

Blockchain Unchained: A Decade of Innovation Reshaping Finance

A sharī'ah perspective

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Overview of Blockchain Technology: Lessons & Evolution



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Conventional vs Sharī'ah-Compliant Transactions

Brief Introduction to Islamic law & finance

Core principles governing sharī'ah-compliant transactions:

- Prohibition of *ribā* (usury)
 - Prohibition of *gharar* (excessive risk)
 - Prohibition of *maysir* (speculation)
 - Sharī'ah-compliance of the subject-matter
 - Issuance of a *fatwa* (Islamic legal opinion)
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How Blockchain Reshaped the Islamic Finance Landscape

Technology through the lens of Islamic Law

Rise of Islamic FinTech in Muslim-majority jurisdictions

Rise of Islamic crypto-assets in the GCC countries

Growth of financial inclusion in Islamic finance

Enhancement of trust and efficiency through blockchain technology



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Forecasting – The Future of Blockchain in Islamic Finance: Fusion or Coexistence?



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The Future of Blockchain in Islamic Finance: Fusion or Coexistence?



Potential for Seamless Integration



Issues Hindering Full Integration Across the Muslim World



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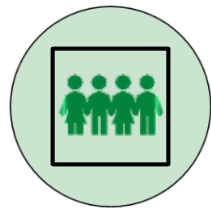
The Intersection of Blockchain and Islamic Ethical Principles



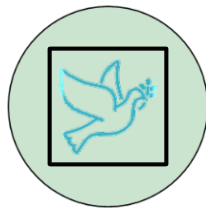
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Key Ethical Principles Guiding Islamic Finance & The Blockchain Promise



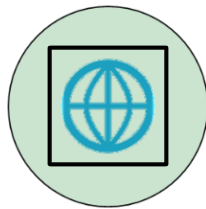
Trust



Social Justice



Fairness



**Financial
Inclusion**



Transparency



**Wealth
redistribution**



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Blockchain & Zākah: A Practical Example

***Zākah*: A mandatory contribution and the third of the five core pillars of Islam**

Role of blockchain and smart contracts in *zākah* collection & management

Embracing Bitcoin and crypto-assets in *zākah* payments

Building trust, transparency and traceability through blockchain



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Thank you for your attention
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