

Short Note.

Human rights in the light of
the sermon of Farewell Pil-
grimage. (10)

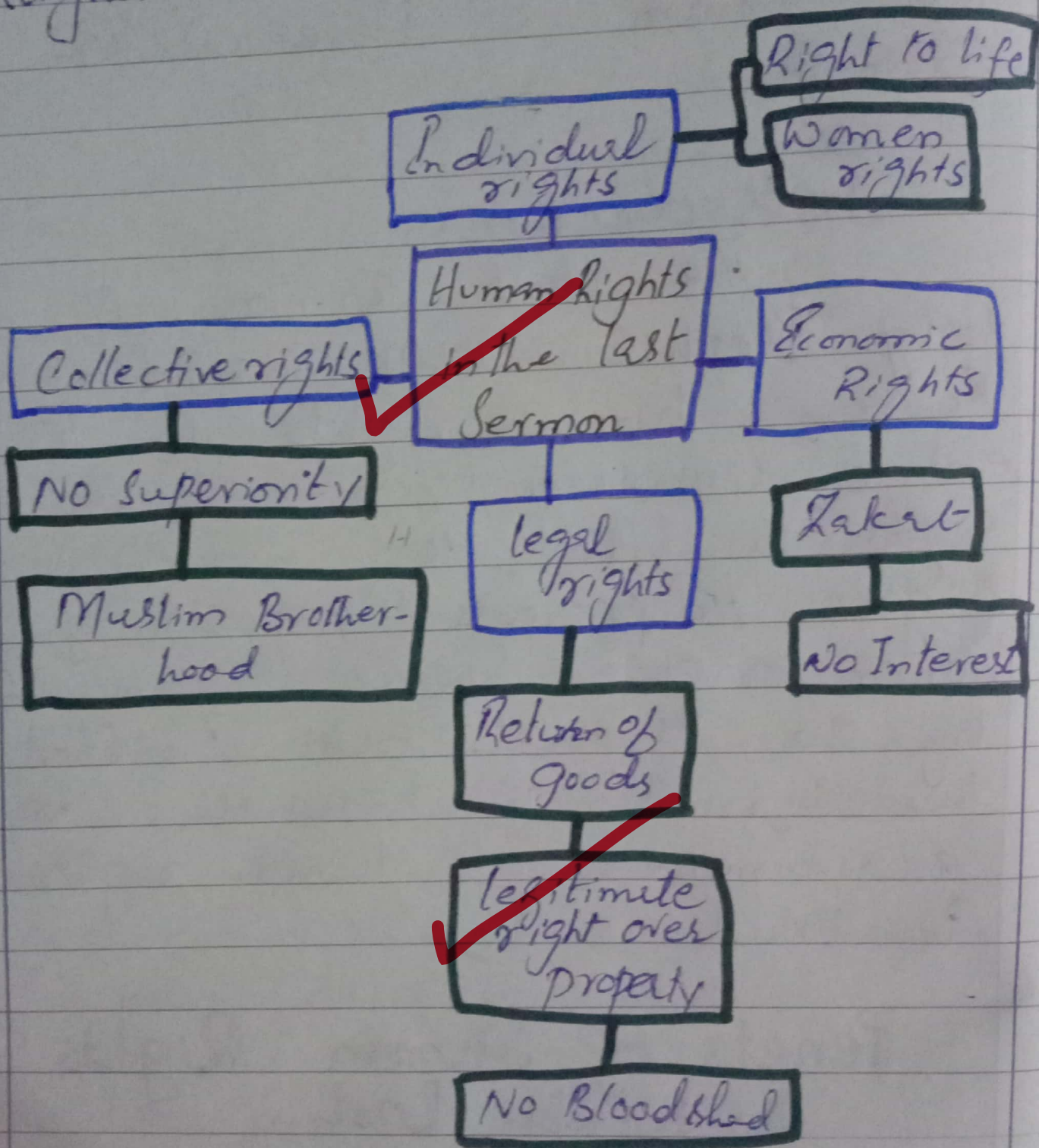
Introduction.

The last sermon of
Holy Prophet PBUH under-
scored human rights for the
entire universe. From basic
right to life to women
rights; different aspects of
human rights were commended
by the Prophet PBUH. In short,
the sermon of Farewell is
a compendium of human rights
for Muslims.

Tenets of Human Rights in the Last Sermon

The tenets of human

Rights in the last sermon were:



1- Individual Rights:

a) Right to Life:

Every one pertains rights to life in Islam. Holy Prophet said in his last sermon,

“Regard the life of every Muslim as a sacred trust”

b) Women Rights:

In the last sermon, Holy Prophet PBUH under-scored women rights by saying:

“Do treat your women well and be kind to them”

2. Collective Rights:

a) No Superiority:

In Islam, no one is superior over the others except pious and righteous.

In this regard, Holy Prophet PBUH said in the last sermon,

"An Arab has no superiority over a non-Arab nor a non-Arab is superior than an Arab; also a white has no superiority over a Black nor a Black has superiority over a white except by piety and good action"

b) Concept of Muslim Brotherhood

The Sermon of Farewell Pilgrimage revealed the concept of Muslim Brotherhood.

"The Muslims constitute one brotherhood" — The Holy Prophet PBUH.

3. Economic Rights.

a) Paying Zakat.

As Allah has already stressed upon paying Zakat to alleviate conditions of the poor. Holy Prophet PBUH also said during the last sermon,

"Give your wealth in Zakat"

b) Prohibition of Interest.

As 'Interest' is an economic tool which can deteriorate financial conditions of man. Thus, the last sermon prohibited Muslims for interest,

"All interest obligation shall be waived"

4. Legal Rights:

a) Return of Goods:

Holy Prophet PBUH said,

"Return the goods entrusted to you to do their rightful owners"

b) Legitimate Rights over Property.

Every muslim pertains a legitimate right to his property and goods.

“Nothing shall be legitimate to a Muslim which belongs to a fellow Muslim unless it was given freely and willingly” - Holy Prophet PBUH

c) No Bloodshed.

The last sermon prohibits bloodshed in Islam. Holy Prophet PBUH said,

“Hurt no one so that no one may hurt you.”

Conclusion.

The last sermon of the Holy Prophet is a light of human rights for Muslims. Hence, it is considered as 'The Charter of Human Rights.'

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