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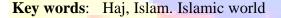
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# **HAJ IN ISLAMIC WORLD**

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Abstract. Hajj in Islam is one of the main provisions. The ceremony and ritual and political matters are held every year in particular. Hajj pilgrimage to Mecca from all Muslim countries has migrated to Saudi Arabia As God's house is in Saudi Arabia. Hajj is performed in several stages. Pilgrims must do (tavaf) around the House of God. If done according to God's glorious pilgrimage rituals - like other worship - and the Islamic nation will benefit beneficiaries. Explain this should be recognized in the Hajj ritual - and the political aspects have to be the next port of perfection against Man opens. Hajj, because God has strengthened links and human taken out of the darkness of sin and the future is bright and full of hope leads. Hajj the great leaders of courage and suffering to the human eye depicting the divine the man with the pattern of their way to be born again. This article describes and discusses the impact of political and economic aspects and impacts.



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#### 1-Introduction

Human is a creature who seeks perfection and naturally he has tendency toward real and eternal prosperity, but someone's are wrong in the concept of "Prosperity". Some people consider "great wealth and property" as the origin of prosperity and the others "reputation and status" as a guarantor of human prosperity. While the others believe "many children" can make guaranty the human prosperity. But when we think carefully it is clear that these affairs not only couldn't make guaranty the real and eternal prosperity but. Also they make great loss. So, the only thing can make guaranty human prosperity. In this world and the other world is "faith". (1).

Faith means the internal belief to God and his attributes and also the reception of prophet's message, resurrection day and Imamate.

The critical principal in faith is belief to God. When human considers God as the most perfection essence with the perfect attributes and without any failure and consider him as the creature of universe, So, human greet with humility and respect against God and worship him. God consider his own worship as an essence philosophy of human. Haj is a treaty between god and his servant, and it is the biggest religious duty that includes both individual and social aspects clearly. Haj represents the manifestation and repetition of all lovely moments of human life and it is a complete society in world. Haj is the focus of divine learning's which we can seek the content of Islam policy in all angels of life. In individual aspect, the purpose is to purity the soul, to release the insignificant material things, to ease the spiritual ego and to become familiar to Omni power God and to recourse to God, So that human can reach to divine right way toward perfection. In this part, the variety of chances and experiments is so that when a person pass the path of Haj in regard to its customs and plans in Haj philosophy, undoubtly it has precious outcome. The chance of pig rim's garb, the chance of pray and orcumambulation of the kaaba, the chance of walking toward Marveh, the chance of endowment in Arafat, masher and Mana, the chance of sacrifice for god and chance to plaice of God which is a space full of soul and life in all stages. The se of this chance can be a short period of religious law mortification and autogenic moral for every one and it is the origin of a deep transformation in individual ethnic and behavior of God pilgrim.

This part of Haj philosophy has taken the attention of all Muslim's especially endowment. But the main subject is that the individual purposes are a part of Haj philosophy. The great treasure of this divine duty is more than an individual aspect and the effects of this great gathering can be

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many important and valuable for all of human in addition to Muslim's. The significant point is that Holy Koran stressed on the explanation of wisdom and philosophy of Haj especially its social purpose and its blessness for all of people.

### 2-The history of Mecca

Mecca has been honorable from the first day of creation. God determined this city as "safe land" because of the prophet Abraham, and any murder and killing has been forbidden in this city. This divine tradition has conserved during different periods even in pagan state of the Arabs before Islam, and even when a person saw the killer of his father in Mecca, he couldn't fight to Killer. But the honor of this city was broken in period of Yazid Ebn Moavieh rule and in murder of Hajis in 60's decade of Hejra of Solar calendar.

This city was called in different names such as "Becca", "Om Elghora", "Balad El Haram", which are referred in holy Koran. The Muslims believe this land was resided by people after the appearance of a spring under the foot of Esmaeil and the Abraham build the God house in it. (2). The pilgrimage places in Mecca are including "Alharam Mosque/Hajar El Asvad (black stone)/ Mana and Arafat/ Safa and Marva/Sour Mountain Abraham place/Hara Cave.

Mecca is a city in Arabia which situated in Arabia peninsula and it is considered as the holy city of Islam because of Kaaba, the Muslim's Kiblah. This city is the holiest place in Islam. It is the birth place of Prophet Mohammad and Ali (peace upon him) and many nobles of Islam.

This old and popular city is situated in Hijaz in Arabia near the red sea and it is connected to the sea via Jida port. Mecca is considered as the biggest city of Arabia with more than 400000 populations. It is situated in distance 80km far from red sea and its altitude from sea level is 330m. The new highway cause this distance be only 60km to Jida port and its distance to Medina is 425km because of Hijra highway.

Mecca is situated between mountains and distance between two mountains called "Shoab". This city is between low length mountains with stone structure. Now, there are houses and hotels amount Al Haram mosque above these stone structures. Some funnels are considered for car passages which decrease distances. (3).

#### 3-The magi sty and glory of Kaaba

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Kaaba is the highest and first house on the ground. This house is situated in holy place.

It has a surface and deep structure of concept.

It looks like other houses with wall, door and roaf but infact it is a divine land with paradisiac walls and spiritual space.

Then there is wisdom in it. One of the secrets of this place is that it is the place of remission of sins. It is a place to test human. The other secret is that this house is message of God's singleness. Some traditions indicate the Kaaba and Beyt-El-Haram was built on the command of God by his angles and the house was taken up the heaven after Nooh storm and about 70.000 angles went round it every day. Then the prophet Abraham re-build it. Emam Bagher (peace upon to him) Said: God build four column under the empyrean and called it "Zarrah" that is "Beyt-El-Mamoor."

Then said to angles: "go round it and build a house on the earth like this. "Then God command the people who were on the ground". Go round this house. "When Adam exiled from the heaven to the earth, God said him: "I sent a house with you so that you go round it same as the angels do it and say pray beside it same as the empyrean. When the Nooh Storm started, this house lifted up to heaven and prophets did the Haj customs there without any information about its place, So that God consider it to reside the prophet Abraham and show its place to Abraham.

The prophet re-buit it with stones of five mount aims: Hara/Sabir/Lebanon/Toor/Hamr Mountains.

4-Haj in the view of Islam:



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Haj and its religious ceremonies has many long tradition in history of earth. Some narrations consider Adana as the first builder of this house and the first Haji. Adam was guided to do Haj ceremonies in order to compensate his past and to exhale toward perfection. Due to Islamic narrations, other prophets performed Haj ceremonies including Nooh, Abraham, Moses, Jonah, Jesus, David, Solomon among others. In other hand, Haj is one of religious duties in Islam. It is a chance to increase Muslim's awareness, consolidate their unity, fight to cruel, and reveals the current injustice around the world and to awake the human conscience. Haj has special attributes and its social and political aspect has dominated the other aspects. Yet, its religious aspect has special attribute. The first effect of Haj is representing into the Islamic society. If influences on our heart. We need Haj so that strength our moral, we trust in God, we are related to him. We are great, a great nation.

The inner effect is important in one hand and in another hand the international effect is important. It can weaken the enemy's moral. It shows the glory of Islam and the unity of Islamic nation against enemy. We need it.

Haj must be the representation of our unity, comprehension, dialogue, contacts, cooperation and closeness. Also Haj honor every Muslim. It gives us power and hope. So, finally it can be said Haj is a great worship manner in the view of Islam. It is a religious duty that will increase human believe to God at it provides a path to make unity in Islamic nation and to show the glory and



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greatness of Muslim's. (4).

## 5-Haj and the spiritual life

Lexicological, Haj means "intention". It implies the certain ceremonies in Haj days.

Tut as it is said before, every form has inner part and meaning. Haj apparently is to do certain duties and ceremonies which are determined in Islam law. But its inner part is to leave other people and reach to God. Haj means the close relation to God and to go far from everything except God. In fact Haj is a legible monastic life. In Islam, it is not accepted to leave family and wealth forever, but it is accepted in Haj. Haj in political since is an effective factor to break the captivity and slavery chains and release Muslim's. Its meaning in Islamic sense is the feeling of unity in the highest concept of humanity because of Islam blesses.

The common and Karned people, black and white, man and woman, young and unity and move in once "center" based on one rule this roar and moving of the mob and their going round is in one direction and in one line around one center that is "Great God".(5).

# 6-Haj in political dimension

Haj is the soul of worship, the attention to god and the soul of policy is to make attention to people. Both of them are mingled each other like threads of a fiber! Haj is effective factor to make unity in Muslim's.

It is the factor of fighting to national prejudice and racism. It can't be limited to geographical borders. It is a vehicle to transfer political news of Islamic countries in everywhere.(6).

## 7-Haj in economical dimension

In spite of what most think, the using of great gathering of Haj to strength the economical foundation if Islamic countries is not only in contrary to Haj soul but also it is one of its philosophy. It is not matter the Muslim's enter to a common Islamic market to provide the transactional backgrounds among themselves, so that their interest is for themselves not enemies and their economy isn't related to foreign. It is not materialism, but it is like a worship and jihad. (7).



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## 8-Haj and Muslim's awareness

Haj gathering is one of effective factors to neutralize conspiracy of Muslim's separation. If there wasn't this great gathering annually, all conspiracies would be effective and this weak unity that is exist among Muslim's with diffract sects, would be disappeared. This great gathering is against. Fundamentalism which sometimes this fundamentalism consider as the support in support of U.S.A and foreign powers and they have forgotten that in lower layers of their societies, a generation who are disappointed of Arab rules is forming in regard to successful movements in middle east which this generation don't look praying, fasting, Haj and alms just as a religious duty but a path toward Fighting their enemies. The Islamic republic of Iran revolution in past three decades, the Palestinian Intifada during last years, the disgraceful retreatment of Israel forces from the south of Lebanon in 2000, the war of 33 days of Israel against Hezb-Ellah, the failure of puppet power of Zionism in war of 22 days against Ghaza, all lead the Muslim's awakening and their awareness about their weakness and success factors. They find their way toward Islamic awareness, and they intend to obtain their lost rights. So, Haj is one of practical columns of Islam to make unity among Islamic society. Also, Islamic awareness has included the public movement in region countries such as Tunesia, Egypt, Yemen, Bahrain and other countries even Arabia.

#### 9-The practical unity of Muslim's – Islam world (Shiite and Sunnite)

The establishment of unit nation with focus on the singleness of God is the great aspiration of Islam and with this nation; all individual and general perfections of Muslim's could be attained. This purpose is represented in Jihad and each of Islamic duties can provide a part of this purpose. In Haj, all parts of Muslim's groups and nations gather and all of them say "Greatness of God" and perform the religious traditions of Haj. In Haj all of Muslim's become familiar to each other and they express their needs and problems.

They investigate the common interest of Muslim's and finally their unity will increase. Haj is the representation of Muslim's unity God invites all Muslim's toward a certain place in certain time, Haj gather Muslim's each together during days and nights in the form of order and harmony. The first effect is to invoke the feeling of unity and gathering in each of them and to show the glory



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of Muslim's. The greatness feeling make an inner since in Muslim's that they don't feel isolation if they live along in a cave. So they take courage to fight anti-Muslim's who have the political and economic domination and intend to do conspiracy among Muslim's. Muslims by considering this greatness feeling rely on themselves rather than foreign powers. This greatness feeling will fill the gap between Muslim's people and their government, and it can naturalize the colonel conspiracy that is nationalism. Without nationism, this deep gap between Muslim's nations will disappear and the Arabic Persian, Turkish, African and Asian nations gather each other in the form of one unit Islamic identity rather than be their antagonists and competitors themselves. All of them will form a unit existence and the humility of each other is nonsense. This feeling is a vehicle to transfer positive historical, racial and geographical characterization of each nation to other Islamic nations.

#### 10-The cultural communication of Muslims

Haj is gathering of all people around the world. So, it is the best base to propagate and teach the Islamic teachings. One of important philosophy of Haj is to transfer Islamic teachings from the learned people to ones who have less knowledge. These people can spread these teaching to others when they return to their country and city. The political and religious ceremony of Haj is good chance to transfer thoughts and interact among followers of Islamic sects, it is a bridge to connect them and they can inform the situation of Muslim's in other Islamic lands. In general, Haj is the symbol of Muslim's unity and it reinforces the brother ship feeling between them. (8).

#### 11-Haj and demon avoidance

The Abraham and Mohammad Haj, undoubtly is the biggest purpose in Haj process. So in this great area, the membrane of god and the announcement of demon avoidance are considered as the fundamental of Haj. There is more senility about every movement which make separation feeling among Muslim's so the verbal common debate between two Muslim's is forbidden in Haj. Yes, the same scene of dualist exemption is a requisites part of Haj, meanwhile the fighting to other Muslim's is forbidden this scene. So the message of unity and gathering is represented in Haj clearly. The other purpose is to resist on Muslim's unity among Muslims as a tradition and they intend to eradicate duality in everywhere and every when, especially beside the Kaaba. Muslims must diagnose duality in every cloth and announce their reluctance of it. The current



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duality cloth is represent in world colonial, corruption and prostitution- Muslims must reach their reluctance of tyranny, and oppression to the ear of world tyrants. This is the monotheism fundamental and political duty of Haj. It should be mentioned in regard to above materials, monotheism is the other form of duality avoidance that is real monotheism in the shade of repulsion except to God.

#### 12-The introduction of Mosque

It is so important for Hajii to visit and recognize prophet mosque in Medina. A part of this building is situated in east southern region (toward Kiblah) and it called "Roza Motahar". It is 330m with 22m length and 15m width. The first doors called "Bab Alrahma", Bab Jibraeil"/Bab Al Nesa/Bab Al Salam, there are three other holy places in it: 1) holy Shrin of prophet: It is situated in best part of mosque and it is the shrine of a prophet who was the beloved of God and people and the heritage of Islam is the result of his efforts. In east corner of mosque, there were built many rooms to reside Muslim's which they were about ninety years after dead of prophet. The historians wrote the prophet was buried in the same room where he lived there.2. Pulpit: one of holy places in mosque. The narrations said the holy prophet at first expressed his sermon

of holy places in mosque. The narrations said the holy prophet at first expressed his sermon when he leaned to a palm. One of his followers suggested building a pulpit so that prophet sat on it and people can saw him well and he didn't tire. This pulpit has three stages. This pulpit has re built eight times and placed in original place.

3. Altar: It was built in same place where holy prophet said prayers there and there isn't any doubt about this conclusion.

Haj, whether performed in all of its dimensions, it will be a "here am I" message and also a "reluctance of demon" message which can be the basic factor of Muslim's unity and their meek sound will vibrate all the world and this leads to destruct of dominance systems. Haj is one of most effective factors to transfer thoughts and it is the base of religious culture of Muslim's. Haj can fortify the economy of Islamic countries and it causes these countries rely to themselves and not to bow to enemies and foreign. Haj is worship with self- suffering and also deprivation of prohibited things. It is both physical and material worship, a verbal and practical also with the harmony of heart, tongue and body Moreover, it is conditioned to a certain time and certain places. So, the millions Muslim's gather each other in certain days of year in certain places



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(Mighat, Mecca, Safa, Marve, Arafat, Mana and etc). This affairs make Haj as multi dimensions religious duty. Some dimensions such as god worship, purification of intention, policy of Islamic societies, the investigation of foreign and enemies inside and outside borders, cultural, ethical, economical, educational dimensions are combined together so that their separation is difficult. Thus when you look Haj in the frame of just individual or economical worship is like to mutilate this great religious duty and it is necessary the Muslim's learn it in regard to its different dimensions.(9).

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#### Conclusion

Hajj is one of the factors in exchanges of ideas and themes String firm believers of Islamic religious culture is considered. Hajj, the Muslim countries to strengthen the economy and causes them to stand on their own and did not bow down in front of strangers and enemies. Hajj is worship that is struggling with self-denial and the prohibitions of Ihram, has both physical and monetary worship, the worship and the promises action; heart, tongue and limbs must act in concert. Hajj is worship that is performed at a specific time, also present in certain places of pilgrimage like miqat, Makkah, Safa, Marwa, Arafat, Mina and etc. Is. That's why millions of Muslims in certain times of the year and in certain places it provides. Aspects such as the worship of God, to purify faith and practice of community politics and policy, foreign and domestic enemies of the state, cultural, moral, economic, and cultural aspects of the Hajj is so interwoven that separation they are also very difficult. From this point of view the only pilgrimage of prayer and personal or economic perspective it would reduce the value. It is important Muslim pilgrimage in all aspects of your life to learn and apply.



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