

Q Define Tauhid. What is its impacts on individual life and the society? Elaborate.

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Answer INTRODUCTION OF TAWHID:

The concept of Tauhid is crucial and integrated in ideology of Islam. It is the first step towards Allah. This concept is the significant part of Islamic belief system. called. توحيد - Quran and last prophet of Allah have repeatedly emphasized the importance of Tauhid in human life. Individually, it inculcate a sense of protection by Allah and gives a hope that he is all seeing and knowing. It also provides humility and helps in finding the purpose of life. While, Tauhid satisfies a human soul, it also affects immensely the social structure. All the believers of Tauhid also believe in brotherhood, equality, and harmony. That's why, the famous poet

Allama Iqbal had said the following verses

Until the meaning of La ilaha
is understood

The bonds of other than Allah can-
not be broken

In this world, the beginning starts
from the 'La'

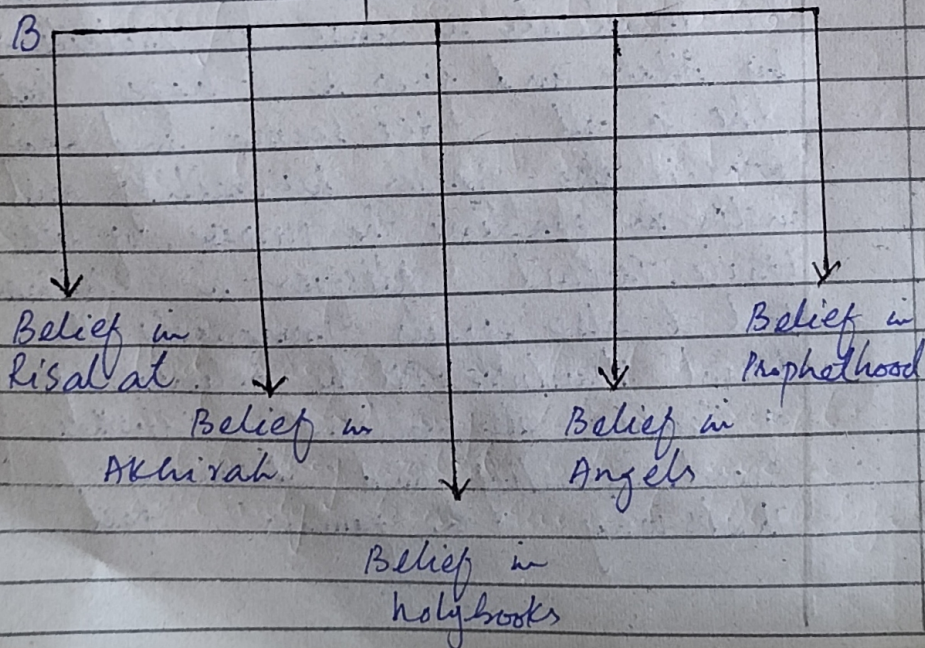
This is the first station of the man
of God.

Islamic belief system

Islam is based on certain funda-
mental belief called *al-Iman*. These
beliefs, however, begins with Tawhid.
The one who embrace Islam has to
to believe in following *aqeedas*.

al-Iman

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3. Philosophy of Tauhid

The doctrine of belief is a way to affirm absolute oneness of Allah. By believing that, one also surrenders before him and do whatever, he commands to do. The whole doctrine of Tauhid is based on Shahadah.

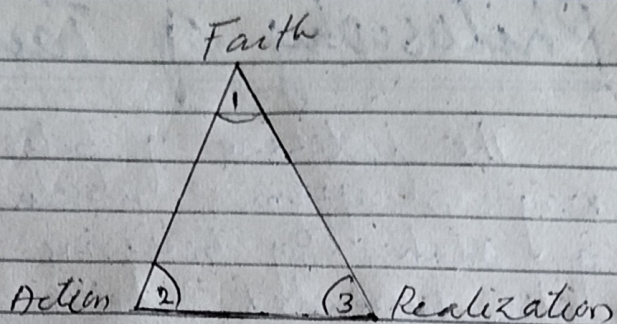
لا اله الا الله محمد رسول الله

There is no god but Allah
Mohammad (SAW) is Allah's messenger

The first part لا اله الا الله affirms that Allah alone is the God. The second, on the other hand, emphasize that Mohammad, His last messenger, is His Rasool.

3.1 Believer of Tauhid

The believers of Tauhid solely follow what Allah has commanded to do and restrain what He has ordered not to do. However, The believers life revolves around three elements.



It implies that, "one Allah is one and man on the Earth" his vicegerent. While realization and action implies that muslim must follow what he commands.

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Kinds of Tauhid

Tauhid has three following categories, each emphasizing the oneness of Allah

1. Unity in person $لَوْ وَجَدُوا فِي السَّمٰوٰتِ اِلٰهًا غَيْرَ اللّٰهِ$

The oneness of His person suggests that Allah is alone and there is no plurality in His lordhood. In this regard Quran states:

Had there been in them (heaven and earth) any deities except Allah they would both have certainly been ruined - (Al-Anbiya)

2. Unity in Attributes لَوْهَدَّ فِي الصِّفَاتِ

This implies that no other being possesses the attributes possessed by Him. He alone is eternal, omnipotent and ~~omni~~ omnipresent.

3. Unity in Action لَوْهَدَّ فِي الْفِعَالِ

The unity of action means that whatever He does could not be copied. His actions are immutable.

For Example: He created the Earth and all the things it hold.

Further, on the day of Akhirah, He will bring all the mankind back to life.

3.2 How is this concept introduced

Followers of Tauhid introduce the concept of Tauhid to their children by calling Adhan in their ears after their births. Moreover children are taught Shahadah from young age.

Important of Tauhid with reference to Quran

Tauhid is repeatedly emphasized by Quran in form of Surahs and Ayats.

In Surah Al-Ikhlās, Quran states

قل هو الله احد الله الصمد لم يلد ولم يولد ولم يكن له كفوا احد

Say: He Allah is one. Allah is He on whom all depend. He begets not, nor begotten. And none is like him.

In another Surah Allah Himself proclaims

اننى انا الله لا اله الا انا فاعبدنى واقم الصلاة لذكرى

I am God, there is no other God. worship me and keep up prayer for my remembrance.
Al-Faha

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Impacts of Tauhid

4.1 On Individual

a) Nearer to Allah

The belief in Tauhid creates a strong bond with Allah. Allah in Surah Baqarah says:

Unquestionably, the help of Allah is near.

b) Creates sense of accountability:

Tauhid creates a sense of accountability. It implies that whatever a man does, is witnessed by Allah and he shall be accountable for it on the day of judgement.

c) Provides the purpose of life

Belief in Tauhid provides a purpose of life given by Allah Almighty.

Allah in Quran states:

I have created jinn and human for nothing except that they should worship me. Al-Balagh

d) Tauhid enslaves a man to Allah only

Tauhid frees a man from worldly restriction and the master of world. It only enslaves a man to Allah and gives a sense that sovereignty only belongs to Allah only.

e) Eradicates the hopelessness

Man, on Earth, is Allah's vicegerent. Thus, he faces various hardships. However, Allah says:

Surely, with hardship comes ease.

4.2 On Society

a) Strengthen the social bond

The believers of Tauhid know that Allah has created them as brother. Therefore, they must form a society based on brotherhood.

انما المؤمنون اخوة

Certainly, all the muslims are brothers.

b) Establishes social justice

Tauhid creates a sense of justice in his its followers. Thus, their society is also is formed on social justice.

Allah in Quran says:

وَاتقوا الوزن بالقسط ولا تخسروا

الميزان .
And establish weight on justice and do not make deficient the balance. (Al Rehman)

c) Believe in Tauhid inspires bravery

Believer of Tauhid knows that the world is not his permanent destination. Therefore, he fight for his cause without any fear but Allah's

Allah in Quran states that

Every soul shall taste death
(Aal-Imraan)

d) Social Equality and Equity

Allah's Rasool, Muhammad (PBUH) had stated in his last sermon that all the muslims are equal and only thing that makes one superior to another is his conduct. Thus, in society which is based on Tauhid, every man and woman is equal.

5) Conclusion

The concept of Tauhid is basic building block of Islam. It is a doorstep towards Allah's love. Allah is one in his personality, attributes and action. This belief strengthens man. Thus, belief of Tauhid gets impacted in various ways both individually and socially such as, it inculcates patience, accountability and hope while, society gets impacted in brotherhood, equality justice etc. Therefore, believe in Tauhid is fundamental of Islam and Islam is Allah's true religion.