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Describe the obligation of Hajj in the light of Quran and Sunnah and discuss its spiritual and social significance. (CSS spe. 2023)

1. Introduction

Hajj is the fifth pillar of Islam. It is a symbol of total submission to Allah (SWT). It is performed once a year in the month of Hajj. During the Hajj month, muslims who intend to perform Hajj gathered in Makkah across the world. It is only obligatory on a profitable muslim.

2. Literal Meaning

In literal meaning, Hajj means to intend or to make a pilgrimage towards a place of significance.

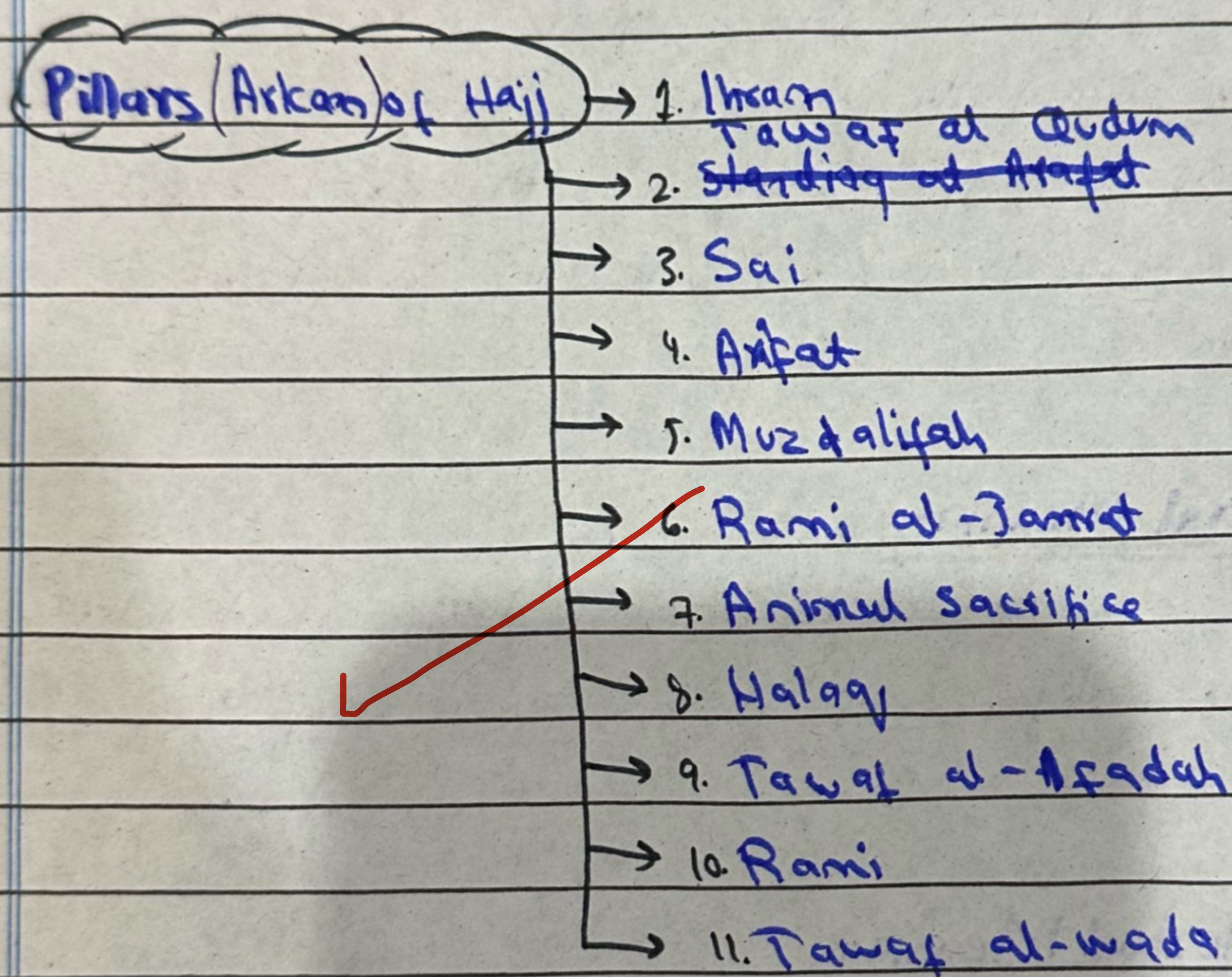
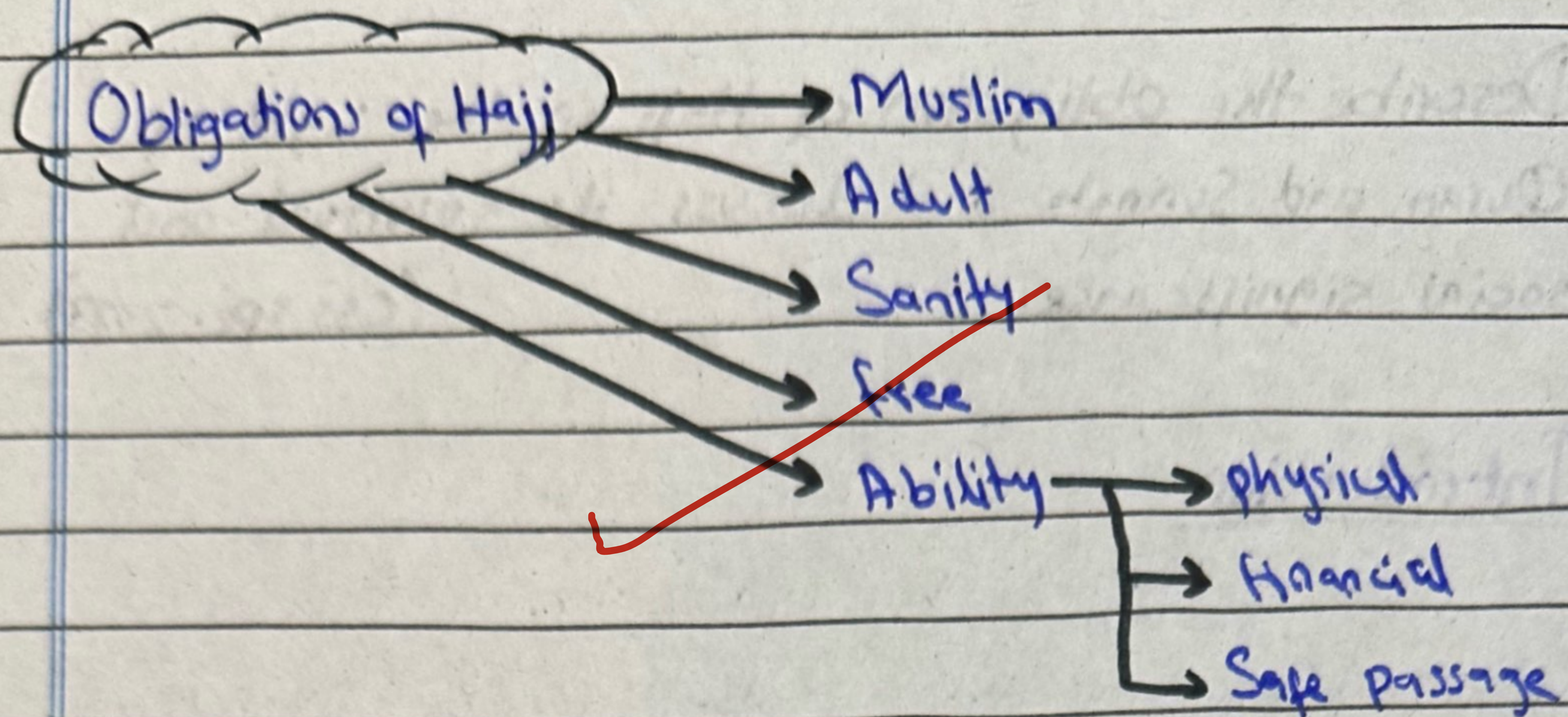
3. Contextual Meaning

In contextual meaning, it means annual pilgrimage to the Kaabah in Makkah. It is performed during the Islamic month of Dhul-Hijj on per specified rites taught by the Holy Prophet (P.B.U.H).

4. Describing Hajj and its obligation

Hajj becomes obligatory once a lifetime upon anyone who fulfill conditions as mentioned below in the diagram.

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5. Hajj in the Light of the Quran

Allah Almighty has explicitly stated in the Holy Quran to perform Hajj if a man or woman has ability. Allah has also mentioned about the Tawaf and sacrifice in the Quran so that mankind must realize to pay what perform Hajj once in a time life time while rest of years an individual can just do sacrifice.

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try to add the arabic of quranic ayats.....

“Hajj to the House is a duty that mankind owes to Allah— for those who have the ability.”

Surah Al-Imran 3:97

6. Hajj in the Light of Sunnah

Holy prophet had also highlight the significance of Hajj. Holy prophet ^{describe} mentioned the whole way of doing Hajj. So much so, that in the farewell pilgrimage Holy prophet demonstrated the full of Hajj. Moreover, reciting "Here I am O Allah" entails total devotion to the Allah Almighty.

“Islam is build on five pillars.... and Hajj to the House.”

Sahih Bulchari

7. Hajj's Spiritual Significance

7.1 Purification of the Soul

After performing Hajj, all sin are erase when an individual do dependence from one's heart. Individual feel like spiritual rebirth and start a new life good deeds. A complete new relationship is created with Allah Almighty. It also help to strength pilgrim's faith on Allah.

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"Haji is a journey of the heart before the feet."

Ibn Qayyim

7.2 Attainment of (Taqua) Piety

Pilgrims are temporarily detached themselves from the worldly affairs, more focus is paid in worship, remembrance of Allah and seek for forgiveness. Pilgrims exercise good conduct after returning to the home. This way a good relation is created between Allah and pilgrims.

"Take provisions, but the best provision is Taqua."

Surah Baqarah 2:197

7.3 Deep connection with Sacred History

It re-enactment of the legacy of Prophet Ibrahim (A), Hajar (A) and Prophet Muhammad (S.A.W.W). During Sa'i, it symbolizes Hajar's tawakkul for water and during sa'ee it recalls Hajar Ibrahim's obedience.

7.4 Deepened connection with Allah Almighty

Centaneous prayers during Hajj, making perpetual dua tahiyyat and taweeq

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create heightened spiritual intimacy. Pilgrims start to feel a direct connection with Allah and Almighty's House. It shows an individual's surrender and gratitude.

7.5 Opportunity for Repentance for Evil Actions

Offering Nomer and paying visit to Arafat is known as the day of forgiveness in the life after death. It is placed where sin are wiped. Then, pilgrims visit this place, and offer Nomer for their forgiveness of their evil actions.

"An accepted Hajj has no reward except Paradise."

Tirmidhi

8 Hajj's Social Significance

8.1 Promoting Unity and Equality

Millions of Muslims wearing same identical Ihram, and performing same actions erase the social distinctions. It shows a complete unity force. And no discrimination between other mankind.

"The unity of mankind is a single family"

Malcom X

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8.2 Strengthening the concept of the Ummah

Hajj provides platform to share experience of pilgrimage, strengthening inter-community ties and collective worship through Hajj 3 day ritual. It enhances the concept of a single global Ummah around 150+ countries.

8.3 Representation of Collective Identity

Hajj reflects the shared creed and purpose of Muslim Ummah. The world see the Muslims as one body performing one ritual.

8.4 Individuals strive to create a Harmonious Environment.

During the period of Hajj, pilgrims avoid argument, indecency and harm, they try to create a peaceful collective space not only during Hajj after Hajj as well. ~~It~~ Hajj encourages pilgrims to encourage patience, humility and emotional discipline in the rest of life.

add and highlight references/examples against these arguments.....

8.5 Promotes Empathy towards the less fortunate

After, sacrifice, meat is distributed worldwide to feed million less fortunate

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free of cost. It gives reminder of the suffering of refugees, poor and oppressed.

9 Conclusion

Hajj is a comprehensive act of worship embodying physical action, spiritual purification and social unity. Quran and Sunnah also affirm that Hajj is a mandatory obligation for every able Muslim. Its rituals ^{inculcates} ~~with~~ ~~show~~ Taqwa, humility, equity and global Muslim solidarity. It is not merely a journey of miles, it is a journey of transformation that brings closer to Allah Almighty.