

Define Ijtihad, also highlight  
its contemporary importance  
in the light of Islamic Legh.

### Introduction

The literal meaning of Ijtihad  
is to go out & strive  
out of mind something.

But in Islamic terms, the  
meaning of Ijtihad is of  
the process of deriving the laws  
of the Shari'ah from its source.

In order to perform Ijtihad,

there are some conditions  
a person must fulfil

before doing it. However,

in the contemporary world,

owing to advent of

technology and modernity, Islam

has found out various challenges

of new matters and

issues which can only

be dealt through Ijtihad.

in the and it must

be done in the right

of Legh. Otherwise Ijtihad

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scholar and acquainted to the

thorough knowledge of Holy

and Summ) not accented of  
him.

## What is Ijtihad

In simple words, the interpretation of problems not precisely covered by Quran, Hadith and Ijma (Scholarly consent).

A person performs Ijtihad

when he doesn't find solutions in above mentioned

three source. But there are certain conditions for him before performing Ijtihad.

Following are those conditions.

## Conditions for performing Ijtihad

1. Piety (Taqwa)

Piety has been considered the most basic condition for a

mujtahid (one who is qualified for Ijtihad). Before performing

Ijtihad, the qualified must be honest, sacred, truthful and etc should exist in him.

Besides, Piety is all about

heart and should not be

for a month or single

day. He should be accustomed

of it.

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Knowledge of Spirit and Shariah  
If a person has not thorough  
knowledge of Shariah and  
its purpose, he or she would  
be eligible for performing  
Ijtihad. Shariah is basic unit  
of the Islamic Jurisprudence.  
Any new law in Islam  
would be accepted if the  
person has not sufficient know-  
about Shariah.

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Knowledge of Quran and Sunnah,  
To say, these two are  
main sources of Islam. Ijtihad  
can not be performed without  
having thorough know- about  
them. So, a mujtahid must  
have high knowledge regarding  
them in order to do  
Ijtihad. It is true that  
there are different types  
of collection of Hadith,  
but, he, at least, should  
have complete acquaintance of  
one type of Hadith (Sunni).

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Just and Fair in Society  
He, before coming to Ijtihad  
or becoming Mujtahid, should

should be honest and  
 just in people who trust  
 and believe him. People  
 do not have any complain  
 against him due to  
 his good character, taking  
 an example of Prophet  
 Muhammad (PBUH).

## Types of Ijtihad

- 1- Ijtihad Fi Shax
- 2- Ijtihad Fi Madhah
- 3- Ijtihad Fi Masail

### 1- Ijtihad Fi Shax

It means a person can  
 be mujtahid if he has  
 acquaintance to the knowledge  
 of Sunnah and Holy  
 Quran.

### 2- Ijtihad Fil Madhah

This type of degree refers  
 to those who are immediate  
 disciples of the great  
 Imams

### 3- Ijtihad Fil Masail

This refers to degree of  
 special independence. They can  
 solve cases which come

before them, giving reasons for  
their judgement or decide  
on cases which have not  
been settled by previous Mujtahids.  
Their decisions must always be  
in absolute.

## Contemporary Importance of Ijtihad in the light of Islamic Fiqh

1 - Ijtihad in <sup>modern</sup> education

In contemporary world, Muslims  
have been going through many  
crises and issues due  
to being followers of  
Islam. In west, Muslim women  
face criticism and hurdles  
due to wearing Hijab  
in Universities or colleges.  
So, Muslim scholars can  
perform Ijtihad in case  
of current

2 - Ijtihad in Materialist case

Due to rising the level  
of technology, Islam faces  
mass challenges like mobile,  
social media etc. On these  
platforms, Islam faces many  
challenges