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Write a comprehensive note on Ijtihad explaining its concept, validity & importance.

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### Ijtihad

The concept of Ijtihad refers to the logical reasoning of mujtahid on Islamic ruling. According to Hamidullah's book "Introduction to Islam" Ijtihad is one of the processes carried by muslim jurists on those issues whose solution is not found in the primary sources of Islam such as Quran and Hadth. Undoubtedly, Islam is the complete code of life but everything is not fully mentioned in the primary sources. Quran and Hadith indicate about every aspect, whenever, solution is not being traced, the jurists carry self-logical reasoning so as to bring solution to the matters.

### Ijtihad according to scholars

According to Syed Amer Ali's one of the most prominent books, Ijtihad is the name of new solutions to matters in the existing world. Moreover, Yashmin Moghaid ascribes Ijtihad as one the most important aspects of Islamic rulings.

## Validity of Ijtihad

According to **Sahab walī Allah's** book **Hujjatullah Al-Balighah**, a jurist must acquire 34 branches of knowledge before performing Ijtihad. The followings are few prominent aspects of 34 branches of knowledge.

- (1) A mujtihad must know Quran's Tafseer and Hadith
- (2) A mujtihad must be well and cleaned from sins
- (3) A mujtihad must know Arabic
- (4) A mujtihad must be a well qualified in Science.

## Importance of Ijtihad

Ijtihad has been considered as the most important aspects of Islam. Ijtihad has been valued in every era of Islam. The Prophet of Allah used to encourage the followers to perform Ijtihad in case the solution is not being found. Once ago the Prophet of Allah wanted to send **Muadh ibn Jabal (R.A)** to Yemen. The Prophet of Allah guided Jabal. If Jabal had not found solution of issues in Quran and Hadith then he must have had a chance to perform Ijtihad.

Moreover, in the era of **Hazrat Abu Bakr (R.A)**, Ijtihad was also performed by **Hazrat Abu Bakr (R.A)** on various issues. Especially, **Hazrat Abu Bakr (R.A)** performed Ijtihad to fight either against those tribes who refused to

pay zakat. Moreover, Ijtihad also valued in the era of Hazrat Umar (R.A), Ali (R.A) and Usman (R.A).

### Critical analysis of Ijtihad

Ijtihad is one of the most important conducts in Islam. Ijtihad has been considered the fourth source of Islamic law. It enables the jurists to perform on several issues before keeping the indications of Quran and Hadith. Moreover, Ijtihad is the only way to solve the matters which are not ascribed in the Quran. Therefore, Ijtihad is the name of logical reasoning about an issue which is solved in the accordance with Islamic principles.

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