

Write a comprehensive note on Zakat System of Islam and its spiritual, moral and social impacts?

Introduction

Zakat is the third pillar of Islam.

The literal meaning of Zakat is an Arabic word. Its literal meaning is to purify, grow and give better part of a thing. It is the third pillar of Islam. It has been mentioned around thirty times in the Quran. It strengthens economic system, validates equality and brings about a sustainable and peaceful society.

Zakat System in Islam

Zakat is a mandatory form of giving. It purifies both the wealth and spiritual growth of the giver. As the last prophet say,

"Allah has made zakat obligatory on you for this very reason that the remaining wealth of yours may become pure for you."

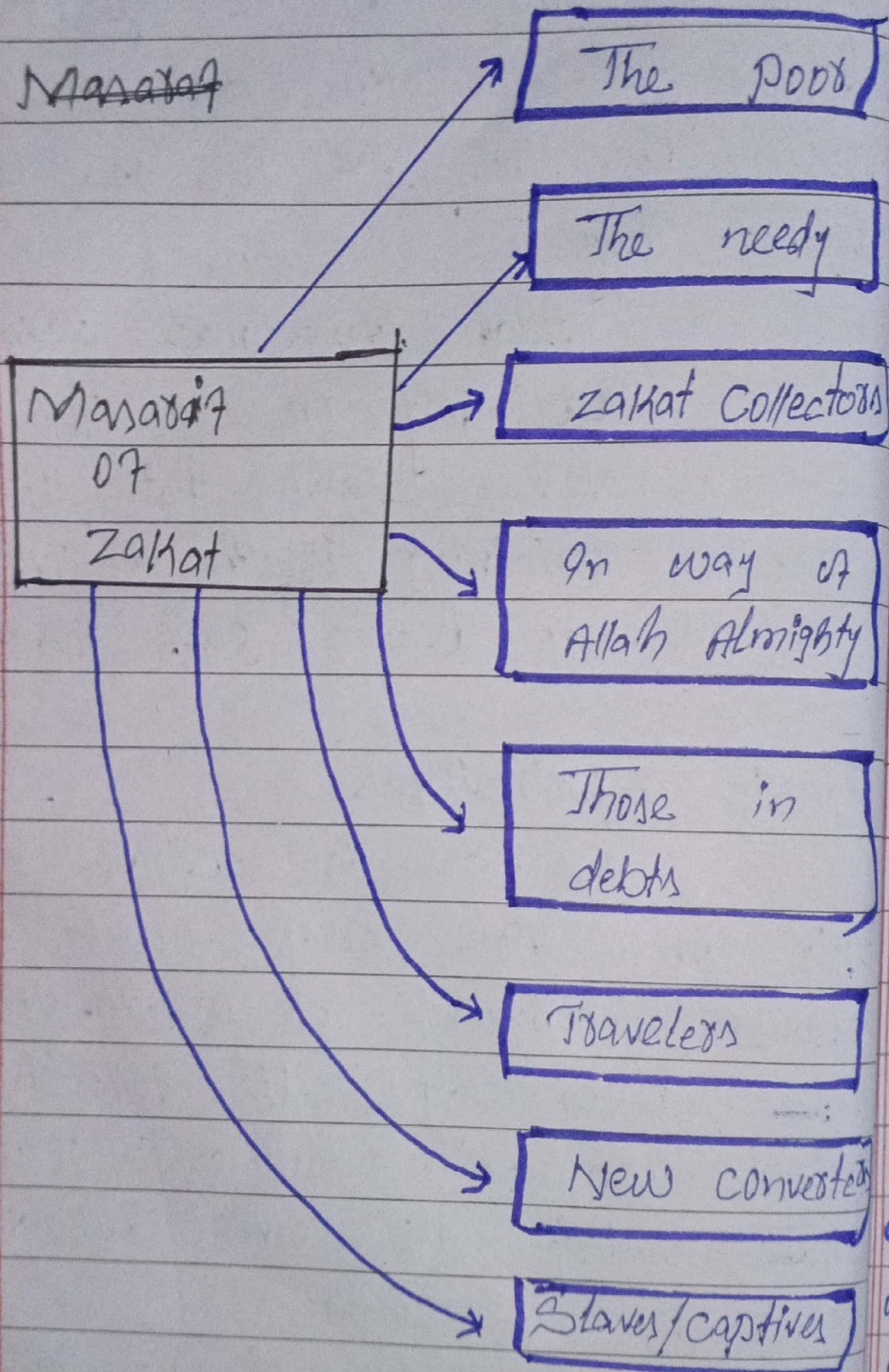
Basic Principles

Zakat is obligatory only on those who wield enough amount of wealth. It is based on the following ~~principle~~ set of rules and regulation that justify the giver and the recipients of zakat.

Marafit of Zakat

Marafit (those deserving of zakat) ~~have~~ of zakat are specified in

Qasr, Surah-e-al-Jawab 9:60.
They are as follow.



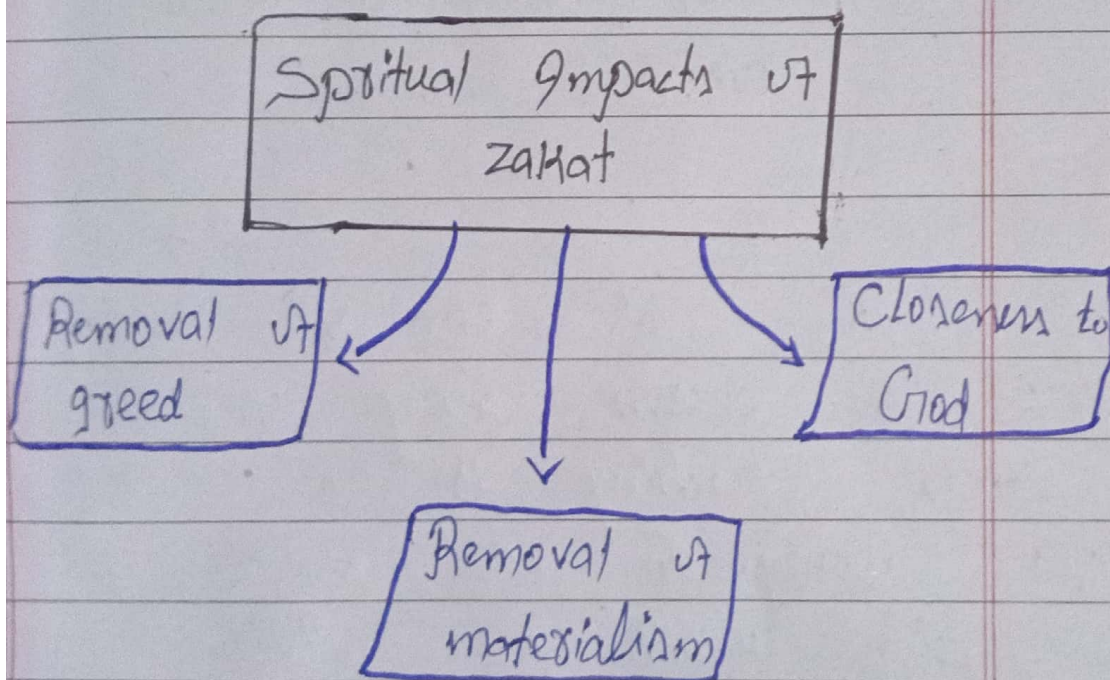
Note

Zakat cannot be
given to hospitals Mosques

children and grand children, siblings, spouses, The prophet and his descendents.

(Spiritual impacts of Zakat)-

Zakat has a countless spiritual impacts. Some of them are explained below.



a) Zakat is an effective weapon against greed. It provokes humanitarian spirit. It binds together the society as the rich help the poor by giving them Zakat. In this way, the

lust, greed and avarice parish in the society. It purifies the heart of believers by creating Jaguah as mentioned in the Holy Quran

"And the person will be kept away from the hell who is Mutaqi and gives money to make it clean." "

b)

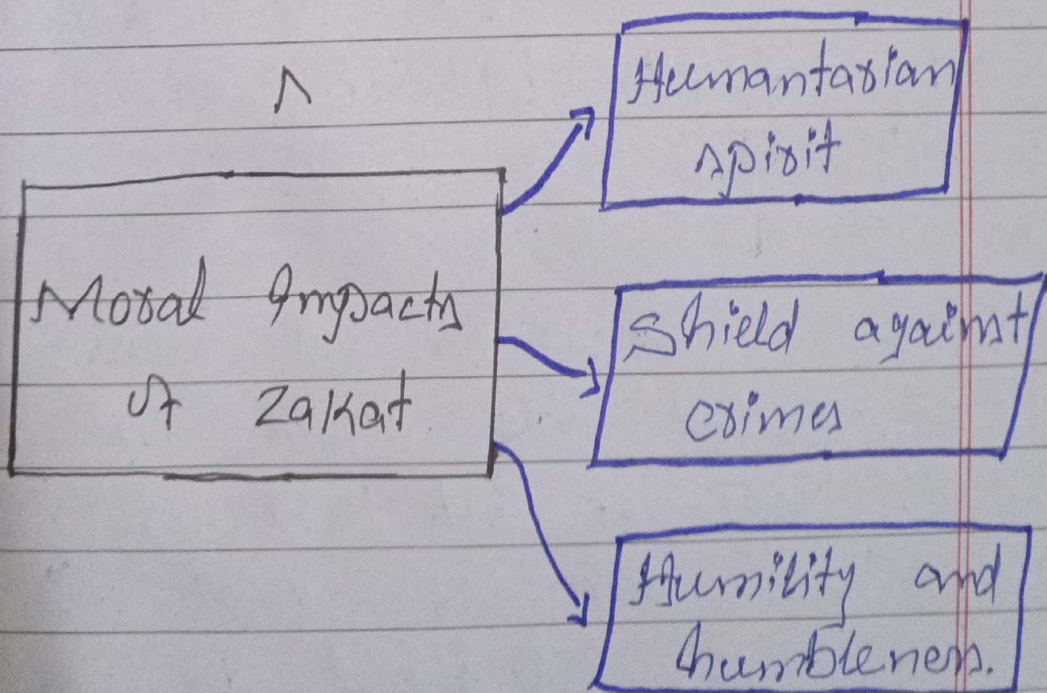
The real ~~evil~~ evil which keeps a person away from the religious teaching is the love for money. In the struggle for acquiring wealth, an individual goes away from God. That is why, The prophet say

"حب الدنيا سبب الخبائث"

"The love of this world is the mother of all evils." "

c) Zakat gives an opportunity to exorcise the lust of materialism, remove greed and purify his soul from all evil factors. As the Quran says "He shall be saved from Hell fire who is God fearing and who gives riches to others for the purification of his soul."

—(Moral Impacts of Zakat)—



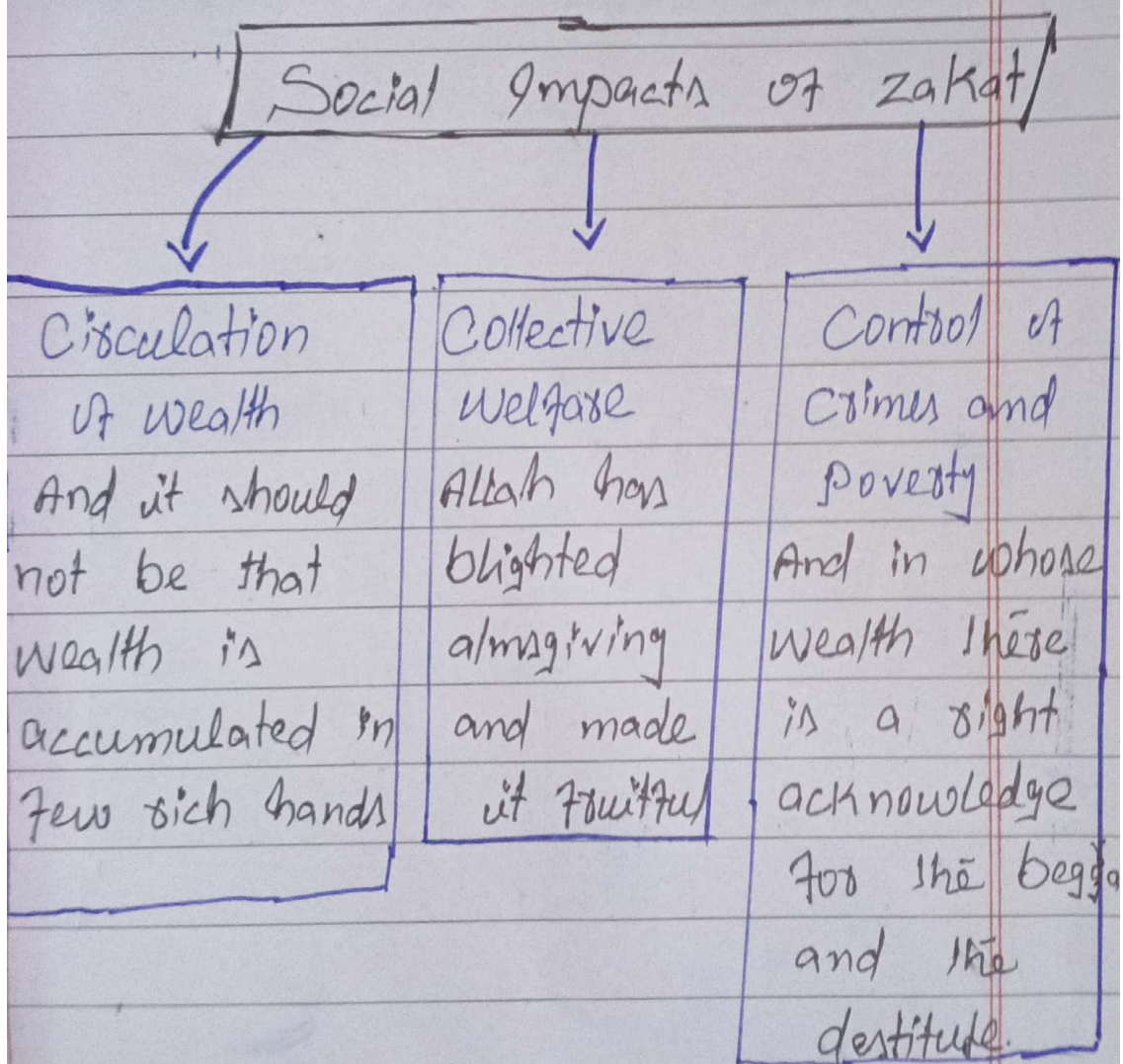
a) No doubt, the Muslims have been repeatedly exhorted in the Quran to spend in the way of Allah Almighty. It produces humanitarian spirit and promotes brotherhood. As the Quran says
"Surely, Allah loves the doers of good."

b) Zakat is a shield against crimes. It saves a muslim from all social evils. Also its reward will be given hereafter.

c) Zakat encourages a muslim to spend his wealth in the way of God. Furthermore, he believes whatever wealth he has is bestowed by God. It keeps ^{makes} him humble. As it is stated in the Quran
O Allah, owner of sovereignty

"You give sovereignty to whom
You will and you take
sovereignty away from whom
You will."

(Social impacts of Zakat)



Conclusion

Zakat is the first institution which ensures social

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security in a society. It removes materialism, ^{and} lust for money. It erodes social evils, driven by poverty and extreme income inequality. It is a way to create a fair, equal and just society.