# Question No 01

- Define Tawheed. What are its impacts on individual life and society?

- ## Introduction:

The religion Islam is based on the 'Tawheed' concept, which is its foundational piller. This concept explains and binds the followers of religion of Islam to believe in none else but Allah, the one. This belief has enormous impacts on both individuals and society. Its impacts on individual life include love for Allah (SWT), belief in spirit of hard work, disciplined life, sens of respect and primary purpose of life. Likewise, it has profound impacts on society as it promotes peace and harmony, eliminates extremism, advocates good manners, calls for dispensation of justice and breaks parochial concept of nationalism and individualism.

- ## Understanding Tawheed:

Basically, Tawheed (also called monotheism in English language) is an important belief. Tawheed means believing in only Allah (SWT).

Professor Khursheed Ahmad in his book "Meaning and Message of Islam" explains the concept
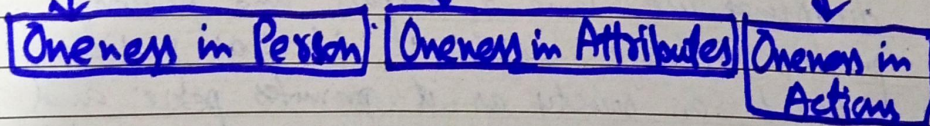
of Tawheed in the following words:

"Tawheed in the name of belief which means that believing in Allah (SWT) only, who is omnipotent, al-mighty and most merciful."

⇒ In essence, the religion, Islam rests on the pillar of Tawheed. Its followers worship none else but only Allah (SWT). They do not follow commands of any other religions.

## • Types of Tawheed:

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 Oneness in Person  Oneness in Attributes  Oneness in Actions
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### 1- Oneness in Person:

⇒ It is a type of Tawheed, which is also called "توحيد في الذات" in Arabic language. It is about believing in oneness of Allah.

قُلْ هُوَ اللّٰهُ أَحَدٌ - (قرآن)

"Say: He is Allah, the one."

### 2- Oneness in Attributes:

⇒ It is another type of Tawheed. It means that believing in attributes of Allah (SWT).

## 3- Oneness in Action :

=> It is the last type of Tawheed. This belief is about believing that Allah (SWT) alone performs all action. Nobody helps him in actions, of kind.

لَا صُوكُنْ فَايَكُنْ - (يس بايا) ((

He commands 'be', and it comes into being.

## • Impacts of Tawheed on individual life

Tawheed has various impacts on individual life :

### 1- Love for Allah (SWT) :

Tawheed instills love for Allah (SWT) in the hearts of believers.

~~and then believer have immense~~ love for Allah (SWT)

~ ( Al-Quran)

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### 2- Belief in spirit of hard work :

Tawheed cultivates belief of hard work in individuals. Islam stresses on efforts as 8 corner stone for achieving any goal in one's Pareb life.

وَلَا لَيْسَ الإِنْسَانِ إِلَّا مَا سَعَىٰ - (القرآن)

"A person gets what he strives for."

3- **Builds a disciplined life for an individual:**
The concept of Tawheed makes a person disciplined. If an individual habitually performs all five prayers exactly on their time, it will make a person become punctual in his actions, become truthful and honest, and use his time wisely and effectively.

4- **Instills sense of respect and honour in an individual:**
Tawheed is a strong belief. It builds a sense of honour and respect in individuals as they feel proud on the fact that they have been by Allah (SWT) himself with great indulgence.

لَقَدْ خَلَقْنَا الإِنْسَانِ فِي أَحْسَنِ تَقْوِيم - (القرآن)

"We have created humans in the best moulds."

5- **Outlines the primary purpose of life:**
The concept of Tawheed provides the

the basic, primary purpose of life to individuals. Islam clearly says that there is no other purpose of humans' life but to worship Allah (SWT).

"وما خلقت الجن والانسان الا لي يعبدون" – نه (القران)

"We have not created humans and Jin but to worship me."

- **Impacts of 'Tawheed' on society:**

The concept of Tawheed has various impacts on society as well:

1 – **Promotes peace and harmony:**
Tawheed promotes peace and harmony in society. Basically, the basic teachings of religion Islam are brotherhood and peace.

سلام قول من الرب الرحيم – (سورة يٰسٓ)

"The command of Allah (SWT) is peace."

2 – **Eliminates extremism in a society**
Tawheed binds individuals to the teachings of peace and love. It advocates harmonious

Co-existence in a society, this leading to the extinction in the extremist tendencies in individuals.

The Holy Prophet (SAWW) said, "The best amongst you is he who does not pose any danger to the lives and property of others."

3- Advocates good character and manners:
The concept of Tawheed strictly commends individuals to observe piousness, truthfulness and good conduct with others.

Al-Quran says : O Men, lower your gaze and guard your modesty."

4- Calls for dispensation of justice
A believer will never commit injustice to anyone as it is the foundational teaching of Tawheed. Islam, basically, abhores the evil doings and practices and commands observance of impartial and widespread justice.

فمن يعمل مثقال ذرة خيرا يره (القرآن)

"Even an atom's weight of good act will be rewarded."

**5- Breaks parochial concept of nationalism and individualism**

Basically, Islam is a religion for the entire mankind; it is not confined to a group of people, communities or nations. Moreover, it sets out to establish the foundations of collectivism in a society, rather than fostering individualism.

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مسلم ہیں ہم، وطن ہے سارا جہاں ہمارا

~ علامہ اقبال

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*Good attempt overall!*

**• Conclusion :**

The foundations of religion of Islam rends to the concept of Tawheed. This concept espouses monotheism i.e. believing in one God. It has remarkable impacts not only individuals but also on the society as a whole. Basically, it instills love for Allah in humans, fosters spirit of hard work and disciplined life. Similarly, it cultivates a sense of respect in individuals and provides them a purpose of life. In the same way, it has impacts on the society as well. It promotes peace, eliminates extremism, advocates good manners and conduct and roots collectivism in a society.

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