

Examine the relevance of Tawheed in shaping Muslim identity, global unity and resistance against modern ideological challenges.

1) Introduction:-

Tawheed is the central concept of Islamic belief system. It not only constitutes a closed system of believing in Oneness of Allah Almighty, it also serves as the ideological basis that shapes unique Muslim identity and offers a bedrock for global unity. In the face of modern ideological challenges like secularism, race for material wealth and nihilism, Tawheed provides individuals and societies with a sense of unity, collectivity, a balanced life and a will to struggle with perseverance.

2) Concept of Tauheed:-

The concept of Tauheed has its roots in the arabic word 'whd' meaning one or unique. In Islam's context, Tauheed means the belief in the Oneness of Allah SWT.

(Al-IKhlās: 1) قل هو الله هو واحد

Say, He is Allah, [who is] One.

(Al-Quran) ليس كمثله شيء

Nothing is like Him.

3) Relevance of Tauheed in Shaping Muslim Identity:-

Tauheed confers a unique identity to all those who believe in the Oneness of Allah.

a) Binds Muslims in Brotherhood

The very belief in the Oneness of Allah binds all the believers into a unique sense of

brotherhood. No matter how divided the believers are with respect to location, caste, color or creed, they still form one brotherhood.

اِنَّا الْمَوْمِنُونَ اِخْوَةٌ فَاصْلَحُوا بَيْنَ اِخْوَتِكُمْ
(Al-Hijraat, Al Quran)

The believers are but brothers, so make settlement between your ~~two~~ brothers.

b) Creates A Unique Identity That Cuts Across All Kinds of Divisions

Tauheed confers a unique identity to all believers. By virtue of this identity all other forms of divisions are diminished. Allama Iqbal defines this unique identity in the following words:-

ہے ایک ہی صف میں کھڑے ہو گئے مجھ و اہل
نہ کوئی بندہ راج، نہ کوئی بندہ نواز

4) Relevance of Tauheed in Creating Global Unity :-

With regards to global unity, Tauheed offers a bedrock for uniting entire Muslim Ummah

a) Creates a Shared Existence

By virtue of the concept of Tauheed, Muslims enter a state of existence where all of their gains, losses, sorrows and joys are collective and shared.

In a hadith, Prophet Muhammad (PBUH) says:- "Believers in their mutual love, mercy and compassion are like a single body; and if one limb aches, the whole body suffers with sleeplessness and fever."

b) Provide protection against all forms of divides:

Anyone who believes in Tauheed

is granted a place in brotherhood where there is no place for corruption and divides.

واعتصموا بحبل الله جميعا ولا تفرقوا (3:103)

Cling firmly by means of Allah's rope and do not be divided.

c) Creates unity based on principles of compassion

Belief in Oneness of Allah

SWT renders a sense of compassion in the believers which ultimately

creates a sense of goodwill and unity. Highlighting this principle, Prophet

Muhammad (PBUH) says: "One the

Last Day, Allah will ask: Where are

those people who loved each other for

the sake of my glory? . He will

then shade all such people under

His shade."

5) Tauheed as Resistance to Modern Challenges :-

In the face of modern ideological challenges, Tauheed acts as a grounding force. It prevents ill-suspicion and stick to basic tenets of Islam without losing hope or being corrupted.

a) Resists Secular Ideologies :-

In the west, the importance of religion has been reduced to Sunday Service. Clinging firmly to the ideology of Tauheed, however, is a perfect solution to avoid this problem in Islam.

b) Avoid Conspiracy Theories.

Tauheed offers a shield against the conspiracy theories that the west has been proposing for long to break

Hadess - e - Nabvi :-

"Avoid much suspicion,
for some suspicions are sins".

c) Helps Mount A Collective
Muslim Response to Modern
Challenges

The Muslim that is created
under the concept of Tauheed is
then able to mount a collective
response to the ideological challenges
of the modern world.

سے ایک ہوں مسلم حر م کی پاسبانی ہے لڑے
نیل آہ ساحل سے لے کر تاجخا آہ کاشغر

Conclusion :-

Tauheed is a powerful
ideology which not only transforms
life of individuals, it also creates
a strong sense of unity within
Muslim Ummah which helps it fight the
ideological challenges of the modern world.