

ISLAMYAT

Write a comprehensive note on Hajj System of Islam and its spiritual, moral and social impacts.

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Introduction:

Hajj is the last pillar of Islam and Allah has made it obligatory upon Muslims to perform it once in a lifetime. It consists of Faraikh^{and} Hajjat without which Hajj remains incomplete. Furthermore, Hajj has significant impacts on an individual's social, moral and

spiritual life. Hazrat Umar has
rightly said about Hajj:

"Once you perform it
you will know
the benefits
of it".

What is Hajj and how it is
performed?

Literally, Hajj means to resolve
and ~~make~~ travel somewhere for
pilgrimage. In Islamic terms, Hajj
means to travel to Holy Ka'aba
for pilgrimage. After entering Mecca,
the first thing a Muslim does
is to go to Ka'aba and praise
the Almighty in the following
words:

لا اله الا الله

"There is no God
but Allah".

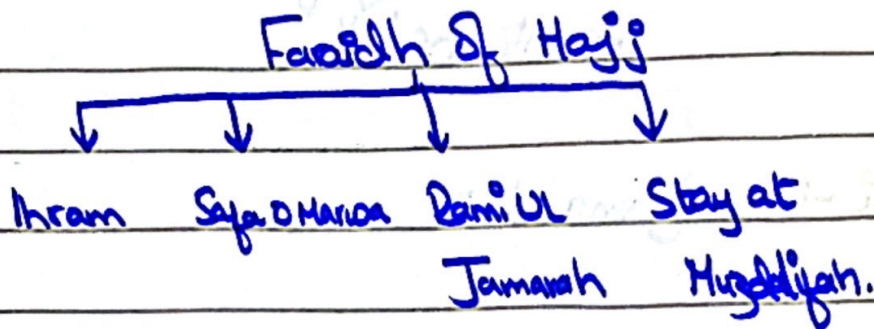
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One also says:

الله أكبر

"Allah is the Greatest!"

Fara'idh of Hajj:



Ihram:

Ihram is the most important part of Hajj. Before starting Hajj one must wear Ihram and say the following words:

"O Allah! I stand at your service!"

2) Safa O Marwah:

Safa O Marwah are the most important mountains when it comes to Hajj. Allah says in Quran:

"Lo! Safa and Marwah are the most significant mountains!"

3) Rami-UL-Jamarah:

These are the three pillars where Muslims tend to throw stones at Satan.

1) Stay at Muzdalifah:

At Muzdalifah, one is supposed to stay within Afqui.

Spiritual Impacts of Hajj:

1) Purification of Soul:

When an individual decides to go for Hajj, it is supposed to purify one's soul of all kinds of vices. It acts as a soul rejuvenation for Muslims. Allah says in Surah Al-Imran:

"The Holy House of Kaaba is blessed and a source of guidance for nations".

2) Hajj allows an individual to repent for sins:

Hajj has provided a platform to Muslims for repenting and seeking forgiveness from Allah for sins. Holy Prophet has said:

is Paradise."

Moreover, Imam Ghazali has said that for Hajj, one should pay debts, repent of sins and avoid disobedience.

Hajj rejuvenates one's faith:

Hajj is a source of renewal of faith in Muslims. The journey consists of different stages of worship which strengthens one's bond with the Almighty.

Allah says in Surah Al-Hajj Imran (as mentioned):

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"The Holy House of Ka'aba is a blessed place and a source of guidance for nations."

Moral Impacts:

Hajj teaches Truthfulness:

Hajj teaches the truthfulness to an individual. One is aware of the Salatu and tries to be honest and truthful throughout the journey. Allah says in Quran:

"Lo! Be God-fearing, for Allah loves those who are God-fearing".

Hajj teaches Patience:

Hajj is comparatively a ^{comprehensive} difficult pillar of Islam which requires an individual's physical strength.

Hajj teaches a person to be patient with all the hardship on the journey. Allah says in Quran:

"Allah loves those who are patient".

3) Hajj teaches Tolerance:

Hajj is a great source of tolerance. There are a number of people on the journey belonging to different races, culture and countries. It teaches an individual to be tolerant with everyone. Allah says in Holy Quran:

"When a Muslim makes Hajj obligatory upon him, then he should avoid sexual connection, disobedience and disputing with other people".

Social Impacts of Hajj:

■) It teaches Islamic Brotherhood:

Hajj revitalizes the concept of Islamic brotherhood on the journey. Through this journey, one gets to know what Islamic brotherhood

Looks like when people from different races unite under the 'umbrella' of Allah Almighty. Allah says in Holy Quran:

"Lo! Your God is one
and your religion
is one".

2) Global Peace is a social impact of Hajj:

Hajj promotes a sign of peace as well. Hajj and Umrah and Umrah is ~~is made~~ emphasized in the months of Dhul Hijjah, Shaaban, Rajab & Muharram. In these months, all people are supposed to maintain peace around the roads surrounding Ka'aba and people must avoid dispute among themselves. Allah says in Quran:

"When a Muslim makes Hajj obligatory, then he must avoid sexual connection, disobedience and disputing with others".

3) Hajj teaches Equality:

Hajj is made compulsory upon for all Muslims and Allah does not judge an individual on the basis of cast, colour or creed. At Hajj, people belong to different countries like Africa, America, Syria etc but all are equal in the sight of Allah. Allah says in Quran:

"Verily, Allah made you from a male and female and divided you in tribes so you may know each other"

Conclusion:

Thus, Hajj has a lot to teach when people gather around Bay Kaaba. It takes a man to the highest peak of morality and spirituality. Furthermore, Allah has made Hajj obligatory on only those who can afford it.