

# **Unveiling the Islamic Treasury: Dive into the World of Qur'anic Zakat and Government Taxes with Firas Al Moneer's English Collection**

## **Beyond Faith: Exploring the Economic and Social Pillars of Islam through Zakat and Taxes**

The Qur'an, the sacred scripture of Muslims, provides a comprehensive framework for living a just and equitable life. Among its many teachings are the principles of zakat, a mandatory alms-giving, and government taxes, both of which play a crucial role in maintaining the financial stability and social harmony of Muslim societies. Firas Al Moneer's comprehensive English collection, "Qur'anic Zakat Government Taxes," delves deep into these essential concepts, offering a captivating exploration of their historical, sociological, and economic implications.



## Qur'anic Zakat & Government Taxes (Firas Al Moneer English Books Collection Book 1)

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**Zakat: An Act of Charity, a Pillar of Faith**

Zakat, one of the five pillars of Islam, holds immense significance in the Muslim faith. It is a mandatory annual donation of a portion of one's wealth to those in need. Moneer's book traces the historical roots of zakat from its pre-Islamic origins to its institutionalization under the Prophet Muhammad. He meticulously examines the religious significance of zakat, its conditions and exemptions, and its profound impact on fostering social justice and economic equality.



### **Government Taxes: A Shared Responsibility for Public Welfare**

While zakat is a religious obligation, government taxes serve as a broader mechanism for financing public services and infrastructure. Moneer's work explores the concept of government taxes in Islam, drawing upon both

classical and contemporary Islamic jurisprudence. He sheds light on the various types of taxes sanctioned by Islamic law, their purposes, and their role in promoting the general welfare of the community.

**9 Types Of Taxes in The US**

- Sales Tax**
  - Commonly used by states and local governments to raise revenue.
  - States without general sales taxes: Alaska, Delaware, Montana, New Hampshire, Oregon.
- Sin Tax**
  - Levied upon luxury goods:
    - Luxury cars
    - Jewelry
  - Vice taxes that are dangerous to one's health:
    - Imposed to discourage people from patronizing certain products:
      - Tobacco
      - Alcohol
- Travel Tax**
  - Government-mandated transport tax for travelers in the US.
  - Used to fund the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA).
  - All U.S. carry 75% tax on base fares.
- Capital Gains Tax**
  - Imposed on:
    - Profits made from investments
    - Sale of real estate properties
    - Long-term capital gains are taxed at a lower rate.
    - Short-term capital gains are taxed at the same rate as income tax.
- Inheritance/Estate Taxes**
  - Paid on the transfer of property from a deceased person to his heirs.
  - Paid by the heirs.
  - Removes the transmission of U.S. wealth to America's most affluent families.
- Income Tax**
  - Required of all workers, regardless of employment status.
  - Largest source of revenue for the government.
- Value-Added Tax**
  - Placed on the added value of goods from producer to point of sale.
  - In the US, only Michigan imposes VAT called the Michigan Business Tax.
- Payroll Tax**
  - The percentage of an employee's salary that is remitted to the government.
  - Inclusive in the tax are contributions to:
    - Medicare
    - Social Security
    - Disability
    - Unemployment
    - Retirement
- Property Tax**
  - Another main source of government income.
  - Levied upon real estate of personal properties.

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## The Interplay of Zakat and Taxes: A Harmonious Balance

Moneer's book delves into the complex relationship between zakat and government taxes, arguing that these two systems complement each other

in creating a robust financial framework for society. He examines the historical evolution of this interplay, highlighting both the continuities and the tensions between these institutions. Through rigorous analysis, he demonstrates how zakat and taxes can be harmonized to maximize their effectiveness in promoting social and economic justice.

## The Role of Zakat in Establishing Social Welfare and Economic Sustainability

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**Abstract:** Zakat is among the most important systems bestowed for mankind in an Islamic order. Zakat's functions, virtues and structures are among the systems that lightened the burden of Islam and its compassion towards establishing a sustainable development for mankind. Hence it becomes imperative to elucidate the basic tenets of Islam and to highlight zakat as basic institutions of social order. Zakat is assumed to serve the major purposes, it is among Islamic principles and ideology which makes it compulsory upon every able Muslim, and to play an active role in social life of Muslim society. This study aims to examine the role of the zakat institution in creating a collective social security scheme for mutual helplessness among Muslim societies. The researcher employs qualitative method of research, reviewing the traditional and contemporary Islamic sources to also explore the significance of zakat as an institution, elaborate impact of zakat on social life of Muslim society and to be the basic theme of the study. The study is significant in creating awareness about zakat's role among all within of society particularly influential, elites and opinion leaders and to promote further research about the impact of zakat on social life of Muslim society so that zakat institution is established in Muslim countries.

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### 1. INTRODUCTION

Zakat is an integral part of the Islamic economic system based on the Islamic teachings and it is among of economic welfare of the Muslim communities, mutual brotherhood and equitable distribution of income. It is designed to establish a community in which every individual or group is committed to social justice, equity and freedom. Islamic economic systems are designed not only to attain social wellbeing but rather to gain piety and increase. Such an accordance with the concept of "masqulat al-bay" (Quran, 2006).

Many studies have discussed the objectives in establishing a sound society and improve social wellbeing among communities. Although, the concepts of zakat varies regarding the objectives of zakat varies according with various ages of research, they concluded that if systematic risk management is achieved, zakat will play a significant role in maintaining an active living among the society.

#### 1.1- The Zakat Obligations

Zakat is defined as a compulsory sum paid by rich Muslims upon acquiring a certain amount of wealth called *mal* given to particular category of people called *mustahiq*. Muslim jurists from the classical to contemporary times have agreed on the obligation of zakat as a religious obligation (al-Harami 1998) and (al-Qasbi 1995). Therefore the basis on the obligation of zakat will focus on the classical scholars' views over relevant tradition of zakat in the Quran and Sunnah.

The obligation of zakat is affirmed by the Quran where Allah commands the Prophet to collect zakat from the rich among the believers and distribute it to the poor. Allah says:

*Of their wealth take what you wish, but do not wish to touch it and do not wish to touch it and do not wish to touch it. From the property of a nation of security for them. And Allah is One Who is most abundant in giving.* (Al-Quran, Al-Baqarah 9: 34-35).

Following this revelation, the Prophet practically sent Muaw bin Jabal to Yaman as a governor and instruct him saying:

Firas Al Moneer, the author of "Qur'anic Zakat Government Taxes," is a highly respected scholar of Islamic economics and finance. His expertise stems from a profound understanding of both classical and modern economic principles, coupled with a deep grounding in Islamic jurisprudence. Moneer's work has gained international recognition for its scholarly rigor, innovative insights, and practical relevance to contemporary economic issues.

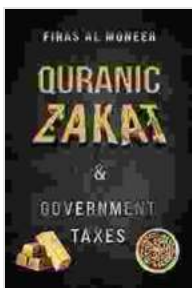


### **A Comprehensive Guide to a Complex Subject**

"Qur'anic Zakat Government Taxes" stands as a comprehensive guide to the complex world of zakat and government taxes in Islam. It is an invaluable resource for scholars, policymakers, practitioners, and anyone seeking to gain a deeper understanding of the financial principles that shape Muslim societies. Moneer's lucid writing style and meticulous research make this book accessible to a wide audience, including those with little prior knowledge of Islamic economics.



Firas Al Moneer's "Qur'anic Zakat Government Taxes" is a groundbreaking work that provides a nuanced and sophisticated exploration of the economic and social implications of zakat and government taxes in Islam. Through meticulous research and insightful analysis, Moneer offers a comprehensive understanding of these complex concepts, their historical roots, and their relevance to contemporary societies. This book is a must-read for anyone interested in the intersection of religion, economics, and social justice, and it will undoubtedly contribute to a deeper understanding of the financial principles that shape the Muslim world.

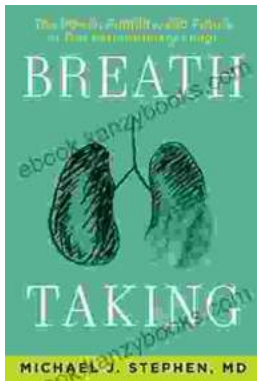


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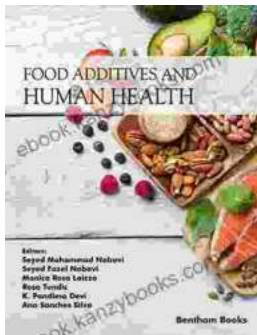
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