

Question: 02

Define Tauheed: what is its impact on individual life and the society? Elaborate.

"And the changing of days into nights, and the running of ships in walt the sea, which become a source of earning for people; and the coming of water from clouds which gives life to a dead earth. There are signs for those who think and question believe."

Surah Baqarah verse 164 (Context)

① Introduction:

Islam is a complete code of life. It is simple to follow due to its practicality. The concept of Tauheed or belief on one God is the first and essential criteria to be called a muslim. Preaching of the belief on one God was had started from Hazrat Adam (A.S.) and it ended with the last Prophet (PBUH). However, every prophet Pye and messenger preached the oneness of Allah, their teachings were limited to a certain region and for a certain time. While, the teachings of Prophet PBUH are all encompassing and will guide the Ummah until the day of judgment. Tauheed has certain impacts on the individuals and society.

Individuals become pious and fulfil the rights of people and the rights of Almighty Allah. Similarly, a believer of Tawkeed society, becomes a role model for every other society, and, hence, attract people to enjoin into the fold of Islam.

② Definition of Tawkeed:

(لَا إِلَهَ إِلَّا اللَّهُ)

"There is no deity but God."

Belief on the oneness of Allah that Allah is the supreme authority. He is the giver and taker of life. He has to omnipotent and omnipresent.

This belief is not just limited to the acceptance through the words of uttered via tongue.

According to Imam Raghīb Al Isfahani, "Islam in law is of two kinds: one just submitting the will of Allah by or through verbal means. the second is following the rules of Allah through acts."

Hence, as per the above definition, belief on the Oneness of Allah is a comprehensive concept. One will have to prove through one's deeds and actions that Allah is the supreme power. Following his commandments would ensure success in both the worlds.

3) Impact of Tauheed on Individual and Society:

The idea of tauheed and a belief on this idea brings significant changes in the lives of individuals which translates and permeates into the impacts on a whole society.

a) Impacts of Tauheed on Individual Life:

i) It Abolishes narrow mindedness:

A believer on the oneness of Allah is broader in his thinking and outlook. He never restricts himself to one particular thinking and clan. This is because, he believes that Allah is the maker and breaker of everything. If he wills, he can do anything and if he doesn't want something to happen, it won't happen.

As Allah says in Surah verse 2

"We have created life and death to test that who is best among you."

This belief that Allah will have sent us for an examination, broadens individual thinking.

ii) It gives self-respect and esteem:

A believer on the oneness of Allah never

gets fearful of what may come. He only believe on Allah, until and unless, he breaks Allah's orders, orders of the mighty humans never make him fearful and follower of their satanic purposes.

Moreover, a believer on the oneness of Allah, believes that success and failure is in the hands of Allah. Thus, he never spreads his hand in-front of other humans. His only source place of asking is the Almighty. Resultantly, this keeps his eyes up and ensures his self-respect and self-esteem.

iii) It offers Hope :-

A believer never gets despair. He knows that worldly life is a life place of examination. Hence, he is always hopeful even in a desperate situation. He always asks help from Allah and perfo. gives his 100pc. Because, he believes that results are in the hands of Allah.

He follows these words of Allah
"And there is always ease after hardship." (Al-Quran)

iv) It takes away Envy and Jealousy.

A believer believes that Allah is the sole provider of everything. Hence, he never gets envious and jealous of others' success. He asks Allah that he should also be granted the bounties which other humans have been granted by Allah.

b) Impacts of Tauheed on Society

When believers replicate the orders of Allah in their life. This leads to a welfare society. The impacts of belief on Tauheed are given below.

i) Rights of Unity and Brotherhood:

A believer believes that Allah is the runner of the whole universe. Moreover, he has created his servants to test them. Their And, result of that examination would be declared on the day of Judgment. Hence, he performs good deeds by following the Sunnah of prophet PBUH. He never do injustice and always strives to help people in difficulty. Because, he knows that Allah would give him reward.

ii) Social Justice and Accountability:

"Stick firmly to the orders of Allah and never let the hatred of any person make you do injustice."

(Surah Al-Maidah verse 08)

A believer believes on the day of judgment and the concept of punishment and reward. Hence, he follows the injunctions of Allah in every social matter, even if he had to support his give verdict in the support of his enemy.

(ii) Rights of Relatives and Neighbours:

"Everyone of you will be asked of your role. A man head of the state will be asked of his people. A man will be asked of his family. A woman will be asked of her duties. A shepherd will be asked of her herd."

(Muslim and Bukhari)

Based on above Hadith, a believer follows those words of the best prophet of Allah. He knows the significance and accountability of one fails to fulfill the rights of his relatives and neighbour.

A believer takes care of his mother, wife, sons and daughters and brothers, among others. He also takes care of his neighbours. And helps them in their difficulty. And, counsel them in complex matters.

(4) Conclusion:

Belief on Tawheed is the true purpose of one's life on this earth. Allah has created everything for a purpose. Similarly, Allah has offered us a manule to follow, in the form of Quran and His sayings and doings of prophet PBUH. Hence, a believer on the oneness of Allah, endeavours to follow those commandments in every sphere of his life. Thus, it is transformed into a model society, a welfare society that pleases Allah and inspires other people.