

# Ijtehad As A Source Of Religion & Islamic Law:

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## Meaning Of Ijtehad:

- Ijhehad is the making of a desicion in Islamic law by personal efforts,independently following the desicions of religious experts by discovering the divine rule in the light of the principles of the Holy Quran & Sunnah.

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- When the Holy Prophet (SAW) intend to send his companion Hazrat Maaz Bine Jabal to Yaman as a ruler & as a judge, he asked him: How will you decide the public matter when it will come to you?

He said, “ I shall decide according to Quran”.The Prophet (SAW) asked, “If you do not find it in Quran what will you do?” He said then on the basis of Sunnah.If you do not find it in Sunnah what will you do? He replied “ I shall make Ijtehad on the basis of my understanding .On this the Holy Prophet (SAW) said “ Praise to Allah,who has let the messenger of the messenger of Allah to what please Allah's messenger”. (Abudawood:3592)

# Characteristics Of Mujtahid:

- A mujtahid is an islamic scholar who is competent enough to the interpret Islamic law by Ijtehad .
- Following are the conditions to be fulfilled by the mujtahid.
- Knowledge of Quran & Sunnah.
- Upright character whose judgement people can trust.
- Knowledge of Arabic language.
- Knowledge of Qiyas (Analogical deduction).

## Stages Of Ijtehad:

- To understand in detail the reality of the problem.
- To identify the islamic texts (In Quran & Sunnah).
- To analogies between the current issue and the relevant texts in Quran & Sunnah.
- Ijtehad is primarily legislative function.
- The desicion/opinion of the mujtahid is binding upon the muslims through legislation.

## Scope Of Ijtehad:

- Ijtehad is a process of muslim scholars to maintain the maintain the progressivision of Islam.
- It provide the interpretive role for new problems.
- It is the intellectual exercise performed for to keep up muslims with changing world.