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# The Role of Infaq in Building Social Integrity: An Interdisciplinary Study of the Qur'an and Hadith

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**Abstract:** In Islamic teachings, infaq is a form of social worship that plays an important role in shaping the social integrity of the community. Infaq, which means spending part of one's wealth in the way of Allah, is not only an act of giving, but also reflects concern, empathy, and social responsibility towards others. The Qur'an emphasizes the importance of infaq as a means to strengthen social solidarity and reduce economic disparities in society. This study aims to examine the verses of the Qur'an and hadith related to the Role of Infaq in Building Social Integrity. The data collection technique was carried out using library research. The data analysis technique was carried out using a descriptive-analytical approach. The results of the study show that through the practice of infaq, social integrity values such as honesty, generosity, and strengthening relationships between members of society are formed. This creates a harmonious and balanced social order. The implementation of infaq in daily life can reduce social disparities and foster a sense of shared responsibility in building a just and prosperous society in accordance with Islamic principles.

**Keywords:** Infaq; Islamic Teachings; Social; Social Solidarity; Welfare.

## 1. Introduction

Islamic teachings very broad and universal and can apply in all domains of life. Islam is not a teaching about the afterlife who tells humans to be safe in the afterlife through worship rituals alone, but also teaches that physical needs must be met fulfilled. The teaching about the need for this balance Can't separated from the goal of Islam, namely to provide happiness in world and the hereafter. With this balance, it is hoped that humans can take the grace of Islam. The teaching system brought by the Prophet Muhammad SAW is a system that brings happiness to all humanity and lead it to perfection (Rahman, 1995).

In Islamic teachings, infaq is a form of social worship that plays a vital role in shaping the social integrity of the community. Infaq, which means spending a portion of one's wealth in the way of Allah, is not merely an act of giving but also reflects concern, empathy, and social responsibility for others. The Quran emphasizes the importance of infaq as a means to strengthen social solidarity and reduce economic disparities within society (AlAbdulwahab et al., 2020).

Infaq is a noble act and is commanded by Allah SWT. Infaq has several meanings, in a broad sense it is intended to utilize all assets on the basis of faith for fi sabilillah and in another meaning it is spending or using assets from remaining necessities. For example, for the construction of mosques, madrasas, for Islamic preaching, for students of knowledge, and including providing support for wives and children. Whoever donates in the way of Allah,

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will definitely receive double compensation. In the Hadith Qudsi, Allah SWT says, "O, son of Adam! Spend your wealth, I will surely increase your wealth." (Ryan et al., 2024).

One of the verses that highlights the importance of infaq is QS. Al-Baqarah verse 215 which means: "They ask you about what they earn. Say: 'Whatever wealth you earn should be given to parents, relatives, orphans, the poor and people who are on a journey.' And whatever good you do, surely Allah is All-Knowing." This verse shows that infaq is not only aimed at one particular group, but covers various levels of society in need, thereby creating social balance and justice. (Bartkowski et al., 2017).

Research by Maftukhul Ngaqli, Rifqi Muntaqo, and Hidayatu Munawaroh in the journal Hamalatul Qur'an confirms that internalizing the values of infaq (charity) in Islamic education can increase social awareness among fellow human beings. This fosters a social spirit within individuals, thus fostering harmonious, peaceful, and prosperous social relations. (Albatnuni & Koszycki, 2020). Furthermore, infaq also contributes to character building and social integrity. Through the practice of infaq, individuals are taught to be less stingy and more sensitive to the social conditions around them. This aligns with the principle of social justice emphasized in the Quran, where wealth distribution focuses not only on material aspects but also on moral and social aspects, aiming to build a just society (Fajrussalam et al., 2022). Thus, infaq is not just an individual charity, but is an important instrument in building social integrity and creating a just and prosperous society in accordance with the values taught in the Qur'an.

## 2. Literature Review

Infaq comes from the word "nafaqa," which means to spend or expend wealth. Terminologically, infaq refers to the conscious and voluntary disbursement of a portion of one's wealth or income for a purpose mandated by Islamic teachings. While infaq can also be interpreted as zakat (alms), infaq differs from zakat. While infaq is paid without a minimum haul (haul) or nisab (required zakat), zakat must be paid according to the minimum haul (haul) and nisab (required zakat) (Rahmawati & Yazid, 2025).

In the Islamic context, infaq refers to the expenditure of wealth in the path of Allah without any specific amount or time limit, unlike zakat, which has specific provisions (Osman, 2018). Furthermore, infaq refers to the act of spending a portion of one's wealth, income, or earnings for purposes mandated by Islam. The practice of infaq can be performed by anyone, regardless of their income level. The concept of infaq encompasses the idea of giving a portion of the wealth that has been given by Allah SWT, with the aim of providing benefits to others solely to achieve Allah SWT's pleasure. Furthermore, infaq can also be interpreted as an additional donation given outside the obligation of zakat (Dillawati et al., 2025).

The Qur'an mentions infaq in various verses, one of which is in Surah Al-Baqarah verse 215:

فَإِنَّ خَيْرَ مِمَّنْ تَفْعَلُوا بَوْمَ السَّبِيلِ وَابْنِ وَالْمَسْكِينِ وَالْيَتَامَى وَالْأَقْرَبِينَ فَأَلُو الدِّينَ خَيْرٌ مِّنْ أَنْ تَقْتُمُوا مَا قُلْتُمْ يُنْفِقُونَ مَاذَا يَسْأَلُونَكَ عَلَيْهِ بِهٖ

Meaning: "They ask you about what they earn. Say: 'Whatever wealth you earn should be given to parents, relatives, orphans, the poor and people who are on a journey.' And whatever good you do, surely Allah is All-Knowing." This verse emphasizes that infaq is not only a form of individual worship, but also as a social instrument to help those in need, reflecting the values of justice and solidarity in society (Bartkowskiet al., 2017).

Infaq or voluntary giving for the public interest also has a role which is important in social life, especially in the context of Islamic teachings. With thus, the importance of infaq in social life reflects the values of humanity, social justice, and concern that are the foundation of Islamic teachings. Not only an act of kindness, but also part of an effort to build a just, caring, and equitable society (Wathani et al., 2023).

The concept of infaq encompasses the idea of giving a portion of the wealth bestowed by Allah SWT, with the sole aim of benefiting others solely to attain Allah's pleasure. Furthermore, infaq can also be defined as an additional donation given beyond the obligation of zakat. Infaq does not have to be given to a specific beneficiary, but rather to anyone, such as parents, relatives, orphans, the poor, or those traveling. Thus, infaq is defined as a voluntary expenditure made by an individual (Zulkiflil, 2020).

## 3. Research Method

In compiling this article, data collection was carried out using library research. Library research is research in which data collection is carried out by compiling data from various literatures (Sarjono, 2008). The data analysis technique was carried out using a descriptive-analytical approach. In this study, the author read and collected other people's written works related to the research conducted for data collection, as well as library sources. In addition, data collection was obtained from articles, journals, and books, which were useful for reviewing relevant literature contained in the Quran and Hadith related to the Role of Infaq in Building Social Integrity.

#### 4. Results and Discussion

##### **The Role of Infaq in Forming Social Integrity According to the Qur'an**

Infaq plays a crucial role in shaping social integrity, namely the unity between moral values and concrete actions in social life. By giving infaq, individuals demonstrate concern for others, reduce social disparities, and strengthen social bonds. Furthermore, infaq plays a crucial role in shaping social integrity, namely the unity between moral values and concrete actions in social life. By giving infaq, individuals demonstrate concern for others, reduce social disparities, and strengthen social bonds. Research by Maftukhul Ngaqli, Rifqi Muntaqo, and Hidayatu Munawaroh in the journal *Hamalatul Qur'an* shows that internalizing the values of infaq in Islamic education can increase social awareness among humans, foster a social spirit, and create harmonious, peaceful, and prosperous social relations (Osman, 2018).

Infaq in the field of wealth has a very strategic, important and determining role in building prosperity. Welfare is a top priority for Muslims because everyone desires a decent life and basic needs met. However, in reality, not everyone has the opportunity to enjoy this opportunity due to various factors, such as lack of employment, poverty, or low levels of education (Hasan, 2006). Through various means, Islam attempts to provide solutions and preventative measures to address various social and economic issues, such as prohibiting the hoarding of wealth and encouraging sharing with those in need (Nasikhah, 2021).

##### **Social Values Cultivated Through the Practice of Infaq**

The practice of infaq fosters various social values, including: Social Concern: By giving infaq, individuals show empathy and concern for the conditions of others, especially those who are less fortunate. Social Justice: Infaq helps distribute wealth more evenly, reducing economic disparities in society. Solidarity and Brotherhood: Through infaq, closer relationships are established between members of society, strengthening the sense of brotherhood and togetherness. Research by Sri Rizki in the *Afeksi* journal shows that the habit of infaq in the educational environment can increase students' social concern attitudes, with an influence of 79.7% on increasing these attitudes (Nasir, 2024).

##### **Implementation of Infaq Values in Increasing Solidarity and Social Justice**

Implementation of infaq values in daily life can be done in various ways, such as: Education: Teaching the importance of infaq from an early age in the family and school environment to form a caring and generous character. Social Activities: Holding social programs that involve the community in infaq activities, such as fundraising for humanitarian aid. Islamic Financial Institutions: Managing infaq funds professionally and transparently to support community empowerment programs.

Thus, infaq is not only an individual act of worship, but also a means to build a just, prosperous, and highly integrated society.

#### 5. Conclusion

Infaq is an important teaching in Islam, commanded in the Qur'an as a form of social concern and moral responsibility towards others. It not only means giving wealth, but also fosters the values of empathy, solidarity, and social justice. The Qur'an teaches that infaq should be directed to groups in need, such as the poor, orphans, and travelers (Qur'an, Al-Baqarah: 215), which demonstrates the social orientation of Islamic teachings. Through the practice of infaq, values of social integrity are formed such as honesty, generosity, and strengthening relationships between members of society. This creates a harmonious and balanced social order. The implementation of infaq in daily life can reduce social disparities and foster a sense of shared responsibility in building a just and prosperous society in accordance with Islamic principles.

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