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Define Tauheed - What is its impact on individuals life and society?

Elaborate.

"Answer"

1 "Introduction"

[لا اله الا الله محمد رسول الله]

"there is no god but ALLAH.

Mahammad is His prophet"

The phenomena of Tauheed completely revolves around the above mentioned declaration.

Tauheed is the first pillar of Islam, which is belief in the Oneness of Allah and in the Unity of Allah.

21 Literal Meaning: The literal meaning of TAUHEED is Unification or Oneness and represents the core belief that ALLAH alone deserves worship, without any partners or equals.

1-1 Contentual Meaning:

Believing in the Oneness and Unity of Allah is termed as Tauheed.

2-1 Tauheed in the light of Holy Quran:

The Holy Quran in Surah Akhlas (1-4)

[قل هو الله - - - - - كواحد]

Ans explained the essence of Tauheed by declaring ALLAH as unique without beginning and ending and with no likeness.

Surah Baqarah verse 163 saying:

"And your God is one God. There is no deity (worthy of worship) except Him. The Entirely Merciful the Especially Merciful"

This is how the Quran beautifully has mentioned about the (TAUHEED) to explain the Oneness and Unity of Allah in its Divine words.

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Tauheed in the light of

Ahadith:

Tauheed is the key to salvation and is the basis of Islamic faith. The Holy Prophet (ﷺ) has mentioned that:

Whoever says, "There is no god but Allah" enters Paradise

(Sahih - Bukhari-Muslim)

where it also supported the Quranic words:

[لا اله الا الله محمد رسول الله]

At another place the Holy Prophet (ﷺ) narrates that

let the first thing you invite them to be the Tauheed of Allah (Monolatry)

(Sahih Bukhari)

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Tauheed in the viewpoint of
Scholars:

With regard to the conventional meaning of Tauheed, scholars had given their views.

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Ibn-Taymiyyah explained that the TAUHEED is to recognize Allah's uniqueness in His essence, attributes and actions.

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Imam Ghazali - a well known Muslim scholar described TAUHEED as the central pillar of Islam and faith which connects all other beliefs and practices.

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Conclusively, TAUHEED is the feature of Islam which beautifully elaborates the uniqueness, oneness and unity of Allah and Believing in the expression to become a true Muslim.

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1. Impact on personal beliefs and spiritual development of individual by Tawheed:

The Holy Quran with its emphasize on the unity of Allah as mentioned in

(112:1) shows the believers devotion, unity and reverence on Allah's uniqueness and spiritual nature.

According to the different scholars Tawheed brings sense of spirituality. Al-Ghazali stated that Tawheed purifies soul by making the believers heart free from dependency on worldly things and focusing on expression of believing in Allah alone.

Hence, it develops the personal beliefs and spiritual development of the individuals.

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2. Moral and Ethical Conduct of Individuals by Tawheed:

Actions of the individuals are led by their beliefs, similarly belief in Tawheed, means to give the directions of an individuals actions. As in Surah (G: 162) the Holy Quran states that the believers view

"My prayer, my sacrifice, my life and my death are all for Allah"
- (Al-Quran - G: 162)

This would lead the actions of the believers as Allah demands, with honesty, compassion and righteous path.

Imam Ibn Taymiyah explained that Tawheed encourages believers to live with **Integrity and Accountability**. Those who believe in Allah, will avoid sin, fulfill obligations and act kindly as Allah is **Al-Sami** - the one who watches everything - even inside the heart.

3.3 - Peace and Contentment of Individual by Tauheed:

The believers who completely believe in the phenomena of Tauheed believes and understand that everything is under the control of Allah Almighty, makes them to head towards the morals of patience, resilience and gratitude in times of hardship.

"Indeed in the Remembrance of ALLAH do hearts find rest"
(Al Quran 13:28)

With the belief on Tauheed individuals tend to have integration among them.

3.4 → Unity and Brotherhood among individuals by Tauheed

Believing in one God, encourage a sense of unity and brotherhood, as all are equal before Allah.

An the Quran says in (21:62)

Indeed, this nation of yours is one nation and I (Allah) am your Lord so, worship Me. (Al Quran)

This ayah emphasize on the unity of Muslim Ummah with the concept of Tauheed in them.

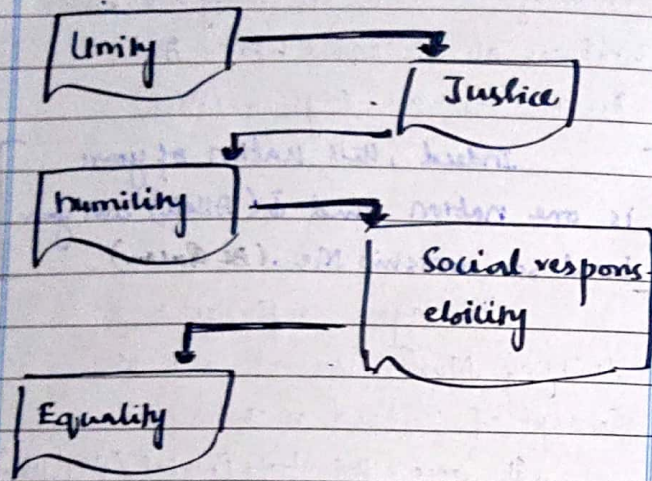
At one, the Holy Prophet (ﷺ) said:

A believer to another believer is a like building whose different parts support each other.

(Sahih - Bukhari)

Tauheed favours Muslims to treat one another with empathy and solidarity irrespective of social prejudices.

4-1 Impacts of Tauheed on society:



These are the parameters of society influenced and promoted through the belief on the doctrine of Tauheed.

4-1 1- Unity and Brotherhood in the society by Tauheed:

The doctrine of Tauheed shapes the moral, social and spiritual values of a community of Muslims. To build the sense of harmony and justice - Tauheed played a vital role since beginning. As the Allah Almighty in His divine words says in the Holy Quran:

Hold fast, all of you together to the Rope of Allah and do not divide -

(Al Imran - 3:103)

4-2 2- Justice and fairness in the society by Tauheed

Tauheed teaches the believers that alone ALLAH is the Judge (Al Qadi) and the only one who can do justice and fairness (Al Adl). Similarly people in the society are supposed to follow the teachings.

As He commands in the Holy Quran

[ALLAH Commands Justice, the doing
of good and liberality to Kith and
Kin -]

(Al-Quran) 16:90

Imam Ghazali emphasized that
Tawheed brings about the inner peace
and social stability. Hence it proves
that Tawheed had a profound impact
of the society as whole.

4-3 3- Mutual/Social responsibility and Compassion :

The Tawheed is the outcome of the
interconnectedness among the believers,
creating sense of mutual or social responsibility
encouraging Muslims to care for each other
and supports the well being of society.

As the Holy Prophet (ﷺ) said:

[The believers, in their mutual kindness
Compassion and sympathy are just like one body,
when one of its limbs suffers, the whole body]

[responds to it with wakefulness
and fever.
(Salih-Muslim)]

5- Conclusion:

Tawheed creates a foundation for
a society based on justice, equality
and social responsibility. It aligns the
individual and societal values with divine
guidance, fostering unity and
Compassion.