

Islamiat Test #01

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Tauheed is the fundamental belief of Islam. Explain its importance and impacts on human life.

A Tauheed: A fundamental Belief and its Impacts

Just like one need a password to access his/her bank account similarly one can only enter the fold of Islam by believing in Tauheed. It's a password required to enter Islam. Tauheed is the belief in the oneness of Allah and that there is no God but Allah. Allah the sustainer of the worlds. The one who can not be begotten nor can He begets. Believing in the unity of Allah is not just a testimony, but has amplified impacts on human life. It not only reminds a man to be down to earth, but also teaches

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1. Introduction

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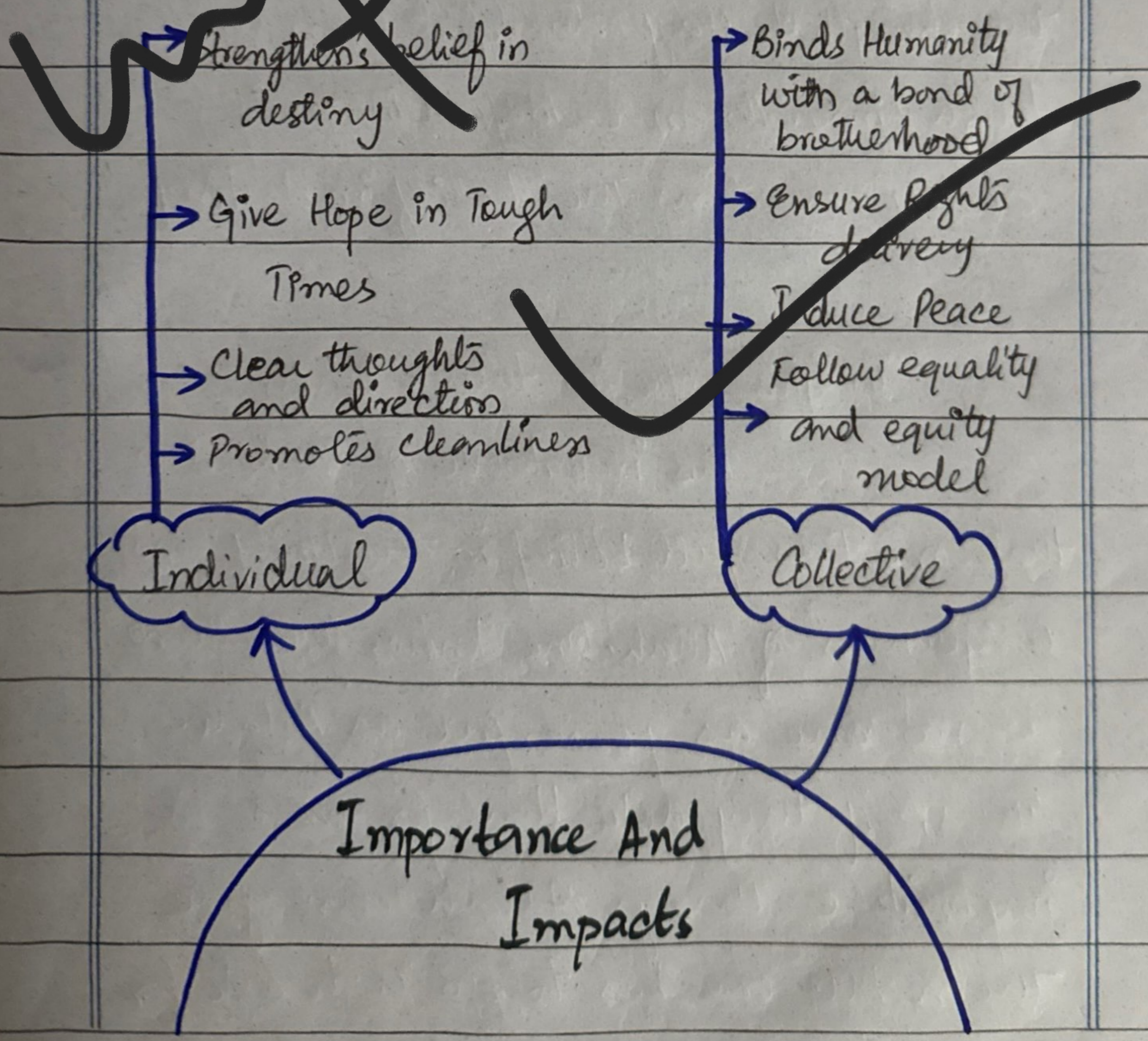
There is no God but He ...
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He is Allah, the one and only ...
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anyone. Then in Ayat-ul-kursi Qur'an states the qualities of Allah that makes Him unique. Moreover the word (الله) is mentioned multiple times in Quran stating that Allah is One.

C. Importance and Impacts of Tauheed on Human Life



2. Individual Importance and Impacts

i. Tauheed strengthens one's belief in destiny

Belief in Allah means believing in all the pillars and principles of Islam. Thus, it means one knows that Allah has already written one's destiny so whatever is happening is for one's own good. This instills courage and the strength to stay steadfast even in tough times. Eman-e-Muqam Muzamil clearly mentions the belief in destiny

ii. Give hope in tough times

The importance of Tauheed is that one has full belief in the Unity and uniqueness of Allah. One knows that there is no one as powerful as Allah. Thus, if they ask Him for even impossible things Allah can give them. All one has to do is to ask for

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it. It is said in quran that one is closer to Allah in prostration. It is also said that Allah is nearer to us than jugler vein. Thus, give hope and prevents a muslim from depression and anxiety.

iii) Strengthen belief in life after death: Ensure living according to Islamic commandments

Tauheed ensures one also beliefs^{ves} in life after death. Thus, this encourages one to follow Islamic commandments and live in a healthy society.

iv) Tauheed give direction to one's thoughts

Tauheed prevents people from confession. There is only one God and from whome should one ask everything. This prevents people from wondering which god to follow. As it is said

in Quran:

"There is no God but He"

1) Tauheed promotes cleanliness

Tauheed promotes cleanliness of thoughts, soul and body. It cleans one from evil and promotes good. As one who believe in oneness of Allah obey's his commandments. That is why it is said in Quran:

"Shirk is the ^{of all} greatest sin"

2. Collective Importance and Impacts

i) Binds humanity into brotherhood

All those who believe in the oneness of Allah and are bind into a bond of brotherhood. Prophet said:

"None of you is a believer until he wants for others what he wants for himself"

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This bond not just strengthen Muslims as a community, but also uplift them socially, economically and politically. Hence, strengthening every individual.

ii) Ensures a just society

By following the commandments of one Allah all rights are dispensated equally. There is no difference of rich and poor. Thus, a just society is born.

iii) Induce peace

Tauheed induce peace in an individual's life and in community. As an individual he is not supposed to take laws into his hands but believe in Allah and His laws. As a society collectively peace is ensured as there is only one supreme power: Allah and he does not like violence. Quran says:

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"And do not transgress your limits"

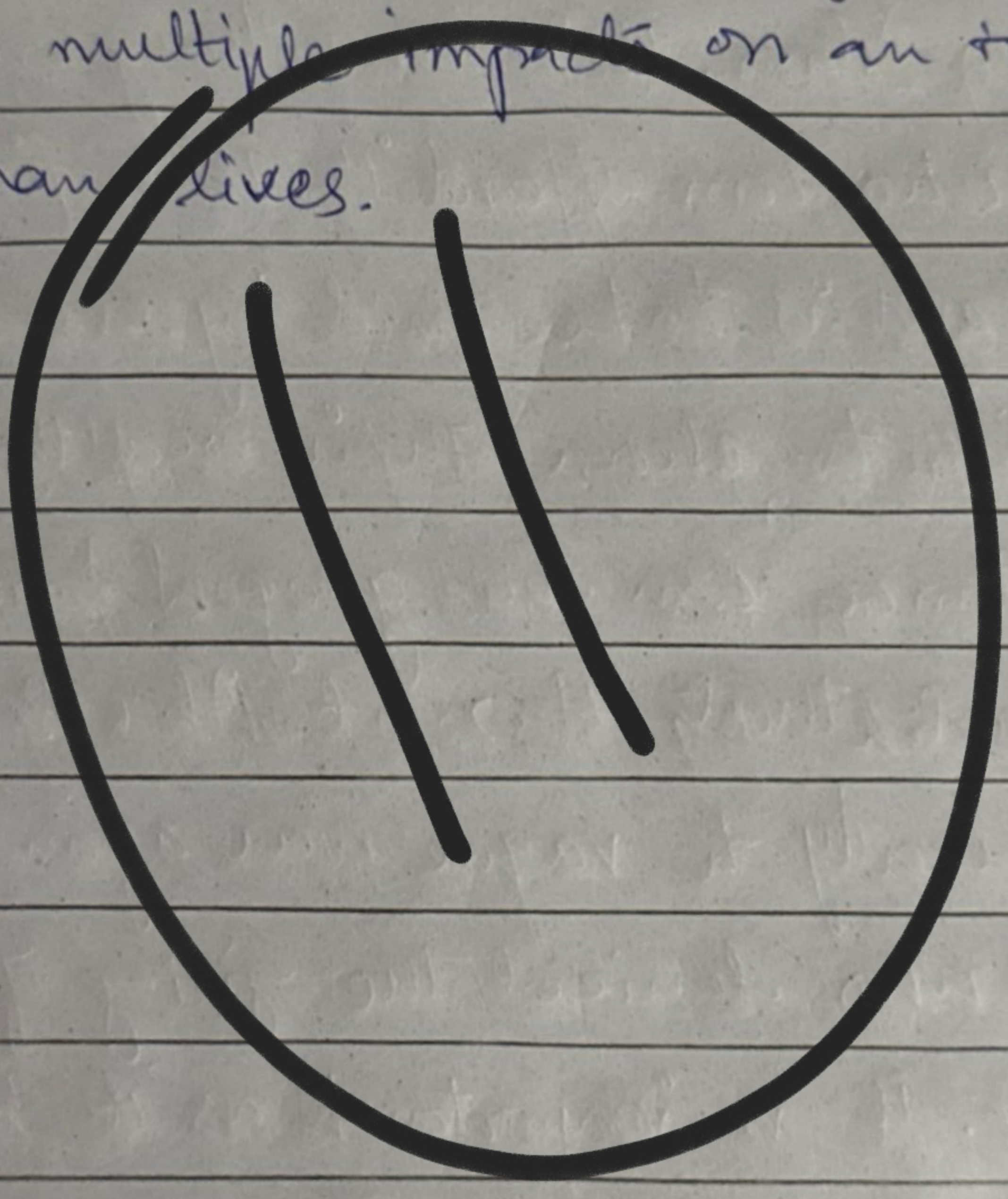
iv) Follow equality and equity model

Imagine a society where there is equality and resources are dispensed through equity. How just and peaceful would that society be. Similarly, Islam and Tauheed promotes the same model.

D. Conclusion

Believing in the unity of Allah is called Tauheed. It means that there is only one God and that is Allah. Therefore, it has multiple impacts on an individual and on society cumulatively. This

belief not just give hope and strengthens one's believes but also breeds a healthy society. A society where law prevails and all are bound by an invisible bond of brotherhood. Thus, belief in Tauheed has multiple impacts on an individual human lives.



Elaborate the importance of Zakat and how it can alleviate poverty in society.

A. Importance of Zakat and its Ability to Alleviate Poverty

Zakat is the fundamental pillar of Islam. It is compulsory on those who can afford it. It is fixed rate and is to be paid by every muslim to clean their wealth. Its importance can be gauged from the fact that Hazrat Abu Bakr was ready to wage war against those who denied the giving of Zakat. It is important as it helps in alleviating poverty from society. Hazrat Umar Caliphate is the best example where poverty was eradicated and it was through the payment of zakat and its effective utilisation. Thus, zakat is of prime

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importance as it can help in eradication of poverty.

B. An Overview of Zakat

Zakat is a fundamental pillar of Islam. It is said in Quran

وَاَوْحَيْنَا إِلَيْكَ فَعَلِ الْخَيْرَاتِ آوَقَامَتْ الْمَلَا
تِ وَأَيْتَا الزَّكَاةِ

"And we inspire you the doing of good deeds, the establishment of prayers and the giving of Zakat.

At another place the Quran says:

"Those who spend their wealth by day and night both publically and secretly will have their reward with their Lord"

The Holy prophet said that Zakat purifies wealth. Thus, it is of prime importance. It is to be paid on wealth in form of land,

jewels, agricultural yield, money and animals such as camels, goats and sheep.

c- Importance of Zakat

1) Purifies wealth.

Zakat purifies wealth. It adds Barakah to it. It enhances its efficiency. If a farmer pays zakat on his yield, Allah will add Barakah by increasing his production.

2) Amplifies in value

It is said in Quran that if you trade with Allah it is like you sow one seed of grain which produces multiple grains. Each shaft carrying multiple grains. Thus, this is how the wealth increases in value once zakat is paid on it.

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3) Allah rewards those who
pay zakat.

Apart from worldly
gains those who pay zakat will be
freed from the wrath of Allah.
It is said in Quran:

"Those who spend their wealth by
right and by day, both secretly
and publically will have their
reward with their Lord and no
fear will cease them."

D- Ability to Alleviate Poverty

1) Zakat helps the poor quench needs

those who are the beneficiaries

of zakat include:

→ Poor

→ Needy

→ Newly converts

→ Slaves

The category involves poor and

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needy. The word used in Quran is:
"Maskeere". By giving zakat the
rich help the poor. Thus, easing
their problems.

2) Circulates Money from rich to poor

Unlike capitalistic model
where money is concentrated in
few hands, through zakat money
is circulated. Hence, increasing
the buying capacity of poor.

3) Reduces Inflation

Through circulation of
money the money increases the
buying ability of poor. As a result
the market performance increases
and, thus reduces inflation rate.

4) Encourages poor to start their own business

Through zakat if the poor are given enough money to set their own business or buy a taxi or rickshaw. Thus, they can pull their families out of ~~inf~~ poverty.

5) Creates Jobs: Reducing Poverty

These small set ups made through zakat funds can generate more jobs for other poor people. For instance a man starts a tea shop will need other workers. Hence, jobs are created which can reduce poverty.

6) Through Zakat ^{can} pay debts and can reduce poverty

Poor people instead of saving and upgrading their social status

can use the funds they got through Zakat for paying their debts. Once their debts are paid then they can use the saved money to pull themselves out of poverty.

E. Case Study: The Caliphate of Hazrat Umar

All the caliphs were very particular about Zakat. Hazrat Abu Bakr even wanted to wage war against those who denied the payment of Zakat. Until a time came when even the empire of Islam expanded to far flung areas, yet there was no poor on the land. People used to look for people who could take Zakat and there was none to be paid. Thus, Zakat can alleviate poverty and it can be seen from Hazrat Umar Caliphate era.

F. Conclusion

Zakat is a major component of Islam. It is compulsory on every person who has a wealth ratio defined in Quran. Zakat is vital as it purifies one's wealth and removes evil from it. It not only benefits the giver but also the taker. It is because of zakat that poverty can be alleviated from the society. As it encourages circulation of money and creates jobs, therefore Zakat has the ability to efface poverty from the surface of earth.

