satisfaction in Life

- Believers of Tawhid never lose hope or become despondent.
- They have firm faith in Allah's limitless grace, bounty, and power, filling their hearts with satisfaction and hope.
- Quranic reference: "Indeed, Allah is the possessor of all bounty, the Ever Merciful." (62:4)

VI. Fortitude and Patience

- Tawhid instills determination, patience, and trust in Allah.
- Believers remain steadfast and resilient, knowing they have the support of the Creator in fulfilling His commands.
- Hadith reference: "And seek help through patience and prayer, and indeed, it is difficult except for the humbly submissive [to Allah]" (2:45)



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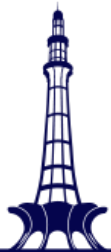
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VII. Bravery and Fearlessness

- Belief in Tawhid eradicates fear of death and reliance on human or worldly means of protection.
- Believers understand that only Allah has the authority to give and take life.
- Quranic reference: "Say, 'Death, from which you flee, will surely meet you. Then you will be returned to the Knower of the unseen and the witnessed, and He will inform you about what you used to do.'" (62:8)

VIII. Psychological Consequences

- Belief in Tawhid brings relaxation, optimism, and a sense of purpose.
- Knowing that Allah has unlimited power and mercy helps believers endure hardships and maintain a positive outlook.
- Hadith reference: "How wonderful is the affair of the believer, for his affairs are all good, and this applies to no one but the believer." (Muslim)



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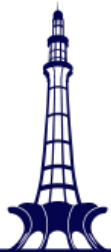
False Beliefs – Kufr and Shirk

Definition of Al-Kufr

- Al-Kufr means disbelief or refusal to believe in God.
- It also includes denying the existence of God, defying His commandments, or being ungrateful to Him.
- Kufr can be open denial or rejection of belief.

Elements of Islamic Faith Denoted by Kufr

- Disbelief in Allah, His messengers, His books, His angels, and the Hereafter.
- Kafir in the Qur'an refers mostly to idol worshippers, pagans, non-believers, and atheists.



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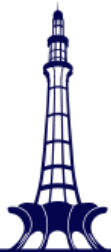


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• Quranic Verses Highlighting Kufr

1. "As for those who disbelieve, it is alike to them whether you warn them or you warn them not; they are not going to believe." (Qur'an 2:6-7)
2. "And when We said to the angels: Prostrate yourselves before Adam. So they fell prostrate, all save Iblis. He refused in his arrogance and became one of the disbelievers." (Qur'an 2:34)
3. "Lo! Those who disbelieve and die while they are disbelievers, it is they upon whom is the curse of Allah and of His angels and of all mankind." (Qur'an 2:161-162)
4. "(On that Day) Those who disbelieve, neither their wealth nor their children will avail them aught against Allah; and they are such who will be fuel for the Fire." (Qur'an 3:10)



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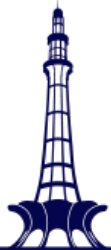


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- **Examples of Kufr**
- Claiming to be God or His son, possessing God's powers, or denying religious obligations.
- Regarding someone other than Allah as the bestower of honor, disgrace, and sustenance.
- Rejecting belief in Allah, His messengers, His books, angels, and the Last Day.
- Misinterpreting Qur'an or Hadith for personal gain
- Preferring man-made laws over divine laws.



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- **Types of Kufr**

1. **Kufr-al-Akbar (Major Disbelief)**

1. Kufr-al-Takzib: Disbelief in the truth of Allah or lying against Allah.
2. Kufr-al-Iba: Denial to submit to Allah's commandments.
3. Kufr ar-Raib: Doubt or lack of conviction in elements of belief.
4. Kufr-al-Brad: Turning away from the truth knowingly.
5. Kufr-an-Nifaq: Hypocritical disbelief.

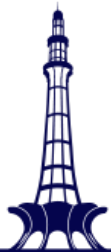


2. **Kufr-al-Asghar (Minor Disbelief)**

1. Performing acts of worship for show or praise, not for the love of Allah.

3. **Kufr-al-Khafi (Concealed Disbelief)**

1. Feeling discontented with Allah's blessings or grudging against others' fortune.



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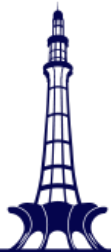
- **Definition of Ash-Shirk**

- Ash-Shirk is polytheism, belief in and worship of many gods alongside Allah.
- It means ascribing partners to Allah in His Lordship, worship, or attributing Allah's names and attributes to others.

- **Quranic Verses Condemning Shirk**



1. "Certainly, Allah does not forgive that partners should be joined with Him, and He forgives all save that to whom He pleases. Whoso sets up partners with Allah, he has indeed invented the most heinous sin." (Qur'an 4:48)
2. "Surely, they (the Christians) have disbelieved who say: Allah is (one of the Trinity and) third of the three; when (the fact is that) there is no God but the One God (Allah). If they do not stop from saying so, a painful doom will fall on those of them who disbelieve." (Qur'an 5:73)



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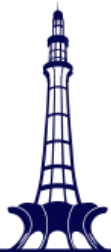


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- **Hadiths of the Prophet about Shirk**
- Various hadiths emphasize that associating partners with Allah is a major sin leading to Hell.
- **Examples of Shirk**
- Seeking help or worshiping beings other than Allah, such as saints, graves, or idols.
- Believing in other gods alongside Allah.
- Sacrificing animals or wearing amulets for protection without relying solely on Allah.
- Treating someone as equal to Allah in knowledge and power.
- Remember, Shirk is an unforgivable sin, and Muslims should strictly adhere to the belief in one God (Tauheed) and avoid false beliefs that lead to Kufr and Shirk.



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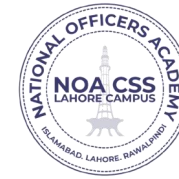


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Impact of Islamic Beliefs (Tawhid) on Individuals & Society

• Enlarged Vision

- Belief in Tawhid expands a believer's outlook, seeing everything in the universe as connected to the same Creator.
- Intellectual horizon widens, promoting love and service for all.

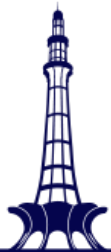


• Creates Happiness and Soothes Anxiety

- Religious people tend to be happier, finding joy in regular services and building social networks.
- Belief in God soothes anxiety, knowing mistakes are part of God's plan.

• Highest Degree of Self-Esteem

- Tawhid instills self-respect and independence, recognizing that Allah is the ultimate source of power and control.



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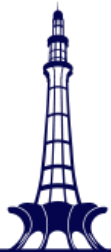
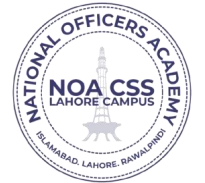


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- **Creates Sense of Accountability**
 - The belief in divine accountability fosters responsibility and caution against wrongdoing.
- **Sense of Modesty**
 - Tawhid generates humility, acknowledging all possessions as gifts from Allah.
- **Piety and Righteousness**
 - Belief in Tawhid emphasizes living virtuously and righteously for success and salvation.
- **Hope and Satisfaction**
 - Believers find consolation and hope in God's unlimited grace and powers.
- **Determination and Patience**
 - Tawhid grants believers firm determination and patience, knowing God's support is behind their endeavors.



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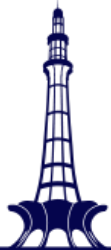


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- **Inspires Bravery in Man**
 - Belief in one God eradicates fear and instills courage in believers.
- **Psychological Consequences**
 - Knowing God's control over events brings optimism and motivation to overcome obstacles.
- **Peace and Contentment**
 - Tawhid brings peace of mind and contentment, surrendering worries to God's mercy.
- **Humility in the Life of Believers**
 - Tawhid fosters humility and modesty, acknowledging Allah's benevolence.
- **Salvation from Shirk**
 - Belief in Tawhid saves individuals from committing shirk and associating others with Allah.
- **Unity of Mankind**
 - Tawhid promotes unity among believers, seeing themselves as part of a single Ummah.



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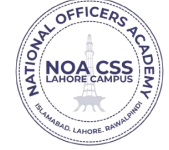
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- **Strengthening Taqwa**

- Belief in Tawhid strengthens Taqwa (piety) and leads believers to observe God's laws.

- **Obedient to God**

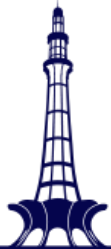
- Tawhid leads to obedience to God's commands, knowing He is ever-aware of our actions and intentions.

- **End of Evil Doings**

- Belief in Tawhid discourages unfair means and unethical conduct, promoting fair and just behavior.

- **Quranic Verses and Hadiths:**

- Qur'an 2:177 "But righteous is he who believeth in Allah and the Last Day and the Angels, and the Scripture and the Prophets."
- Qur'an 4:136 "Whoso disbelieveth in Allah and His Angels and His Scriptures and His messengers and the Last Day, he verily hath wandered far astray."
- Qur'an 2:255 "Allah! There is no god but He,-the Living, the Self-Subsisting, Eternal."
- Hadith: "None of you truly believes until he loves for his brother what he loves for himself." (Sahih Bukhari)



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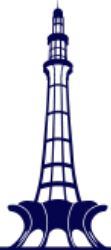
Effects of Tawhid on Society

• Unity of Mankind

- Tawhid unites society into a single Ummah, promoting brotherhood and solidarity.
- Quranic Verse: "And hold firmly to the rope of Allah all together and do not become divided." (Quran 3:103)

• Belief in the Institution of Prophethood

- Tawhid fosters belief in the finality of Prophethood, following the guidance of the Prophet Muhammad (PBUH).
- Quranic Verse: "Follow me and follow the Messenger." (Quran 3:31)



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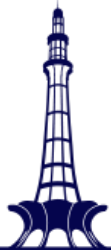
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- **Equality of Mankind**

- Tawhid instills the belief in the equality of all human beings, as God is the Creator of all.
- Quranic Verse: "O mankind, indeed We have created you from male and female and made you peoples and tribes that you may know one another. Indeed, the most noble of you in the sight of Allah is the most righteous of you." (Quran 49:13)

- **Peace and Tranquility by Following His Orders**

- Society embracing Tawhid lives in peace, adhering to God's commands and knowing they will be held accountable.
- Quranic Verse: "Indeed, those who have believed and done righteous deeds - they will have the Gardens of Paradise as a lodging." (Quran 18:107)



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- **Social Solidarity as Followers of the Same God**

- Tawhid unites believers under the one true God, fostering harmony and unity within the society.
- Hadith: "The believers in their mutual kindness, compassion, and sympathy are just like one body. When one of the limbs suffers, the whole body responds to it with wakefulness and fever." (Sahih Bukhari)



- **Development of Ideology of Oneness**

- Tawhid establishes an ideology of oneness, guiding society to follow one God and obey His commands.
- Quranic Verse: "There is nothing whatever like unto Him, and He is the Hearing, the Seeing." (Quran 42:11)



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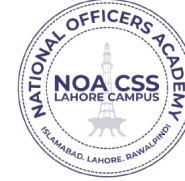


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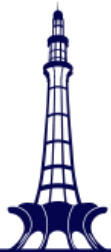


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Belief in Prophethood (Risalat)



- **Prophets and Messengers of God**
 - Muslims believe in the divine messengers sent by God, starting from Adam to Muhammad (peace be upon them).
 - Quranic Verse: "Indeed, We have revealed to you, [O Muhammad], as We revealed to Noah and the prophets after him. And we revealed to Abraham, Ishmael, Isaac, Jacob, the Descendants, Jesus, Job, Jonah, Aaron, and Solomon, and to David, We gave the book [of Psalms]." (Quran 4:163)
- **Final Message Revealed to Prophet Muhammad (SAW)**
 - Muslims believe that Prophet Muhammad received God's final and eternal message for humanity.
 - Quranic Verse: "Muhammad is not the father of [any] one of your men, but [he is] the Messenger of Allah and last of the prophets. And ever is Allah, of all things, Knowing." (Quran 33:40)



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Finality of Prophethood (Khatam an-Nabiyyin)

- **Prophethood Came to an End with Muhammad (SAW)**

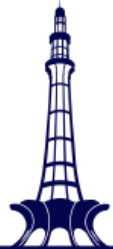
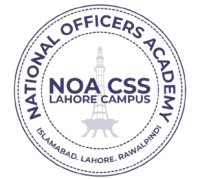
- The Quran and Hadiths affirm that Prophethood concluded with Prophet Muhammad (SAW).
- Quranic Verse: "Muhammad is not the father of [any] one of your men, but [he is] the Messenger of Allah and last of the prophets." (Quran 33:40)

- **No Successor to the Status of Prophethood**

- Prophet Muhammad (SAW) is the final link in the chain of Prophets, and there will be no Prophet after him.
- Hadith: "The chain of prophets has ended with me, and there will be no prophet after me." (Muslim)

- **Decisive Verses in the Quran**

- The Quran contains clear and decisive verses affirming the finality of Prophethood.
- Quranic Verse: "Muhammad is not the father of [any] one of your men, but [he is] the Messenger of Allah and last of the prophets." (Quran 33:40)



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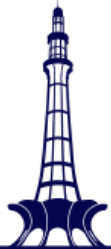
- **Distinctive Qualities of Prophets**

- **Chosen and Selected Ones**

- Prophets come as fulfillment of previous prophecies, known and awaited by the people.
- Quranic Verse: "And mention in the Book, Mary, when she withdrew from her family to a place toward the east. And she took, in seclusion from them, a screen. Then We sent to her Our Angel, and he represented himself to her as a well-proportioned man." (Quran 19:16-17)

- **Prophet as Human Beings**

- Prophets are human and live normal lives like eating, sleeping, and marrying.
- Quranic Verse: "Say, 'I am only a man like you, to whom has been revealed that your god is one God. So whoever would hope for the meeting with his Lord - let him do righteous work and not associate in the worship of his Lord anyone.'" (Quran 18:110)



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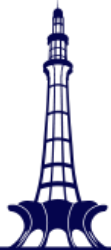
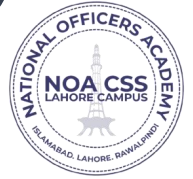
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- **Propagation and Dawah of Allah's Message**

- Prophets are sent on a mission to spread Allah's message among their people.
- Quranic Verse: "And We certainly sent into every nation a messenger, [saying], 'Worship Allah and avoid Taghut.' And among them were those whom Allah guided, and among them were those upon whom error was [deservedly] decreed. So proceed through the earth and observe how was the end of the deniers." (Quran 16:36)

- **Blessed with Special Knowledge**

- Prophets are granted special knowledge and wisdom by Allah.
- Quranic Verse: "And Allah taught Adam the names - all of them. Then He showed them to the angels and said, 'Inform Me of the names of these, if you are truthful.'" (Quran 2:31)



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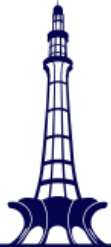
- **On the Right Path**

- Prophets deliver Allah's message without contradiction or inconsistency.
- Quranic Verse: "Then do they not reflect upon the Qur'an? If it had been from [any] other than Allah, they would have found within it much contradiction." (Quran 4:82)



- **Blessed with Closeness to Allah Almighty**

- Allah protects and supports the prophets, showing His care and closeness to them.
- Quranic Verse: "And [mention] when the Prophet confided to one of his wives a statement; and when she informed [another] of it and Allah showed it to him, he made known part of it and ignored a part. And when he informed her about it, she said, 'Who told you this?' He said, 'I was informed by the Knowing, the Acquainted.'" (Quran 66:3)



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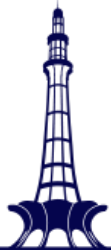


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• Blessed with Revelation of God

- Prophets receive revelations from Allah, which form the basis of their teachings.
- Quranic Verse: "And We revealed to you the message that you may make clear to the people what was sent down to them." (Quran 16:44)



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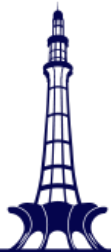


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- **Finality of Prophet Muhammad (SAW)**
- **Universality of the Message**
 - The message of Prophet Muhammad (SAW) is universal, for all of humanity.
 - Quranic Verse: "And We have not sent you, [O Muhammad], except as a mercy to the worlds." (Quran 21:107)
- **Completing the Incomplete Message and Shariah**
 - Prophet Muhammad (SAW) came to perfect and complete the previous messages.
 - Quranic Verse: "This day I have perfected for you your religion and completed My favor upon you and have approved for you Islam as religion." (Quran 5:3)



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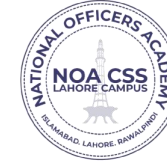
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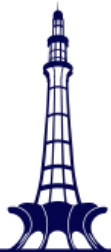
- **Amendments and Changes in Previous Messages**

- Previous messages were altered over time, but the Quran remains preserved.
- Quranic Verse: "Indeed, it is We who sent down the Qur'an and indeed, We will be its guardian." (Quran 15:9)



- **Giving the Complete Package of Din (Religion)**

- The Prophet (SAW) fulfilled his mission and delivered the complete Islamic creed.
- Hadith: "Today I have perfected your religion for you, completed My favor upon you, and have chosen for you Islam as your religion." (Bukhari)



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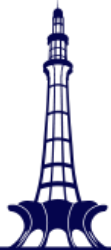
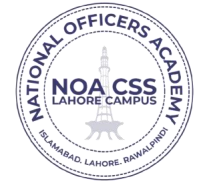
Belief in Hereafter (Aakhirat)

1. Meaning to Life

1. Belief in the hereafter gives purpose and meaning to life.
2. Quranic Verse: "What is the life of this world but amusement and play? But indeed, the home of the Hereafter - that is the [eternal] life, if only they knew."
(Quran 29:64)

2. Accountability and Justice

1. Believers will be rewarded or punished based on their deeds.
2. Quranic Verse: "And whoever does an atom's weight of good will see it, and whoever does an atom's weight of evil will see it." (Quran 99:7-8)



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- **Sense of Responsibility**

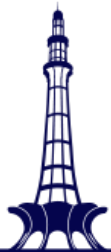
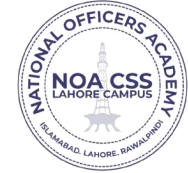
- Belief in the hereafter instills a sense of responsibility for one's actions.
- Hadith: "The strong believer is better and more beloved to Allah than the weak believer, while there is good in both."

- **Character Building**

- The belief in hereafter promotes good character and conduct.
- Hadith: "The most perfect believer in faith is the one who has the best character."

- **Inclination towards Good Deeds**

- Believers are motivated to do good and avoid sinful acts.
- Hadith: "The Prophet (SAW) said, 'Love for people what you love for yourself.'"



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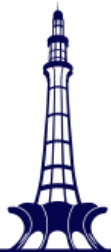
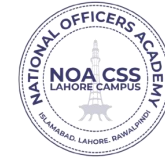
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• Elimination of Pride

- Knowing that all blessings come from Allah eliminates arrogance.
- Hadith: "He who has in his heart the weight of a mustard seed of pride shall not enter Paradise."

• Spirit of Sacrifice

- Belief in hereafter encourages selflessness and sacrifice.
- Quranic Verse: "And spend [in the way of Allah] from what We have provided you before death approaches one of you." (Quran 63:10)



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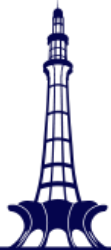


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- **Impact of Belief in Hereafter on Society**
- **Social Control**
 - Belief in the hereafter promotes a unified and just society.
 - Hadith: "Your love for something might render you blind and deaf."
- **Pious Society in Production**
 - A society consistently reminded of the hereafter becomes more pious.
 - Hadith: "He who is not thankful to people is not thankful to Allah."
- **Tolerance**
 - Belief in the hereafter fosters tolerance and empathy.
 - Hadith: "Kindness is a mark of faith, and whoever is not kind has no faith."



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- **Rule of Law**

- All individuals are equal in the eyes of God, promoting lawfulness.
- Quranic Verse: "O you who have believed, be persistently standing firm in justice."

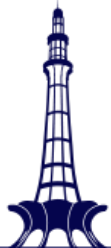
- **Mutual Care and Respect**

- Belief in the hereafter encourages caring and respecting others.
- Quranic Verse: "And they give food in spite of love for it to the needy, the orphan, and the captive."



- **Elimination of Social Evils**

- Believers strive to eliminate social evils through accountability.
- Hadith: "He who controls his anger at the time when he has the means to act upon it, Allah will fill his heart with contentment on the Day of Resurrection."



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- **Belief in God's Revealed Books**

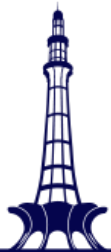
- **Importance of Divine Books**

- Muslims believe in the divine revelation of books to guide mankind.
- Quranic Verse: "Indeed, We have sent down the Quran, and surely We will guard it." (Quran 15:9)



- **Four Famous Revealed Books**

- Quran: Revealed to Prophet Muhammad as the final and universal guidance.
- Injil: Revealed to Prophet Isa (Jesus) but distorted by Christians.
- Zubur: Revealed to Prophet David, also known as the Psalms.
- Torah: Revealed to Prophet Moses but altered by its followers.



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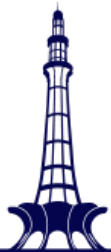
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• Purpose of Divine Books

- Acknowledgment of the Oneness of Allah and belief in the prophets.
- Quranic Verse: "Those who believe in the revelation sent down to you (Muhammad) and in what was sent before you." (Quran 2:4)

• Universality of the Quran

- The Quran is a guide for all communities and all times.
- Quranic Verse: "And if it were Our Will We could make angels from amongst you, succeeding each other on the earth." (Quran 43:60)



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Belief in Angels and Its Impacts

• Existence and Nature of Angels

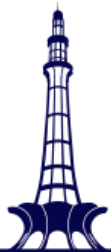
- Angels are created from light and invisible beings.
- They have no free will and obey Allah's commands completely.
- Quranic Verse: "Behold two (guardian angels) appointed to register his doings."
(Quran 50:17-18)

• Superiority of Humans

- Humans are superior to angels due to their immortal spirit and free will.
- Humans have the ability to reason and choose their actions.
- Quranic Verse: "We have certainly created man in the best of stature." (Quran 95:4)

• Scientific Views on Angels

- Some scholars relate the concept of angels to modern scientific terms like radio waves and holographic images.



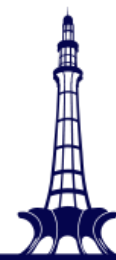
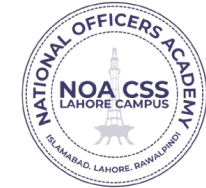
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- **Effects of**
- **Eternal Recognition**
 - Believers find joy and peace in knowing that their actions are recorded by noble scribes.
 - The assurance of eternal recognition brings comfort to the soul.
- **Preservation of the Spirit**
 - Belief in angels assures believers that their spirits are preserved after death.
 - It alleviates the fear of spiritual annihilation.
- **Companionship and Comfort**
 - The presence of Munkar and Nakir in the grave brings solace and prevents loneliness.
 - Believers feel accompanied even when the world may reject their positive ideas.



Practical Implications of Belief in Angels

• Part of Righteousness

- Belief in angels is part of righteousness and moral consciousness.
- Quranic Verse: "Those who believe in the unseen." (Quran 2:3)

• Seeking Angels' Pleasure

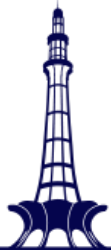
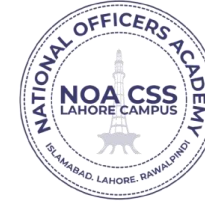
- Being generous and doing good deeds pleases the angels.
- Prophet Muhammad encouraged generosity to earn angelic pleasure.

• Angels' Support in Adversity

- Angels provide support to believers during times of stress and hardship.
- Quranic Verse: "Those who sustain the Throne and those around it Sing Glory and Praise to their Lord; believe in Him; and implore Forgiveness for those who believe." (Quran 40:7)

• Angels Pray for Forgiveness

- Angels pray for the forgiveness and well-being of believers.
- Quranic Verse: "Our Lord! Their reach is over all things, in Mercy and Knowledge. Forgive, then, those who turn in Repentance." (Quran 23:109)



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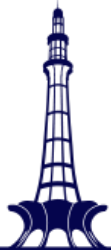


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Salat



- **Introduction to Salah:**
- **Pillar of Islam:** Salah, also known as Salat, is the second pillar of Islam, and it holds a central place in the faith, second only to the testimony of faith (Shahada). Neglecting Salah is sternly warned against in Islam. (Quran: Surah Al-Baqarah 2:238)
- **Key to Paradise:** Salah is considered the key to Paradise and a fundamental aspect of a Muslim's relationship with Allah. It is the first matter to be accounted for on the Day of Judgment. (Hadith: Sahih Muslim)
- **Obligation After Faith:** Salah is the first religious obligation brought by the Prophets after belief in Allah. Every Prophet, from Adam to Muhammad, offered Salah and enjoined their followers to establish it regularly. (Quran: Surah Maryam 19:31)



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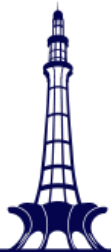
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Significance and Essence of Salah:

- **Integral to All Religions:** Salah, in one form or another, has been an integral part of devotional service in every religion. Judaism, Christianity, and Islam all recognize the efficacy of Salah as an act of worship. (Quran: Surah Al-Ankabut 29:45)
- **Essence of Islamic Devotion:** Just as belief in Allah is the essence of faith (Iman), Salah is considered the essence of all Islamic devotions and pious actions. It is a means of serving and worshipping Allah. (Quran: Surah Al-Baqarah 2:45)
- **Stress on Salah in the Quran:** The Quran places great emphasis on Salah and repeats commandments regarding it many times. The object of Salah in Islam is the worship of the One Almighty God. (Quran: Surah Al-Baqarah 2:21)



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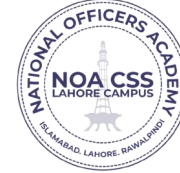


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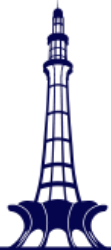


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- **Obligatory Nature of Salah:**
- **Five Times a Day:** Islam prescribes performing Salah five times a day as an obligatory duty for every Muslim, regardless of their gender, social status, health, or location. (Quran: Surah An-Nisa 4:103)
- **Even in Battle:** Even in the midst of a battlefield, Salah is not excused, and it must be performed in the prescribed manner. (Hadith: Sahih al-Bukhari)

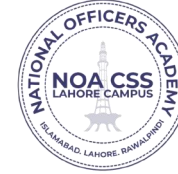


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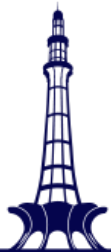
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Benefits and Discipline of Salah:

- **Punctuality and Regularity:** Salah teaches punctuality and regularity, bringing discipline to one's daily life. Muslims are required to perform Salah at specific times throughout the day. (Quran: Surah Al-Isra 17:78)
- **Physical Health:** Salah involves physical movements that engage various bodily limbs, promoting physical health and fitness. (Hadith: Sahih al-Bukhari)
- **Concentration of Mind:** Salah encourages concentration of the mind and helps individuals focus on their worship and connection with Allah. (Quran: Surah Al-Mu'minun 23:1-2)
- **Cleanliness:** Salah promotes cleanliness of the body as it is preceded by ablution or bath (Wudu). This emphasis on cleanliness is integral to Islamic practice. (Hadith: Sahih al-Bukhari)



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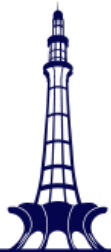
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- **Teaching and Guidance of the Prophet:**
- **Prophet's Teachings:** The Prophet of Islam not only taught the rules of Salah but also demonstrated its form, procedure, timings, and various aspects to his followers. (Hadith: Sahih Muslim)
- **Practical Demonstration:** The Prophet's practical demonstration of Salah served as a guide for the early Muslims and subsequent generations. (Hadith: Sahih al-Bukhari)
- **Jurisprudence (Fiqh) Books:** Detailed rules and regulations regarding Salah have been laid down by Islamic jurists and scholars, based on the Quran and the Sunnah (teachings and practices of the Prophet). These can be studied in Fiqh (jurisprudence) books for a comprehensive understanding of Salah.



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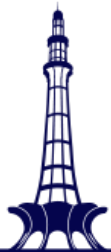
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SOCIAL IMPACTS

- **Salat as a Prime and Vital Ibadat:** The fundamental role of Salat is emphasized by the Prophet Muhammad (peace be upon him) as the first obligation on his Ummah. It underlines the personal and collective accountability of individuals for their Salat, highlighting its vital role in every individual's life and its implications for society. (Hadith: Sahih al-Bukhari)
- **Repeated Injunctions in the Quran:** The Quran repeatedly enjoins Salat, underscoring its importance not only for personal spirituality but also as a source of divine help and patience. This reflects how Salat serves as a means of seeking assistance and maintaining resilience in the face of life's challenges. (Quran: Surah Al-Baqarah 2:43)
- **The Concept of Collective Salat:** The Prophet's encouragement of collective Salat reinforces unity and community bonds. Performing Salat together in mosques yields greater rewards, fostering a sense of togetherness and solidarity among Muslims. (Hadith: Sahih al-Bukhari)



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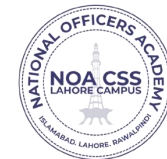
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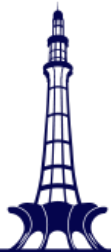
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- **Salat Leads to Unity:** During Salat, individuals stand together, irrespective of their backgrounds or social status, promoting a sense of cohesion and unity. This exemplifies the power of Salat in forging a common bond among diverse believers. (Hadith: Sahih Muslim)
- **Salat as a Source of Repeated Social Interaction:** Salat necessitates regular congregational gatherings, leading to increased social interaction. These interactions facilitate mutual understanding, creating a framework for support and empathy within the community. (Hadith: Sahih al-Bukhari)
- **Salat as a Source of Knowing and Sharing:** Regular social interactions through Salat enable individuals to know one another better. This knowledge fosters a spirit of sharing and caring, aligning with the Prophet's directive to be good to others. (Hadith: Sahih Muslim)



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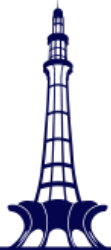


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- **Quranic Link between Namaz and Zakat:** The Quran intertwines Salat and Zakat, emphasizing their significance in shaping individuals and society. Both are pillars of Islam, contributing to moral and social welfare. (Quran: Surah Al-Baqarah 2:277)
- **Salat Teaches Following One Imam:** Salat teaches discipline and respect for the appointed Imam. This hierarchy promotes unity and allows for the dissemination of knowledge from the Imam, who leads the congregation. (Hadith: Sahih al-Bukhari)
- **Salat as a Source of Social Consensus Building:** Salat serves as a platform for resolving disputes through mutual consultations and consensus, fostering a sense of social harmony. (Hadith: Sunan Ibn Majah)



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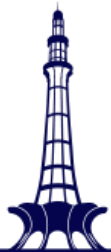


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- **Salat Leads to a Disciplined Society:** The physical and mental discipline cultivated through Salat extends to societal behavior, promoting cleanliness, orderliness, and adherence to a collective moral code. (Hadith: Sahih Muslim)
- **Teaches Collective Following of a Given Pattern and Law:** Salat enforces adherence to prescribed patterns and laws, instilling a sense of conformity and collective responsibility within the community. (Quran: Surah Al-Baqarah 2:238)
- **Helpful in Establishing Government Under One Leadership:** The historical example of the Prophet leading Salat also symbolizes his leadership. Salat played a pivotal role in establishing leadership and governance after his passing, exemplifying its significance in societal governance. (Hadith: Sahih al-Bukhari)



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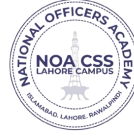
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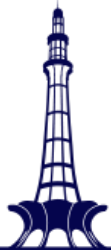
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- **Moral Impacts**
- **Leads to a Pious Society:** Regular Salat cultivates piety within individuals, making them more conscious of their moral obligations and responsibilities toward Allah and society. (Quran: Surah Al-Ankabut 29:45)
- **Teaches the Lesson of Punctuality:** Salah teaches punctuality, emphasizing the importance of performing it within the prescribed time frames. This punctuality extends to other aspects of life, enhancing moral discipline. (Hadith: Sunan Ibn Majah)
- **Sense of Duty and Responsibility:** Salat instills a heightened sense of duty and responsibility, as individuals recognize their obligation to perform it consistently, regardless of circumstances. This sense of duty extends to their interactions with others. (Hadith: Sahih al-Bukhari)



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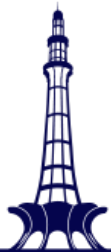


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- **Training in Self-Discipline:** The discipline required for Salat translates into self-discipline in daily life. This contributes to improved behavior and ethical conduct. (Hadith: Sahih Muslim)
- **Character Building:** Regular Salat necessitates interaction with a diverse congregation, fostering confidence, humility, and good character in individuals as they welcome and interact with fellow worshipers. (Hadith: Sahih al-Bukhari)
- **Promotes Self-Control:** Salat encourages self-control and restraint, preventing individuals from engaging in sinful behaviors. It serves as a shield against moral transgressions. (Hadith: Sahih al-Bukhari)



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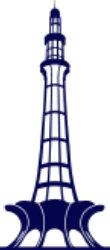


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- **Develops a Sense of Humility:** Through Salat, believers bow before Allah, cultivating a sense of modesty and humility. Arrogance and pride have no place in the hearts of those who perform Salat regularly. (Quran: Surah Al-Hajj 22:77)
- **Fosters Mutual Respect:** Salat promotes unity, erasing distinctions among worshipers. The concept of superiority is based on piety, knowledge, faith, and jihad, as determined by Allah, fostering mutual respect. (Quran: Surah Al-Hujurat 49:11)
- **Following of a Leader:** The act of following an Imam in Salat reinforces the importance of leadership and authority within the community, contributing to moral and social order. (Hadith: Sahih Muslim)
- **Emphasis on Cleanliness:** Salat necessitates physical cleanliness through ablution, reinforcing the importance of cleanliness as a moral virtue in daily life. (Hadith: Sahih al-Bukhari)



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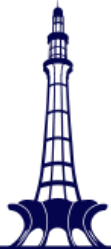


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- **Abstention from Vulgarity:** Regular Salat encourages individuals to avoid vulgarity and to respect one another. This leads to increased modesty and adherence to ethical standards. (Hadith: Sahih al-Bukhari)
- **Saying Salam:** Salat concludes with the exchange of greetings (Salam), promoting cordiality and goodwill within the community. (Hadith: Sahih al-Bukhari)
- **Namaz is Obligatory to All on Equal Basis:** The obligation of Salat applies equally to all, regardless of their circumstances or abilities, promoting fairness and equality. (Quran: Surah Al-Baqarah 2:286)
- **Elimination of Mutual Differences:** Salat eliminates differences among worshipers, emphasizing equality in the eyes of Allah. (Quran: Surah Al-Hujurat 49:13)



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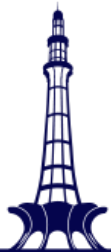


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- **Masjid as a Community Center:** The mosque serves as a hub for community interaction, where people seek guidance and resolution to their queries, fostering a sense of unity and cooperation. (Hadith: Sahih al-Bukhari)
- **Conclusion**
- Salat, with its profound social and moral impacts, stands as a cornerstone of Islamic practice. Its influence transcends the individual, shaping communities and societies. Through unity, discipline, and moral fortitude, Salat serves as a powerful force for positive change, emphasizing the values of piety, humility, and responsibility



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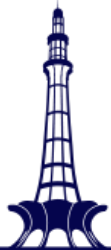
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Introduction to Zakat:

- **Meaning of Zakat:** The term 'Zakat' literally translates to 'growth,' 'increase,' or 'nourishment.' It signifies the act of purifying and growing wealth. Zakat purifies the human soul from greed and materialism, leading to spiritual growth and development.
- **Purification and Spiritual Effects:** Zakat purifies the heart from the love of wealth and material possessions, instilling love for God and humanity. It has moral and spiritual significance, fostering selflessness and empathy. (Quran: Surah Al-Bayyina 98:5)
- **Economic and Social Impacts:** Zakat has economic and social repercussions. It promotes brotherhood, prevents wealth concentration, discourages hoarding, and encourages the circulation of capital in the national economy. It contributes to national wealth growth and social cohesion. (Quran: Surah Al-Hashr 59:7)
- **Act of Worship:** Zakat is not only a tax but also an act of worship. It is one of the fundamental articles of faith in Islam and one of the five pillars of the faith. (Hadith: Sahih al-Bukhari)



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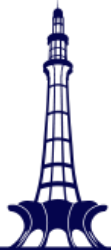
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Importance of Zakat in Islam:

- **Numerous Quranic Mentions:** The Quran emphasizes Zakat more than eighty times, highlighting its significance in Islamic practice and social justice. (Quran: Multiple Verses)
- **Equality and Brotherhood:** Zakat fosters a sense of equality and brotherhood among Muslims. It obliges the wealthy to support the poor and needy, reinforcing the concept of social justice. (Quran: Surah Al-Hashr 59:7)
- **Practical Significance:** Zakat ensures that the spiritual discipline inculcated by prayer is practically applied to eradicate poverty and social injustice. It holds the wealthy and capitalists responsible for the basic necessities of the less fortunate. (Hadith: Sahih Muslim)
- **Prophet's Instruction:** The Prophet Muhammad (PBUH) instructed the governor of Yemen, Mu'az, to teach the people that Allah made Zakat obligatory on the rich to be given to the poor among them. (Hadith: Sahih al-Bukhari)



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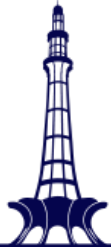
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Rules and Regulations of Zakat:

- **Eligibility for Zakat:** Zakat is imposed on the wealth of a Muslim who is an adult, sane, free, and solvent. It may also be paid on behalf of minors and insane individuals by their guardians. Non-Muslims, slaves, and insolvent debtors are exempt from paying Zakat.
- **Nisab of Zakat:** Different categories of wealth have specific Nisab (minimum limit) levels that trigger the obligation of Zakat. Nisab is defined for gold, silver, livestock, and other assets. (Quran: Surah At-Tawbah 9:60)
- **Rates of Zakat:** The rate of Zakat varies for different types of wealth. It is typically 2.5% for gold and silver, 1% to 2.5% for livestock, and 2.5% for articles of trade, shares, stocks, cash, deposits, and investments. (Quran: Surah At-Tawbah 9:103)
- **Waiting Period (Hawl):** Zakat is not due on property until a year has passed since its acquisition. The Islamic financial year begins with the month of Ramadan.
- **Exempted Properties:** Some properties and assets are exempt from Zakat, including personal effects, conveyance animals, personal arms, working cattle, professional tools, residential homes, slaves, books, food for the owner's family, agricultural land, factory buildings, and machinery.



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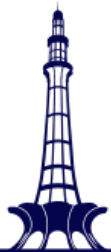


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- **Recipients of Zakat:** Zakat is not payable to the descendants or ascendants of the payer, one's spouse, or members of the tribe of Hashim. Non-Muslims are also not eligible recipients. Zakat cannot be spent on mosque construction.
- **Calculation of Zakat:** Zakat is calculated after deducting the amount of debt an individual owes to others. Different categories of wealth have their own Nisab and rates. In joint ownership, each partner's share is considered separately.
- **Payment Methods:** Zakat can be paid in kind or cash, depending on convenience. Zakat on visible wealth is assessed and collected by the Islamic State. In the case of invisible assets, the payer can assess and determine Zakat but should pay it to the State.
- **Ushr (Agricultural Tithe):** Zakat on agricultural produce is called Ushr and is levied at different rates for rain-irrigated and artificially irrigated land. (Hadith: Sunan Abi Dawood)
- **Zakat on Modern Assets:** Assets such as shares, stocks, cash, deposits, and investments are subject to Zakat at the rate of 2.5%. Modern jurists agree on their inclusion. (Quran: Surah At-Tawbah 9:103)



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Social Impacts of Zakat: Key Points with Quranic Verses and Hadiths

• 1. Zakat as an Economic and Financial Ibadat

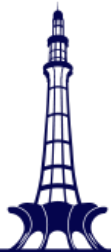
- Zakat is an act of worship that purifies and benefits society.
- Hadith: "You should worship Allah, offer prayer perfectly, pay the Zakat, and keep good relations with your kin." (Bukhari)

• 2. Elimination of Social Classes

- Zakat promotes equality and eradicates social class distinctions.
- Quranic Verse: "Indeed, those who believe and do righteous deeds and give Zakat will have their reward with their Lord..." (Quran, Al-Baqarah)

• 3. Spirit of Sacrifice

- Giving Zakat teaches the spirit of sacrifice for the sake of Allah.
- Quranic Verse: "And they give food in spite of love for it to the needy, the orphan, and the captive..." (Quran, Al-Insan)



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• **4. Mutual Care and Support**

- Zakat fosters caring and support among community members.
- Quranic Verse: "Take, [O, Muhammad], from their wealth a charity by which you purify them and cause them increase..." (Quran, At-Tawbah)

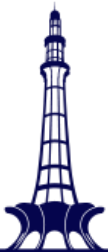
• **5. Love and Respect for Others**

- Giving Zakat increases love and respect for those in need.
- Hadith: "Allah's Messenger (PBUH) was the most generous of all the people, and he used to reach the peak in generosity in the month of Ramadan..." (Bukhari)



• **6. Elimination of Hate and Jealousy**

- Zakat eradicates envy and fosters gratitude to Allah's provisions.
- Quranic Verse: "And those saved from the covetousness of their souls; they are the ones that achieve prosperity." (Quran, Al-Hashr)



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- **7. Circulation of Wealth**

- Zakat enhances the circulation of wealth in society.
- Quranic Verse: "That it may not merely make a circuit between the wealthy among you..." (Quran, Al-Hashr)

- **8. Increased Purchasing Power of the Poor**

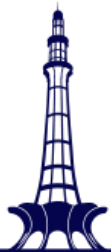
- Zakat improves the purchasing power of the less fortunate.
- Hadith: "When Allah favors a servant with wealth, but he does not pay Zakat on it, then on the Day of Judgment his wealth will be turned into a bald snake..." (Bukhari)

- **9. Strengthening National Economy**

- Zakat contributes to a robust national economy.
- Hadith: "Take from their wealth Zakat, so that you become their partners in that wealth." (Muslim)

- **10. Eradication of Poverty and Crime**

- Zakat helps eradicate poverty, reducing the inclination toward crime.
- Hadith: "If they pay it (Zakat) properly, then they take their due share of the booty on the Day of Judgment..." (Bukhari)



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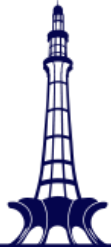
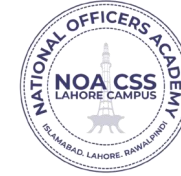


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- **11. Support for Underprivileged and Disabled**
- Zakat supports underprivileged and socially disabled members of society.
- Quranic Verse: "Zakah expenditures are only for the poor and for the needy and for those employed to collect [zakah]..." (Quran, At-Tawbah)
- **12. Combating Unemployment**
- Utilizing Zakat to create employment opportunities can combat joblessness.
- Hadith: "You should pay the Zakat of your properties." (Bukhari)
- **13. Encouraging Good Deeds**
- Zakat establishes a system of reward for good actions.
- Quranic Verse: "And establish prayer and give Zakat, and whatever good you put forward for yourselves - you will find it with Allah..." (Quran, Al-Baqarah)
- **14. Combating Extremism and Terrorism**
- By addressing poverty, Zakat helps combat extremism and terrorism.
- Hadith: "Seven people will be shaded by Allah under His shade on the Day when there will be no shade except His..." (Bukhari)



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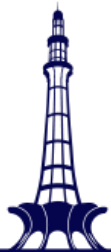
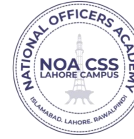


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- **15. Support for the Destitute**
- Zakat serves as support for the poor and destitute.
- Quranic Verse: "And in their wealth, there was a rightful share for the beggar and the deprived."
(Quran, Adh-Dhariyat)
- **16. Promoting Goodness and Abundance**
- Zakat promotes goodness and abundance in society.
- Hadith: "Allah's Messenger (PBUH) said, 'By Him in Whose Hand my life is, it is better for anyone of you to take a rope and cut the wood (from the forest)...'" (Bukhari)
- **17. Upholding Justice**
- Zakat upholds justice by redistributing wealth fairly.
- Quranic Verse: "And establish prayer and give Zakat, and whatever good you put forward for yourselves - you will find it with Allah..." (Quran, Al-Baqarah)
- **18. Strengthening Social Fabric**
- Zakat strengthens social bonds and fosters compassion.
- Hadith: "The example of those who spend their wealth in the way of Allah is like that of a grain of corn; it grows seven ears..." (Muslim)



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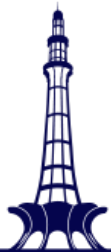


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- **Moral Impacts of Zakat: Key Points with Quranic Verses and Hadiths**
- **1. Generosity**
- Giving Zakat fosters generosity and kindness.
- Hadith: "Whoever is made wealthy by Allah and does not pay the Zakat of his wealth, then on the Day of Resurrection his wealth will be made like a baldheaded poisonous male snake..." (Bukhari)
- **2. Decreasing Lust for Wealth**
- Zakat reduces materialistic desires and encourages spending for Allah's sake.
- Hadith: "The example of those who spend their wealth in the way of Allah is like that of a grain of corn..." (Muslim)
- **3. Purification of the Heart**
- Zakat purifies the heart and strengthens the bond with Allah.
- Quranic Verse: "Take from their wealth a charity by which you purify them..." (Quran, At-Tawbah)



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• 4. Humility

Giving Zakat promotes humility and simplicity in life.

Hadith: "Allah's Messenger (PBUH) said, 'By Him in Whose Hand my life is, it is better for anyone of you to take a rope and cut the wood...' (Bukhari)

5. Humanitarian Spirit and Mutual Health

Zakat encourages caring for humanity and mutual support.

Quranic Verse: "Indeed, those who believe and do righteous deeds and establish prayer and give Zakat will have their reward with their Lord..." (Quran, Al-Baqarah)

6. Patience and Tolerance

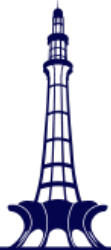
Zakat fosters gratitude and patience, making one more tolerant.

Hadith: "You should pay the Zakat of your properties." (Bukhari)

7. Moral Uplift

Giving Zakat increases moral consciousness and uplifts the soul.

Quranic Verse: "And establish prayer and give Zakat, and whatever good you put forward for yourselves - you will find it with Allah..." (Quran, Al-Baqarah)



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Spiritual Impacts of Zakat: Key Points with Quranic Verses and Hadiths

1. Satisfaction by Helping Others

Paying Zakat brings inner satisfaction and fulfillment.

Hadith: "Allah's Messenger (PBUH) said, 'By Him in Whose Hand my life is, it is better for anyone of you to take a rope and cut the wood...'" (Bukhari)

2. Removes Love of Materialism

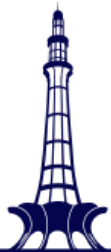
Zakat reduces the love of wealth and attachment to material possessions.

Hadith: "Allah's Messenger (PBUH) said: 'When you pay the Zakat of your silver, do not exaggerate.'" (Muslim)

3. Closeness to Allah

Giving Zakat strengthens the connection with Allah.

Quranic Verse: "And establish prayer and give Zakat, and whatever good you put forward for yourselves - you will find it with Allah..." (Quran, Al-Baqarah)



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4. Mental Satisfaction

Paying Zakat provides mental relief and contentment.

Hadith: "Zakat increases ones wealth, it does not decrease it." (Muslim)

5. Purification of Wealth and Self

Zakat purifies wealth and enhances spiritual growth.

Quranic Verse: "Take from their wealth a charity by which you purify them..." (Quran, At-Tawbah)

6. Sacrificing for the Sake of Allah

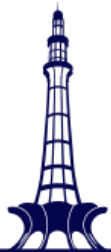
Zakat teaches sacrifice and devotion to Allah.

Hadith: "Allah's Messenger (PBUH) said: 'When you pay the Zakat of your silver, do not exaggerate.'" (Muslim)

7. Zakat Increases One's Wealth

Giving Zakat brings blessings and increases one's wealth.

Hadith: "Zakat increases ones wealth, it does not decrease it." (Muslim)



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8. Zakat Leads to Taqwa

Zakat enhances a Muslim's consciousness of Allah.

Quranic Verse: "And establish prayer and give Zakat, and whatever good you put forward for yourselves - you will find it with Allah..." (Quran, Al-Baqarah)

9. Abstaining from Evil Deeds

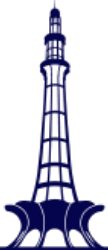
Paying Zakat encourages avoidance of sinful acts.

Hadith: "Allah's Messenger (PBUH) said: 'When you pay the Zakat of your silver, do not exaggerate.'" (Muslim)

10. Consistency on Good Deeds

Giving Zakat fosters a continuous cycle of good actions.

Hadith: "The example of those who spend their wealth in the way of Allah is like that of a grain of corn..." (Muslim)



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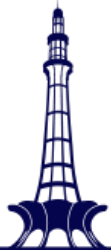
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Introduction to Fasting:

- **Definition of Fasting:** Fasting involves the prohibition of intake through external body orifices, particularly the mouth, during daylight hours. This includes abstaining from food, drink, smoking, inhalants, and sexual relations. Fasting is not obligatory during the night. (Quran: Surah Al-Baqarah 2:183)
- **Universal Practice:** Fasting has been a practice throughout human history and exists in various religions and philosophies. Prophets, saints, and religious leaders have used fasting to control passions and attain spiritual and moral elevation. It's not limited to revealed religions like Judaism, Christianity, and Islam.
- **Historical Prevalence:** The Quran mentions that fasting was prescribed for religious communities before Muslims, highlighting its historical prevalence. (Quran: Surah Al-Baqarah 2:183)



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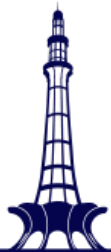
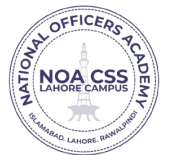
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Obligation and Details of Fasting:

- **Obligation for Muslims:** Fasting was made obligatory for Muslims in the second year after the Hijrah (A.H.) before the Battle of Badar. It is mandatory during the month of Ramadan, the ninth month of the Islamic Lunar Calendar, which lasts 29 or 30 days.
- **Daily Fasting Hours:** Fasting begins at dawn and ends at sunset each day during Ramadan. It necessitates complete abstention from eating, drinking, and sexual intercourse during these hours. (Quran: Surah Al-Baqarah 2:187)
- **Inclusivity:** Fasting is obligatory for every Muslim, regardless of gender, wealth, social status, or freedom, during Ramadan. (Hadith: Sahih al-Bukhari)
- **Exemptions:** Individuals who are ill or on a journey are allowed to skip fasting but must make up for the missed days later. Permanently sick or elderly individuals can choose to feed a poor person in place of fasting for a day. (Quran: Surah Al-Baqarah 2:184)



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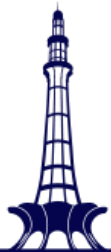


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- **Spiritual Practices During Ramadan:**
- **Special Prayers (Taraweeh):** During Ramadan, Muslims engage in special prayers called "Taraweeh" after the night prayer (Isha). A Hafiz (memorizer of the Quran) recites the Quran in portions, completing its recitation during the month. These prayers consist of twenty Rakat (units of prayer) each.



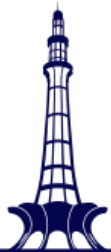
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- **Excellence and Merits of Fasting:**
- **Rewards and Virtues:** Fasting is highly praised in the Quran and by the Prophet of Islam. Numerous rewards and virtues are promised to those who faithfully observe fasting during Ramadan. It is seen as a means of purifying the soul, attaining self-discipline, and seeking Allah's forgiveness. (Quran: Multiple Verses)
- **Spiritual Growth:** Fasting encourages spiritual growth, self-control, and a heightened sense of devotion. It serves as a reminder of the less fortunate and cultivates empathy and humility. (Hadith: Sahih Muslim)
- **Opportunity for Repentance:** Ramadan is considered a time when Allah's mercy and forgiveness are abundant. Fasting allows believers to seek repentance and cleanse their hearts from sins. (Hadith: Sahih al-Bukhari)
- **Protection from Hellfire:** It is believed that fasting serves as a shield against the Hellfire, and those who fast will enter Paradise with a special gate reserved for them. (Hadith: Sahih al-Bukhari)
- **Generosity and Charity:** Fasting encourages acts of charity and generosity. Many Muslims increase their charitable efforts during Ramadan to support the less fortunate. (Quran: Surah Al-Baqarah 2:267-273)



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Social Impacts/Functions of Fasting: Key Points with Quranic Verses and Hadiths

1. Physical Ibadat Common to All Religions

Fasting is observed in various religions, emphasizing self-control and spiritual elevation.

Hadith: "O you who have believed, decreed upon you is fasting as it was decreed upon those before you..." (Quran, Al-Baqarah 2:183)

2. Collective Fasting by the Society

Fasting in Ramadan is a communal practice, fostering unity within the society.

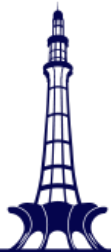
Quranic Verse: "So whoever sights [the new moon of] the month, let him fast it..." (Quran, Al-Baqarah 2:185)



3. Source of Self-Control and Social Control

Fasting instills self-control, leading to improved social behavior.

Hadith: "Fasting is a shield, so the one who fasts should avoid obscene speech and ignorant behavior." (Bukhari)



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4. Sensitization about Poverty

Fasting helps the affluent understand the struggles of the poor.

Quranic Verse: "And they give food in spite of love for it to the needy, the orphan, and the captive..." (Quran, Al-Insan 76:8)

5. Realization of Poverty Hardships

Fasting makes the rich recognize the hardships faced by the poor daily.

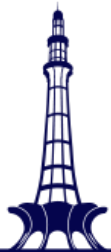
Hadith: "The Prophet (PBUH) was the most generous of all the people, and he used to become more generous in Ramadan..." (Bukhari)



6. Reduces Gap Between Rich and Poor

Fasting bridges the gap between different social classes during the act of fasting.

Hadith: "The wealthy among you will be poor on the Day of Resurrection except for those who spend their wealth..." (Muslim)



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7. Fasting Promotes Tolerance

Fasting cultivates tolerance and promotes peaceful coexistence.

Hadith: "Allah said: 'Every good deed of Adam's son is for him except fasting; it is for Me, and I shall reward for it.'" (Bukhari)

8. Social Harmony through Fasting

Fasting encourages peaceful interactions and harmony within the community.

Hadith: "If someone fights him or insults him, let him say: 'I am fasting.'" (Muslim)



9. Source of Social Purification

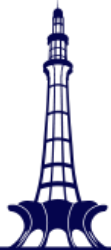
Fasting purifies the society and brings people closer to the gates of Paradise.

Hadith: "There is a gate in Paradise called Ar-Rayyan, and those who observe fasts will enter through it..." (Bukhari)

10. Fasting Leads to a Healthy Society

Fasting promotes a healthy lifestyle and cooperation among people.

Hadith: "O young men! Whoever among you can afford to get married, let him do so..." (Bukhari)



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11. Social Cohesion and Interaction through Fasting

Fasting encourages social cohesion and interaction with neighbors.

Hadith: "He who sleeps while his neighbor sleeps hungry is not one of us." (Bukhari)

12. Fasting Promotes Muslim Brotherhood

Fasting strengthens the sense of Muslim brotherhood through communal iftar gatherings.

Hadith: "Whoever invites to break the fast of a fasting person will have a reward like his..." (Tirmidhi)

13. Elimination of Social Evils

Fasting fosters self-purification, leading to the elimination of social evils.

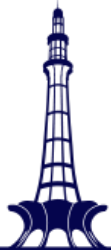
Hadith: "Whoever does not give up lying and evil actions, Allah is not in need of his leaving his food and drink." (Bukhari)

14. Improves Brain Function

Fasting serves as mental therapy, making the mind strong and resilient.



Hadith: "When any one of you is fasting, he should neither indulge in obscene language nor raise his voice." (Bukhari)



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- **15. Improves Eating Pattern**

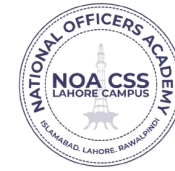
- Fasting helps regulate the eating pattern, improving the immune system.
- Quranic Verse: "And eat and drink until the white thread of dawn becomes distinct to you from the black thread [of night]..." (Quran, Al-Baqarah 2:187)

- **16. Fasting Increases Hunger**

- Regular fasting leads to an increase in hunger and a healthier appetite.
- Hadith: "The son of Adam does not fill any vessel worse than his stomach..." (Tirmidhi)

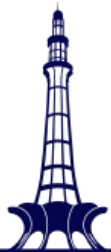
- **17. Fasting Aids Weight Loss**

- Fasting facilitates weight loss due to reduced calorie intake.
- Hadith: "Fast the month of Ramadan to seek Laylat al-Qadr..." (Bukhari)



- **18. Fasting Promotes Longevity**

- Fasting rejuvenates the body and mind, contributing to a healthier and longer life.
- Hadith: "Whoever gives food to a fasting person with which to break his fast..." (Ibn Majah)



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- **Spiritual Impacts of Fasting: Key Points with Quranic Verses and Hadiths**

- **1. Sympathy for the Poor**

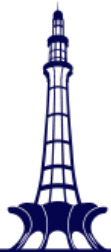
- Fasting fosters empathy for the poor and less fortunate.
- Hadith: "Fasting is a shield, so the one who fasts should avoid obscene speech and ignorant behavior." (Bukhari)

- **2. Closeness to Allah**

- Fasting strengthens the connection with Allah.
- Quranic Verse: "O you who have believed, prescribed for you is fasting as it was prescribed for those before you..." (Quran, Al-Baqarah 2:183)

- **3. Mental Satisfaction**

- Fasting brings contentment and mental relief by obeying Allah's commandments.
- Hadith: "Fasting is a shield, so the one who fasts should avoid obscene speech and ignorant behavior." (Bukhari)



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- **4. Self-Purification**

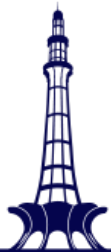
- Fasting purifies the individual, making them more pious and closer to Allah.
- Hadith: "Whoever does not give up lying and evil actions, Allah is not in need of his leaving his food and drink." (Bukhari)

- **5. Sacrificing for Allah's Sake**

- Fasting teaches sacrifice and devotion to please Allah.
- Hadith: "Fasting is a shield, so the one who fasts should avoid obscene speech and ignorant behavior." (Bukhari)

- **6. Fasting Leads to Taqwa**

- Fasting enhances a Muslim's consciousness of Allah (Taqwa).
- Hadith: "Whoever fasts during Ramadan out of sincere faith and hoping for a reward from Allah, all his previous sins will be forgiven." (Bukhari)



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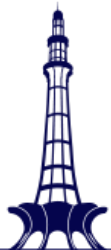


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- **7. Abstaining from Evil Deeds**
- Fasting encourages abstaining from sinful acts and doing good deeds.
- Hadith: "Fasting is a shield, so the one who fasts should avoid obscene speech and ignorant behavior." (Bukhari)
- **8. Consistency on Good Deeds**
- Fasting inspires consistent good deeds and righteous actions.
- Hadith: "Fasting is a shield, so the one who fasts should avoid obscene speech and ignorant behavior." (Bukhari)



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Hajj: A Divine Obligation and Universal Gathering

- **1. Divine Obligation:** Hajj is an obligatory act of worship in Islam, mandated for those who are financially and physically capable (Quran 3:97). It holds great significance in a believer's life, symbolizing submission to Allah's commands.
- **2. Historical Significance:** Hajj has a rich historical background, dating back to the time of Prophet Ibrahim (Abraham), who built the Ka'aba with his son Ismael as a house of worship for all mankind (Quran 22:26-29).
- **3. The Farewell Pilgrimage:** The Prophet Muhammad (peace be upon him) performed Hajj in the year 10 A.H. as his final pilgrimage, setting a timeless example for all Muslims to follow.



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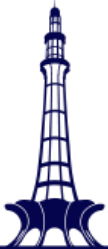


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- **4. Spiritual and Material Devotions:** Hajj encompasses various acts of devotion, combining physical rituals like prayer and fasting with financial devotions like Zakat and Sadaqat. It provides a holistic approach to worship, fostering a connection with Allah on multiple levels.
- **5. Universal Gathering:** Every year, Muslims from all corners of the world converge in Makkah for Hajj, transcending racial, cultural, and social barriers. This universal gathering fosters brotherhood and unity (Quran 49:13).
- **6. Equality Before Allah:** During Hajj, all pilgrims, regardless of their worldly status, stand side by side in worship. This serves as a powerful reminder that in the eyes of Allah, everyone is equal (Quran 49:13).
- **7. Social and Ummatic Functions:** Beyond individual worship, Hajj serves broader social and ummatic functions. It provides a platform for social interaction and facilitates trade for the betterment of the Muslim community.



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- **8. Purification of the Soul:** Hajj is a journey of spiritual cleansing and purification. Pilgrims seek forgiveness for their sins and aim to return to their lives as if they were born anew (Hadith).
- **9. Emphasis on Unity:** Hajj emphasizes the unity of the Muslim ummah, promoting harmony among its diverse members. It becomes a declaration of Islam as a religion of peace and brotherhood (Hadith).
- **10. Moral Impact:** Hajj instills moral virtues such as generosity, tolerance, patience, and compassion (Hadith). It encourages believers to be more humane and caring towards one another.
- **11. Humanitarian Spirit:** Pilgrims are reminded of their duty to help others. The practice of sacrificing animals during Eid-ul-Azha encourages generosity and care for the less fortunate.



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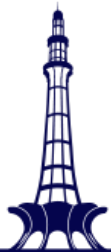


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- **12. Conveying the Message:** Hajj serves as a powerful symbol of Muslim unity and spreads the message of Islam's principles of peace, love, and unity to the world (Hadith).
- **13. End to Sectarianism and Extremism:** Hajj calls for unity among Muslims, discouraging sectarianism and extremism (Quran 3:103).
- **14. Source of Social Reformation:** Hajj promotes social reform by fostering understanding and empathy among different clans, tribes, and nations.
- **15. Spirit of Sacrifice:** The act of sacrificing animals during Hajj teaches Muslims the importance of sharing and giving to others in need (Quran 22:37).



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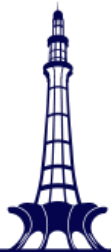


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- **16. Spiritual Upliftment:** Performing the rituals of Hajj with dedication leads to spiritual upliftment and a deeper connection with Allah.
- **17. Spiritual and Moral Lessons:** Hajj teaches believers humility, patience, and the importance of obeying Allah's commands (Quran 2:196).
- **18. Divine Charter of Fundamental Rights:** The Sermon on the Mount delivered by Prophet Muhammad during his Farewell Pilgrimage is considered a charter of fundamental rights and civil liberties in Islam.
- In conclusion, Hajj is not only a sacred pilgrimage but also a unifying force that brings Muslims together from all walks of life, reinforcing their faith, and fostering a spirit of love and brotherhood among them. It is a profound manifestation of Islamic fraternity and serves as a timeless reminder of the oneness of humanity before Allah.



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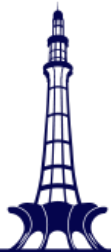


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Introduction to Hajj (Pilgrimage):



- **Eligibility for Hajj:** Hajj is obligatory only for those who are financially and physically capable. It is not required if other obligations like jihad or caring for parents and family take precedence. (Quran: Surah Al-Imran 3:97)
- **Unique Institution:** Hajj is a unique religious institution found only in Islam. It involves worship of Allah and serves social and ummatic (community) functions. Muslims from all over the world, regardless of status, gather to worship together, emphasizing their equality before Allah. It also fosters social interaction, and trade is allowed primarily for this purpose.
- **Historical Background:** Hajj has a historical background dating back to the time of Prophet Ibrahim (Abraham). He, along with his son Ismael, built the Ka'aba in Mecca as a place of monotheistic worship. The pilgrimage to this sacred site was proclaimed by Allah. However, over time, rituals were corrupted, and idol worship became prevalent. (Quran: Surah Al-Hajj 22:26-27)



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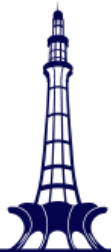


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- **Restoration by Prophet Muhammad:** Prophet Muhammad conquered Mecca in 630 A.D., cleansing the Ka'aba of idols and restoring it as a place of monotheistic worship. He reinstated the original spirit of the pilgrimage. Hajj was made compulsory in 631 A.D. (9 A.H.) as a fundamental article of faith.



- **Farewell Pilgrimage:** The Prophet performed the Farewell Pilgrimage in 632 A.D. (10 A.H.) just months before his death. This pilgrimage, known as the Farewell Pilgrimage, included the famous Sermon on the Mount, summarizing the teachings of Islam and outlining fundamental rights and civil liberties. The rules and procedures of Hajj laid down by the Prophet serve as a guide for Muslims worldwide.



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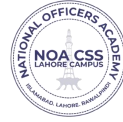
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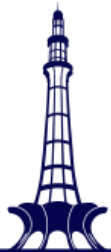
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- **Obligations and Details of Hajj:**
- **Comprehensive Worship:** Hajj combines physical devotions (prayer and fasting) and monetary devotions (Zakat and Sadaqat). Both the Quran and the Sunnah emphasize the importance, merits, and rewards of Hajj.
- **Obligation and Eligibility:** Hajj is obligatory for mature, sane, free, physically capable, and financially able Muslims. Those meeting these criteria but not performing Hajj are considered great sinners.



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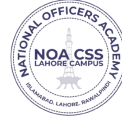
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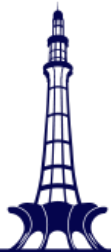


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Social and Spiritual Aspects of Hajj:

- **Universal Gathering:** Hajj gathers Muslims from all over the world, regardless of race, color, language, or social status, promoting brotherly love and equality. It symbolizes unity among believers in their worship of Allah.
- **Social Equality:** Hajj fosters social equality, reminding pilgrims that, before Allah, they are all equal, irrespective of worldly distinctions. (Quran: Surah Al-Hujurat 49:13)
- **Spiritual Purification:** Hajj purifies the pilgrim of sins, making them as pure as the day they were born. It serves as a spiritual journey, cleansing the soul and rekindling faith.
- **Spiritual and Social Significance:** Hajj is both a spiritual and social event, combining individual devotion with communal unity. It symbolizes the power and majesty of Allah.



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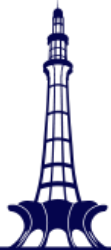


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- **Rituals of Hajj:**
- **Putting on Ihram:** Pilgrims wear Ihram garments as they reach a designated miqat (entry point) on their journey to Mecca. These garments signify their consecration to Hajj.
- **Stages of Hajj:** Hajj involves various stages, including visits to the Holy Ka'aba, valleys of Mina and Arafat, and symbolic actions like throwing stones at the statues of Satan. It culminates with Tawwaf (circumambulation) around the Ka'aba.
- **Eid-ul-Azha (Festival of Sacrifice):**
- **Celebration:** Eid-ul-Azha is celebrated on the 10th of Zil-Hijjah every year. Muslims worldwide offer animal sacrifices in remembrance of Prophet Ibrahim's willingness to sacrifice his son as an act of obedience to Allah.
- **Sacrificial Act:** This festival commemorates the willingness to make sacrifices for Allah's pleasure. Those unable to join Hajj still participate in this act of devotion.



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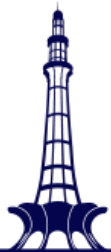


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Impact of Hajj: Spiritual, Moral, and Social

- **Impact of Hajj: Spiritual, Moral, and Social**

- 1. Closeness to Allah:** Performing Hajj brings believers closer to Allah, fulfilling their spiritual duty (Quran 3:97).
- 2. Mental Satisfaction:** Obeying Allah's commandments brings inner peace and contentment (Quran 22:37).
- 3. Purification of Wealth and Self:** Giving Zakat during Hajj purifies both wealth and the giver (Quran 9:103).
- 4. Generosity:** Hajj instills a spirit of generosity and giving to the needy (Quran 2:196).
- 5. Humanitarian Spirit:** Hajj fosters a sense of care for others and promotes humanitarian values (Quran 2:177).



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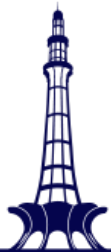


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- 1. Decreasing Lust for Wealth:** The pilgrimage helps believers detach from materialism (Quran 89:15-16).
 - 2. Patience and Tolerance:** Enduring Hajj's challenges cultivates patience and tolerance (Quran 2:153).
 - 3. Unity and Brotherhood:** Hajj unites Muslims from diverse backgrounds (Quran 49:13).
 - 4. Tolerance and Forgiveness:** The rituals promote forgiveness and compassion (Quran 42:40).
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- 5. Social Reformation:** Hajj encourages social reform and positive change (Quran 2:197).



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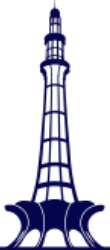


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- 1. Friendly Relations Between Muslim Countries:** The gathering fosters brotherhood among nations (Quran 49:10).
- 2. Conveying the Message of Muslim Unity:** Hajj showcases the unity and peace among Muslims (Quran 3:103).
- 3. Teaching Equality:** All Muslims stand shoulder to shoulder in worship (Quran 49:13).
- 4. Understanding and Sharing the Problems of the Ummah:** Interacting fosters mutual understanding (Quran 3:159).
- 5. End Sectarian Violence, Terrorism, and Extremism:** Hajj emphasizes unity against divisions (Quran 3:103).



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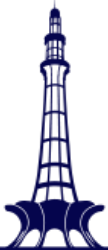


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- 1. Source of Character and Personality Building:** Pilgrims develop resilience and charisma (Quran 2:197).
- 2. An Expression of Muslim Society and Culture:** Hajj symbolizes Islamic traditions (Quran 22:27).
- 3. Pan-Islamism and Unity:** Hajj promotes unity among Muslims worldwide (Quran 3:96).
 - Hadith: "The reward for a Hajj mabroor is nothing but Paradise." (Bukhari and Muslim)
 - Hadith: "Whoever performs Hajj for Allah's pleasure and does not have sexual relations with his wife, and does not do evil or sins then he will return (after Hajj free from all sins) as if he were born anew." (Bukhari and Muslim)



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