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1 - Introduction

Zakat is one of the basic pillar of Islam which purify wealth. Moreover, it lead to redistribution of wealth, social welfare and public development, which leads to the creation of an egalitarian society. In addition, Zakat spiritual aspect are note worthy as it leads to social solidarity, spiritual enlightenment and remove prevalent social ills in the society. Hence, it can be said that economic and social philosophy of Zakat has innumerable benefit to an individual as well as on the society.

2 - The concept of Zakat as Tazkiya

Zakat means to give one's ^{mandatory specific} wealth portion in the way of Allah. This is because it leads to redistribution and circulation of wealth. In the Holy Quran on numerous instances Allah said "Perform prayer and give Zakat". Similarly, Holy Prophet (S.A.W) said on an

occasion "Prayer purifies soul & Zakat purifies one's wealth". Due to this reason it is among the 5 principle of Islam. Meanwhile, Sadaqat are not obligatory but they have high importance in Islam. This is because Sadaqat creates social equilibrium in between rich and poor. The 4th caliph of Islam, Hazrat Ali said "Start your day by giving Sadaqat."

Hence, it can be concurred that Zakat and Sadaqat are cornerstones of Islamic social and economic system.

3- Ways Zakat and Sadaqat help in the development of egalitarian society.

3.1- Ensure circulation of wealth

By giving Zakat and Sadaqat wealth is circulated. This circulation of wealth leads to equitable demand and supply phenomena. Holy Quran has given high punishment on those who refused to pay Zakat. At one occasion, the Quran

66 Those who refuse to pay Zakat, the gold and silver will be melt and pelted on their skulls." Al-An'an

3.2 - Redistribution of wealth

Zakat ensures redistribution of wealth. As high income individual, property holder give a specific portion of their income. This leads to redistribution of wealth for welfare purpose.

3.3 - Ensure poverty alleviation

Zakat ensure poverty alleviation. For instance, during the time of 2nd Caliph, high scale redistribution of wealth occurred whereby people had enough money that they didn't took Zakat.

3.4 - Reduce Income Inequality

Zakat and Sadakat help reduce income inequality. This is because Zakat portion allay extraordinary pressure and provide income support to poor families. There by, increases these families disposable income.

3.5- Promotion of welfare policies

welfare policies promotion is the central pillar of Zakat. The idea of Zakat is to increase disposable income of an individual. This is possible only if states align & integrate policies of welfare with Zakat. This leads to trickle down effect and give dividend to all.

3.6- Ensure Equitable taxation

Zakat phenomena ensure equitable taxation. As Zakat is proportional to one's ability to make wealth. Hence, the higher the individual earns the more he pay Zakat. This ensure equitable spread.

3.7- Ensure stability in Economy

Zakat is an instrument to ensure stable growth. Moreover, it help keep in check inflation. As when high earning individual earns more, they have to pay that high Zakat which reduces inflation and keep in control the money supply.

4 - How social philosophy of Zakat and Sadaqat help in development of egalitarian society.

4.1 - Promotion of social solidarity

The phenomenon of Zakat promotes social solidarity in the society. Moreover, it creates a sense of equal social responsibility. whereby, the rich must pay equally in society development. Moreover, it fosters and strengthens Assabiya which leads to greater integration.

4.2 - Spiritual well-being

By giving Zakat and Sadaqat one gets a sense of goodness and belief that he has done a good thing. This inner satisfaction and happiness translates into a fulfilled content heart. Hence, the spiritual effect creates a sense of empathy and sympathy with our fellow muslim brother and sister.

4.3 - Remove social evil from society

Similarly, Zakat remove social evils like thievery, deceit, robbery and murder from society. As Karl Marx said the war between bourgeois and proletariat due to war over wealth and production forces. Islam ended this evil 1400 year ago by establishing a system of Zakat to take care poor and needy need

4.4 - Strengthen Ummah

The pillar of Zakat and Sadaqat strengthen Ummah unity. As all muslims are brother and sisters ~~thing~~^{and} in the hour of financial difficulty we can help via Zakat. As Holy Prophet (S.A.W) said

“A Muslim is one who is best to his fellow muslim and I am the best among you”

5- Conclusion

The system of Zakat is an ideal system of removing social evils within the society. Moreover, its efficacy and efficiency in ensuring redistribution of wealth within society showcase that all financial and social problems can be solved by it. Therefore, it becomes incumbent on all Muslim governments to effectively use this institution to form an egalitarian sustainable society.

Q.2

1- Introduction

Tauheed is the cornerstone of Islamic thought. As it implies that there is only one god worthy of worship. He has no equal and he is all powerful being. This idea makes an individual fearless, compassionate, accountable and gives a purpose in ^{ones} life. Likewise, at the collective level

it ensure social solidarity, accountability, ensure unity and social justice. Hence, it can be deduced that Tawheed makes a person a better person and a human being.

② Overview of the concept of Tawheed

In the Holly Quran Allah says
"Say Allah is One, there is no God except him. He neither beget nor begotten. And Nor he has any clan"

This is the main concept of Tawheed that is there is unity in attributes, power and belief. Similarly, the Holly Prophet (S.A.W) said, "Islam is a fortress and the gate of that Fortress is Tawheed." Moreover, on numerous occasions in the Holly Quran, Allah said that
"He has no son, wife and Angels are not his daughters." This manifest that Tawheed concept is straight forward with no right and left deviation.

3- Influence of Tauheed at an individual level

3.1- Makes an individual Fearless

The belief in only one God makes a person fearless. This is because he/she knows that no one is powerful more than Allah. In Quran, when the wizards knew that Musa was right they said, "we believe in the God of Musa and Haroon." On which the pharaoh gave the wizards harsh punishment of cutting their legs and hands.

3.2- Makes a person compassionate

As Allah is the "most merciful" this makes the believer to be merciful as well. In the Quran at numerous occasions said "we have sent a merciful prophet among you"

3.3- Ensure Respect toward other

Similarly, believe in Tauheed makes one to be respectable and aware of other problems.

For instance, at one occasion Allah said "Do not use bad name for other when you are calling one another"

3.4 - Ensure accountability

Tawheed ensure accountability at an individual level, Allah says in the Quran

"We will measure the grain of righteousness and wrongness" Al-Quran-Zilzal

This belief makes a person aware that his/her deeds will be measured on the day of judgement

3.5 - Ensure solidarity

Tawheed ensure solidarity among muslim fellow. As Tawheed is the central bond which enjoins all muslim brother and sisters. As Allah says in the Quran

"Why do you not help your fellow muslim brother and sister in travesty?"

3.6 - Ensure Spiritual Connection

Similarly, Tawheed connect God and creation with one another. For instance, when Prophet Musa asked to see God Allah said look at the mountain and when the mountain got crushed by thunder Musa saw the glimpse of God. Hence, Tawheed lead to enlightening of spiritual soul.

3.7 - Ensure Moral conduct

Tawheed ensure that no immorality and indecency prevail in the society. Therefore, it regulate one's moral conduct. As muslim foster Enjoining rights and forbidding wrong even at an individual level.

3.8 - Sense of Purpose.

Above all, Tawheed gives a sense of purpose and meaning to an individual. Allah says in the Quran

60 I created you for my worship" (Till)

Hence, gives purpose and meaning to life.

④ Tawheed influence at a collective level

4.1 - Promote social solidarity

Tawheed promote social solidarity with in society.

- Tawheed is the binding force that unite all individual. As shared faith ensure shared responsibility. With Prophet saying

"All muslim man and women are brother and sister"

Like wise, in one instance Prophet said, "Muslim is like a body if one part hurts than all parts feel that pain."

4.2 - Ensure collective accountability

Tawheed ensure collective accountability and keep society in check. Imam Hussain holded Yazeed accountable and did not bow to his rule of tyranny. His defining stance is a testament that belief in Tawheed cements collective accountability.

4.3- Collective unity in society

Belief in Tawheed ensure unity among all. This is because Tawheed binds all faithful into one, leading into one people with shared goal and objectives.

Allah says in the Quran
"Hold tight the rope of Allah and don't get astray"

4.4- Ensure social justice

Similarly, Tawheed concept ensure collective social justice. As the person deciding the fate of an individual knows that a higher entity is above him and he will be held accountable. The 2nd Caliph would hold public hearing, where all people would ask him questions over his rule, wealth and decisions.

4.5- Idea of one sovereign

The concept of Tawheed makes a person belief in only single sovereign. This idea of single ultimate sovereign makes a person free from all shackles and hold

person accountable and transparent
in respective dealing

5-Conclusion

In conclusion, one can conclude that Tawheed is the central core of Islamic values. It frees individual from slavery, blind devotion and illast concept. Moreover, at a collective level it creates social solidarity, ensure collective accountability, unity and social justice. This leads toward the establishment of an equitable, egalitarian society.

2.3

1-Introduction

Islam is an ideal system of all mankind. As it for the first time in human history gave the concept of fundamental human rights. Like, the right to life, property, education etc were given by Islam for the first time. This revolutionary concept of human dignity transformed the belief and

values. Though, the current international human rights do talk of these aforementioned rights but they are mere extensions of the rights given by Islam. Hence, it can be concluded that Islam is the deen which gave human rights to an inhuman society.

2- Before Islam condition of human rights

Islam is a beacon of hope and life. As before Islam, humanity was on the verge of collapse. Parents would kill their daughters, women were sold as slaves and property. Corruption was endemic and might is right rule prevail. In this backdrop, Islam came as a beacon of hope. This is because Islam gave rights and responsibility to all whether man, female or children.

3- Human rights granted by Islam

3.1- Right to life

Islam gave right to life. As

before Islam parents would kill their children on the pretext of poverty. Allah says
"Do not kill your children on the flimsy ground of poverty."

3.2 - Right to Property

Islam gave right to property for all. Before Islam women were not given property. But Islam gave that right.

"man have 2 share and women (1)" Al-Quran

Similarly, Prophet said

"Muslim is one ^{from} whom other muslim life and property is protected"

3.3 - Right to Education

Islam gave right to education for the first time. Prophet said
"gaining education is compulsory on both Muslim male and female"

This shows that before Islam there was no concept of education for girls and boys.

3.4- Ensuring women protection

Islam for the first time gave women rights. Holy Prophet said

“The best among you is the one who is best to his wife.”

This shows that women protection and rights were elusive and Islam gave protection to women

3.5- All equal before Law

Islam gave the concept of equality before All. In one instance, when a woman of high clan did thievery Hazrat Usman asked prophet to forgive her. On which Prophet said, “Previous nation were destroyed because they had different laws for the rich and poor.”

3.6- Right to practise Religion

Similarly, Islam has given the freedom that one can profess his/her religion. In the Quran it is said

“Your deen for yourself and my deen for myself”
(٢٥٠)

3.7- Right to Earn

Similarly, Islam has given the right to earn as well. However, earning should be faithful and in bounds to Islamic principle. For instance, 4th Caliph would work in a Jew land lord date farm for a living.

4- Comparing International Humanitarian rights with Islam

4.1- ~~Crisis~~ ^{Hatred for} of Refugee in the west

The western nations though called for all human being equal and under Geneva Convention people who are stateless or refugees can move freely. But the west is refusing this principle. The recent 500 people migrant boat being swept near Italy shores highlight that humans are not equal. While, Islam accept everyone. The prophet said 66 white no superior over black

neither black over white²,
As in the eyes of Allah only
piety is superior

4.2 - Anti Migration in west

Similarly, all western nations uphold UN Humanitarian charter that migration is a natural phenomena. The US is going against this principle its ICE department is inhumanly deporting migrants and detaining them. Meanwhile, Islam has called that all humans are equal and welcome regardless of race, wealth and ethnicity.

4.3 - Rhetoric for protection

The west has compounded that all human have the right to be protected against aggression. But the west support to ^{war on Gaza} ~~Crowder~~ in Israel shows that it is mere rhetoric. Islam has practice and preached that even no tree should be cut during war and Israel along with west has made Gaza into rubble.

4.4- Elusive Idea of western equality

The idea of equality in west is elusive. One can see that the life of a Gaza child is not equal to that of an Israeli child. With Israel killing more than 68,000 Palestinians one can see that it is a dream.

However, Islam says

“Killing one life is equivalent to killing whole humanity” (Tirmidhi)

4.5- Ambiguous Right to practice religion

The west has propounded secularism. But when it comes to professing Islam, the west holds different standards. Nations like France have banned burqa and modesty practice. Meanwhile, during Caliph Umar's time he protected Christians and even allowed them to pray in Mosques.

Conclusion

To sum up, one can conclude that Islam is the religion of peace which ensured and protected human rights, which in the west till today double standards prevail where the life of a Palestinian is inferior to Israel's citizen.