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What is philosophy of worships in Islam? Explain the individual and social impacts of Hajj with arguments:

INTRODUCTION:

The purpose of life or birth of mankind is no other than the worship of Allah. The basis of worship is the fact that human beings are creatures who bond-servant of Allah. Further, the philosophy of worship in Islam is comprehensive as it regulates the human life on all levels: social, political, economical and spiritual. Moreover, Hajj purifies the heart of individual and makes the person more merciful and thoughtful of poor. Humanitarian spirit and patience also increases due to Hajj. Additionally, Hajj is also ~~affected~~ affected society in terms of assimilation and interaction.

What is meant by worship?

The meaning of worship is to honor or show reverence for as a divine

being or supernatural power.

Philosophy of Worship in Islam:

The philosophy of worship in Islam is that human have been to glorify God and purpose of birth is worship Allah. The worship in Islam regulates the human life on all levels: Individual, social, economic, political and the spiritual. All activities are considered by God as acts of worship, if done in compliance of his guidance. The first and voluntarily asserting that, "There is nothing worthy of worship except God, and Muhammad is the messenger of God." This statement or 'Kalma' is the basis of faith for Islam.

Requirements of Worship in Islam:

The requirements or essentials

of worship in Islam are fidelity to Allah, obedience to Allah, respect and reverence for Allah.

What is meant by HAJJ?

is the 5th pillar of Islamic ^{Hajj} fundamentals. It is obligatory worship for those who are capable to do it. Allah says in the Holy Quran; "Hajj is obligatory only on those financially and physically capable." (Surah Al-Iman)

* Individual Impacts of Hajj.

① Purification of Heart:

The effect of Hajj is quite vivid as it purifies a heart and makes the person more mindful and thoughtful of the poor. This makes him more generous to spend more in the name of Allah.

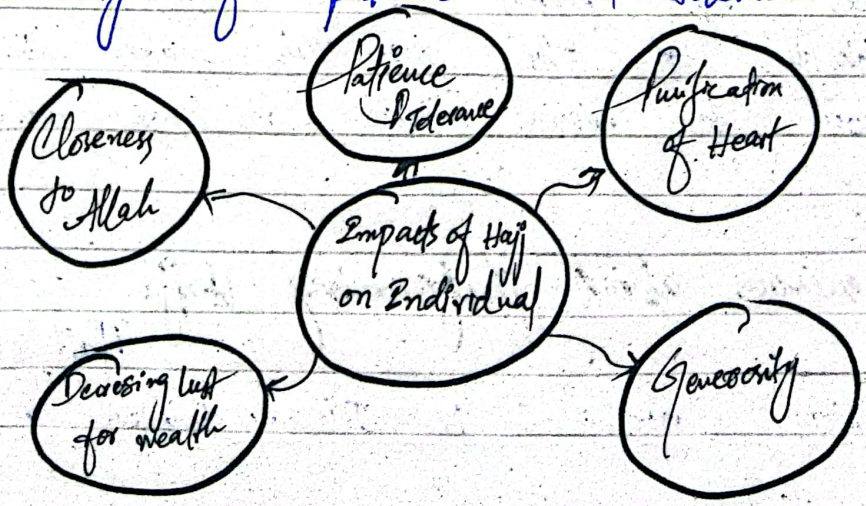
② Generous about performing Hajj:

Hajj is obligatory worship in Islam. Therefore, a person

wishes to perform hajj becomes more generous and spends in order to fulfill the obligation Hajj. Hazrat Ibn Abbas R.A. said; "whoever has enough money to perform Hajj and does not do so, ... He shall surely at the time of his death beg to be sent back to the world." This statement of Ibn Abbas R.A. makes Muslim more generous to perform Hajj.

③ Patience and Tolerance

Hajj promotes patience and tolerance among individual. The foot between Safa and Marwa signifies strength and hope in times of adversity as did the mother of Ismael who was left in Makkah with no water and was running b/w two hillocks. During Hajj, person or individual see the Safa and Marwa at it give the teaching of patience and tolerance.



Social Impacts of Hajj

① Assimilation of Society:

Hajj teaches Muslims is to assimilate with Muslims having different social tradition, around the world. Even when the prophet seized a state, he never recommended the abolishment of any culture or tradition of that particular nation which was not against Islam. But, this makes the Muslims interact with different tradition or different society.

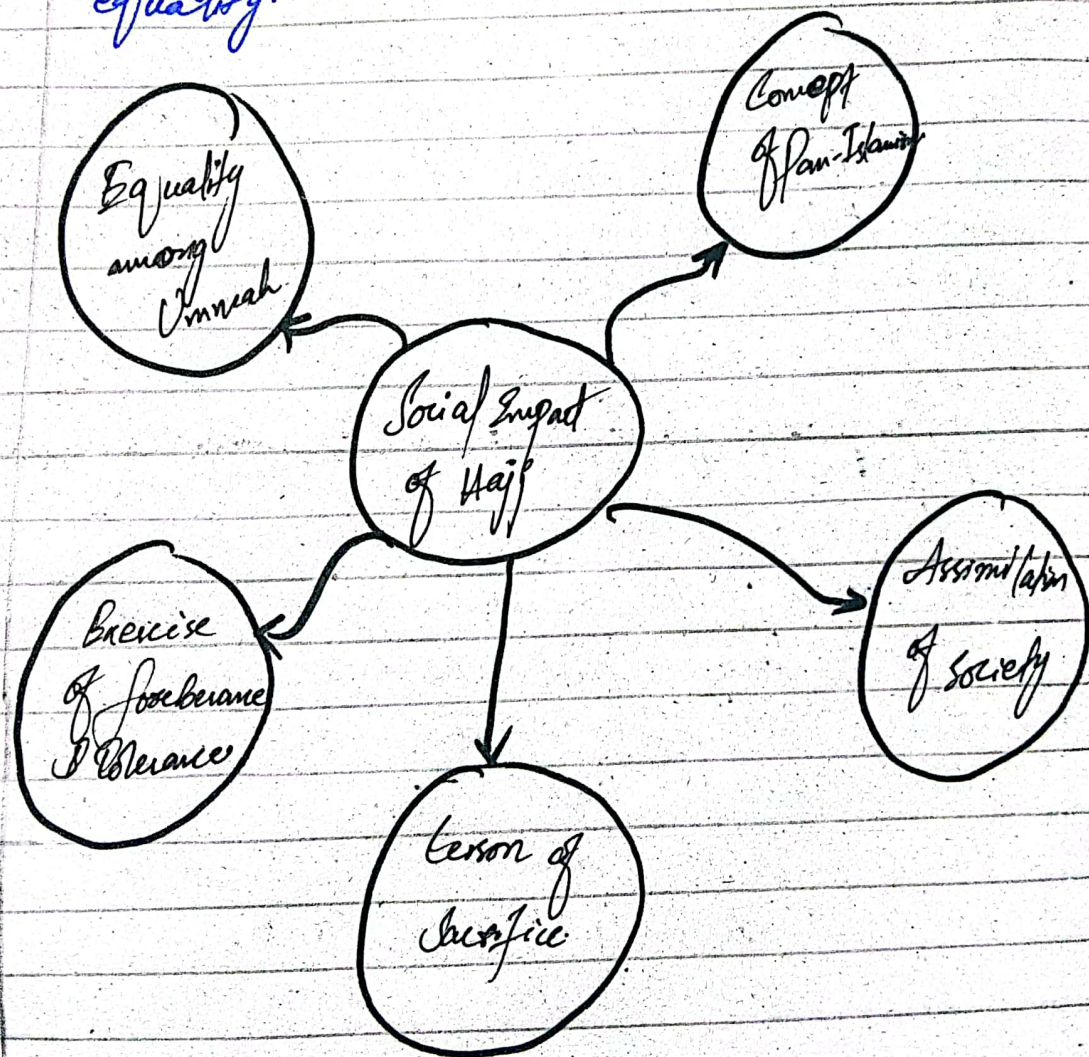
② Hajj: A practice of Pan-Islamism:

It advocating the unity of Muslims under one Islamic caliphate. When people go to perform Hajj, they come from all over the world. They share the same procedure and rituals and praise the almighty with countless reverence. This teaches all to be united and forget differences.

③ Teachings of Equality:

Millions of Muslims belonging to different nationalities and races,

the rich and poor, Master and slaves, Scientist and mechanic, leader and follower all gather together in Hajj as Equals. They all wear same clothes, recite the same praises; "Labbaik Allahuma Labbaik" during Tawaf. Therefore, Hajj also has impacts of equality.



Conclusion:

In a nutshell, the philosophy

of worship in Islam is to follow the commandment of Allah (S.A.W) and the primary purpose of human creation is the worship of God. Further, the Hajj affected individuals in many factors, such as patience, tolerance, purification of heart, and generosity. Furthermore, Hajj also affected people socially like equality among Ummah, lesson of sacrifice and concept of Pan-Islamism.