



Core Curriculum

3 Foundations of Islam - Obligatory Acts

3.7 The Purpose of Zakat and Khums in Islamic Law

Question: What is Khums?

Answer: Khums is the 1/5th tax one must pay on one's final sitting income after one's total expenses.

Question: What is Zakat?

Answer: Zakat is a 2.5% tax one pays from one's tangible income (like gold and silver) and it is generally meant to help the poor

Question: What is khums money usually used for?

Answer: Khums is usually used to fund Muslim organizations and institutions like Mosques, religious programs or seminaries.

Question: Who do I pay khums to?

Answer: A Muslim center that has been approved for khums collection by a Marja'

Question: Can I pay zakat in dollars?

Answer: No