

Bitcoin wa Sadaqat al-Jihad

Bitcoin and the Charity of Violent Physical Struggle

Taqi'ul-Deen al-Munthir

“O’ you who believe! Shall I guide you to a trade that will save you from a painful torment?

That you believe in Allah, and his Messenger, and that you strive hard, and make jihad in the cause of Allah with your wealth, and with your lives! That would be better for you, if you but knew!”

[61:10-11]

After the fall of the **khilafah**, the bastions of **al-shari’a** fell. Kufr law spread across the entire earth with few areas even considering just economics or **hudud**¹. The Muslims found themselves trapped in the middle of this, with the banners of disbelief being raised above their heads. Consequently, many were outright forced to use kafir currencies. These currencies, simply through usage, assist the kufar by strengthening their economy. They often feed directly into taxes that go to funding their oppressive, murder, military forces. So, then, does not being pleased with paying taxes to the kufar, not intending to change it, believing it to be okay, and doing it willingly, constitute **kufr**²? **Al-hamdu-Ililah**³, much of the ummah is ignorant, so we cannot make takfir of them, nor should we, nor would we. Yet this question is very puzzling. We must actively look for solutions to avoid bolstering the kufar whilst preparations are made to move to ardh **al-khilafah**, which has only recently been established.

Ordinary currency requires a system of trust. One must trust in the kafir government to back the currency, unlike the Islamic model which sees wealth backed by physical precious metals. The corruptness of a **khilafah** cannot hurt a **Muslim** or **dhimmi’s**⁴ wealth, whereas the corruptness of a president can harm all of his people, as seen with the intense poverty in the United States and the uplifted condition of ahlul-Iraq after distribution of wealth.

This system has, therefore, eliminated **sadaqah**⁵ for **jihad** on a large scale. One cannot send a bank transfer to a **mujahid** or suspected mujahid without the kafir governments ruling today immediately being aware. Perhaps, a few incredibly wealthy Muslims may find ways to avoid this system, especially ones in Arab countries, however the majority of Muslims are incapable of donating to those who need it most. Donating to impoverished children or needy mothers is a

¹ Islamic legal punishments

² Disbelief

³ All glory and thanks belongs to Allah

⁴ People of the book living under the protection of the Muslim state

⁵ Charity

good deed, however, we as Muslims must understand that this will not stop the problem. Only the **law of Allah** will succeed in ultimately eliminating poverty and spreading wealth and tearing down oppression.

A proposed solution to this is something known as **Bitcoin**. It is a digital only currency created through a process called **mining**. A mining machine is a powerful computer that processes recent transactions sent through the **Bitcoin** network, and validates them. If it finds that the transaction is legitimate, the money, Bitcoins, are sent and some Bitcoins are given to the miner. The people sending Bitcoins get their transactions validated and the miner receives a small fee, benefitting both sides. This system allows for no counterfeit Bitcoins to ever exist, as each one can only exist alongside validation. Bitcoin is sent instantly across the world, with waiting times not exceeding fifteen minutes on the norm.

No central servers, individuals, or groups own the entire Bitcoin system. The network is based off of **miners** who use their own personal computers, and anyone can mine. The network is therefore worldwide and not based in a single area either. Trying to change the software for Bitcoin requires an extremely large majority of the miners to agree, and if they dislike any change, it will not go through, as demonstrated in **Rabi al-Thani of 1434**⁶. Since Bitcoin only goes from one user to another, not through any system such as **PayPal** or **eBay**, it is completely **decentralized**. There is no point of weakness, no one can hack the entire Bitcoin system, and as long as people use Bitcoin, it will exist safely. New developments in Bitcoin have allowed marketplaces that run on whatever law system the individuals choose. This instantly allows for **shari' only compliant** markets that cross all borders, nation state regulations, send money instantly, and are untrackable by **kafir** governments. **Contracts** used in an online marketplace could be arbitrated by third parties who judge to see if the conditions of the contracts are met. **Qadis**⁷ could easily be introduced to this system and rule by shari'a between Muslims across **al-khilafah**. It solves the online marketplace issue for **al-khilafah** instantly, whilst giving Muslims an alternative to use until they offer **hijrah**⁸.

The **Silk Road** was the popular online market running mostly on **Bitcoin**. It was an online **black market** that could have potentially be used for anything from purchasing weapons to donating to **mujahideen**, though most kufar used it to intoxicate themselves. It utilized user's Bitcoin wallets, mixers to confuse those trying to **spy** on transactions, reputation systems, private messages, seller pages, and arbitrators, which could be readapted to be **qadis**.

Dark Wallet is a new **Bitcoin wallet** designed to completely hide the activities of it's users, providing total online anonymity. It eliminates government regulation that tries to identify bitcoins through associating them with an individuals wallets. It mixes all transactions together into an indecipherable mess, making **Bitcoin** untrackable. This allows our brothers stuck outside of the

⁶ In March of 2013 a new version of Bitcoin caused transactions to be recorded in an incompatible way with previous versions of the software, the miners decided against it, and it was not updated.

⁷ Islamic Judges

⁸ Migration for the sake of Allah

ardh⁹ **Dawlatul-Islam** to avoid government taxes along with secretly fund the mujahideen with no legal danger upon them.

To set up a totally anonymous donation system that could send millions of dollars worth of **Bitcoin** instantly from the **United States, United Kingdom, South Africa, Ghana, Malaysia, Sri Lanka, or wherever else** right to the pockets of the **mujahideen**, very little would be done. **Dark Wallet's beta** release will be published within the next coming months, the **mujahideen of Dawlatul-Islam** would simply need to set up a wallet and post their wallet address online. Then, Muslims from across the globe could simply copy the wallet address, login to their **Dark Wallets**, purchase whatever amount of **Bitcoin** they wish to send, and send them over. The **mujahideen** would then have someone on the other side convert **Bitcoin** into whatever currency they wish at optimal **Bitcoin** to currency transaction rates to receive the donations from the whole ummah. This system has the potential to revive the lost sunnah of donating to the **mujahideen**, it is simple, easy, and we ask Allah to hasten it's usage for us.

Ameen, Ameen, thumma Ameen.

⁹ Ground or land of