

FAST TRACK QUESTION (ISLAMIYAT).

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Define Tauheed. What is its impacts on individual life and the society? Elaborate. (20 Marks).

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INTRODUCTION:

(TAKHARRUJ)

Tauheed is an important role in the life of a believer. It is mandatory prior to becoming a Muslim. To believe in Oneness of Allah, in His Attributes and His actions which can only be conducted by Him. Additionally, the concept of Tauheed has life-changing effects on individual as well as collective life. Allah says in Surah Maidah:

"I have perfected ^{the} my religion upon you, completed my favour upon you and chosen Islam as your religion".

This ayat shows that Islam is a perfect religion and it is extremely important for Muslims as it guides them through their lives.

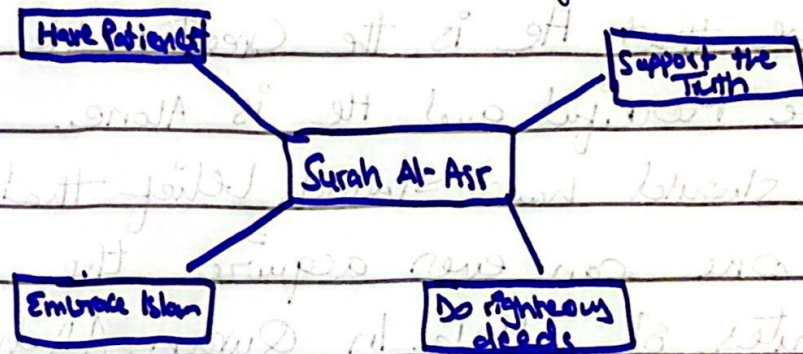
Definition of Tauheed:

Tauheed is the core pillar of

Islam, Kalma being the first part of it. In Kalma, Allah says,

"There is no God, but Allah."

In Surah Asr, Allah says that there are 4 important elements of Tauheed:



a) Unity in Person:

The most fundamental element of Tauheed is the Unity in Person. This means that one should believe that Allah is one and neither does He have a son nor a daughter and He is alone. Allah has rightly said in Surah Al-Ikhlâs:

"Allah neither begets nor does He begotten".

↳ Unity in Attributes:

It is also important to believe in the attributes of Allah. One should believe that He is the Creator, He is the Merciful and He is Alone.

One should have staunch belief that no one can ever acquire the attributes of Allah. In Quran, Allah says,

"He is the Omnipotent".

Allah Himself has chosen His attributes which no one is capable of possessing. It will be a sin if one tries to equalize himself to the attributes of Allah.

⇒ Unity in Actions:

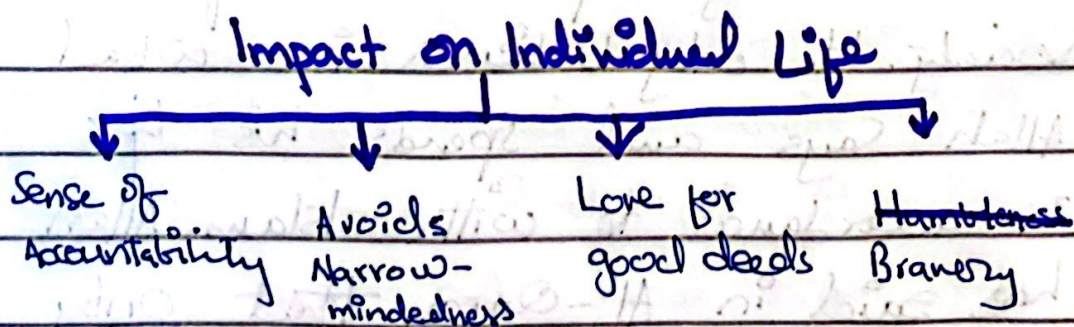
Allah is unique and powerful.

No one can do any action which Allah can. Allah has rightly used the word Arabic word, "كُن" which means, "Be". Allah only has to say Be for an action to take place. Hence, all Muslims should believe that at whatever actions Allah takes, no one else can do it would be a violation of His commands, leading to "shirk". Allah says in Quran:

"Be! And it is."

Impacts of Tauheed on Individual Life:

In the following chart, At Tauheed impacts an individual's life



1) Sense of Accountability:

Allah's presence makes a believer aware of the "accountability" which Allah will hold on the Day of Judgement. He remains sincere and does good deeds to save himself from the wrath of Allah on the Day of Judgement. Allah has rightly said in **Surah Hashr** that everyone should be aware of what deeds they are sending to Allah for tomorrow ("Day of Judgement").

2) Avoid Narrow-Mindedness

After the incorporation of Tauheed in one's life, he starts to discard all the incoming superstitions from his society. He only believes in what Allah says and spends his life in accordance to with Islam. Allah has said in Al-Quran that only He knows the future and only

He is aware of everything, a human is not capable of doing such huge actions.

3) Love for good deeds:

Allah's presence & belief in Tauheed makes a person desire for doing good deeds. He refrains from bad deeds and strives for entering heaven as a reward. In the Holy Book, Allah has stated clearly that He will reward believers on the basis of their good deeds.

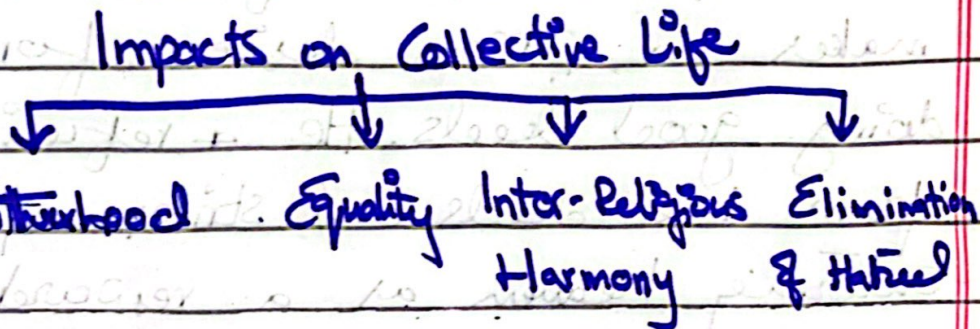
4) Bravery:

Tauheed inculcates bravery in Muslims. They are filled with the ambition of sacrificing their lives in the way of Allah as it holds great respect and reward. Allah says in Surah Baqarah, that martyrs are not dead rather, they are alive but you can not

perceive it.

Impacts on Collective Life:

Following: are the ways through which Tawheed impacts collective life:



1) Brotherhood:

Tawheed creates brotherhood among Muslims. Allah, in every occasion has supported the brotherhood among Muslims. Allah says in ~~Quran~~ Surah At-Tawbah:

"Muslims are each other's Auliya (supporters, friends)".

Not only, Tawheed, but Holy Prophet was also supported brotherhood.

He said:

"A white has no superiority over a Black, nor does a Black have superiority over a white. Neither does an Arab have superiority over a Non-Arab, nor does a Non-Arab have superiority over an Arab except in piety".

Holy Prophet has supported Brotherhood and also said that a Muslim should not be one whose hands or tongue another Muslim is harmless. It is safe.

2) Equality:

Tawheed also brings equality. It does not distinguish a man and a woman, rather, its scale of judging one is on the basis of equality. Allah

"We have created you
from a male and female"
and divided you among
tribes and nations.
You will be judged on
the basis of pious
& good deeds."

Allah does not show his bias towards
a male or female which also gives
a lesson to the believers of maintaining
equality.

3) ~~Inter-Humanities~~ Religious Harmony:

Islam is not a religion of violence.
It promotes harmony and peace in
with other societies rather than
spreading hatred. Allah has clearly
said in Quran that He does not
like those who create a tumult on
the land of Allah. Allah also talks
about saving the "humanity" instead
of saving the Muslims solely. Allah

Says in Quran:

"Saving one person is like
saving the entire humanity.
Murdering one human is
like the murder of
entire mankind."

This Ayat shows that Allah talks about peace and one should not point a weapon towards a human being.

4) Elimination of Hatred:

~~How~~ Tauheed also teaches a man to not spill hatred towards another person regardless of his ~~de~~ creed, colour and ~~rel~~ cast. When there would be love among the Muslims, they could progress in the entire world. The Holy Prophet has also taught Muslims to not have bad feelings for others, may it be jealousy, hatred, anger. Holy Prophet

has said that Jealousy destroys and eats a person's deeds like fire burns the wood. By following this example, bad sentiments of hatred, anger & jealousy can be eradicated from the Muslim society.

Conclusion

Therefore, Muslims Tawheed has a positive role to play in one's life. It inculcates sentiments of love, bravery and creates brotherhood. In addition, it also creates inter-religious harmony, brings equality etc. Thus ~~Islam~~ Tawheed provides a man a pattern to follow a complete code of life to act upon Allah's Commands.