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ESSAY TOPIC:-THE DARK SIDE
OF CHARITY: HOW SOCIALOutline:-1) Introduction:-

Thesis Statement: The darker side of charity perpetuate begging. As it make recipients dependent totally on it. However, through adopting different measures charities darker side's harms can be minimized.

② Relationship between the darker side of charity and the perpetuation of begging (crunch paragraph)

③ Why charity is considered as a social service perpetuating begging.

a) Charity often consists of little monetary benefits. It is repetitive in nature.

b) It mostly doesn't contain "means" to end poverty (like vocational skills etc).

c) The recipients of charity get used to it.

d) Societal praise for those offering charity maintains status quo.

4) How charity perpetuates begging

a) It provides a temporary relief for the recipients.

b) Shrinking of hard work.

c) Unable to utilize own natural abilities for earning.

d) Makes them totally dependent on charity.

e) For increasing emotional appeal, they use their

own children — pass begging trails to next generation too

(f) Societal acceptance of the status quo perpetuates begging.

(g) Case study of Pakistani nationals begging in the foreign countries

(5) How charity can be used solely for the better purposes

a) Important role of religious leaders ~~to~~ in making better understanding of people regarding Islamic concept of charity.

(b) Society have to play his due important role.

(c) Individuals must pay their charities to the government registered institutes

(d) Targeted poverty alleviation measures and strict regulatory measures against beggars by the government

⑥ Conclusion

Once a man came to our Prophet (PBUH) and asked him for money. Prophet (PBUH) inquired him about what he had in his house. He replied he only had a small household item. Prophet (PBUH) asked him to sell it and use those money in buying an axe. Further Prophet (PBUH) asked him to use this axe for cutting woods and ~~sell~~ ^{sell} ~~it~~ ^{them} in the market. In this way Prophet (PBUH), instead of providing any direct financial assistance had made a way ^{for him} so that he made their livings. In this way, he doesn't only be restrained from becoming dependent on charity but also become able to utilize his own work skills. On the contrary, direct financial assistance, whether in the form of money, food or cloth not only make recipients dependent on them but

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also results in their shrinking of hard work and utilization of their skill. The societal acceptance both for the recipient and the one offering charity make matters more worse, as it perpetuates the cycle of begging. However, charity can be used solely for the better purposes when we become able to minimize its dark side. For this, society, individuals, and religious leaders have to play their important role. Further, governmental measures regarding poverty alleviation measures and strict regulatory framework against the menace of begging can help in this regard. In a nutshell, the darker side of charity helps in the perpetuation of begging charity. It instills some traits and characteristics in the recipient of the charity that makes them totally dependent on it. However, adoption of different measures can be helpful in making charity a "mean" of ending poverty and not of perpetuating begging.

Every religion of the world asks its followers to give charity. This may be in many forms like providing needy with food, cloths or any monetary benefit. The basic theme behind charity is that religion wants brotherhood among its followers. That is, to fulfill needs of other when they required. This doesn't mean at all that there creates a repetitive cycle where the charities are always used as temporary relief measure. Often we see that charities are misused, as the beggars starts begging money in the name of charity. So in a relatively subconscious way the charity givers perpetuates the process of begging.

One of the reasons charity is considered as a social service perpetuate begging is because of its nature of composition. Often we, in our daily lives, encounter with the incidents where we see that charity is given in the form of giving food, cloths or small petty monetary benefits. These things cannot make the life of any individual better in the long run. It is true it may provide some temporary benefit, however it will not be long lasting.

For instance, if someone ~~donate~~ gives 1000 Rs to anyone, then what can he draw any long run gain from it. All he can do from these rupee is to survive a couple of days.

Thus, little monetary benefits included mostly in charities is one of the prime reasons behind perpetuating begging.

Another reason why charity is considered as perpetual begging is due to its repetitiveness or periodicity. That is charity normally occurs in a repetitive way. Different kind of charities, that are prevalent in our societies, like Zakat, Sadqa-e-Fitr, or any other aims that are mostly conducted in Ramadhan. Also, the day of Thursday is also considered as the day for charity. Further, we witness increase in charity giving, soon after the death of an individual by nearest family members. In all of the above mentioned instances, we see that majority of the acts of charities are performed on specific months, days or moments. This creates in the minds of the recipients that on these specific occasions, they probably get the charity. Thus the periodic repetition of charity makes the minds of beggars to prepare for it.