

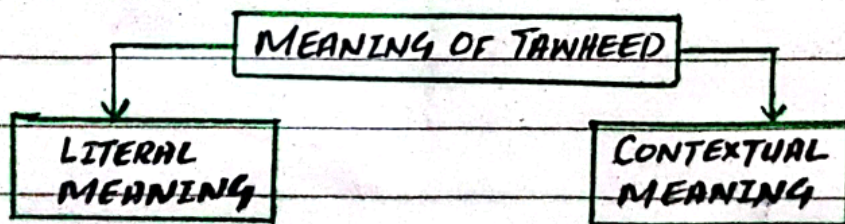
ISLAMIC STUDIES

QUESTION:

TAWHEED is the cornerstone of Islamic faith. Describe the concept of Tawheed along with its types and explain how it impacts individual and a society at large?

INTRODUCTION:

Islam is fundamentally built upon the beliefs in the "Oneness of Allah" known as TAWHEED. It serves as the foundation of Islamic faith and defines the relationship between Allah and His creation. Tawheed is not merely a theological concept; it encompasses every aspect of a Muslim's life and shapes the moral, spiritual and social fabric of society.

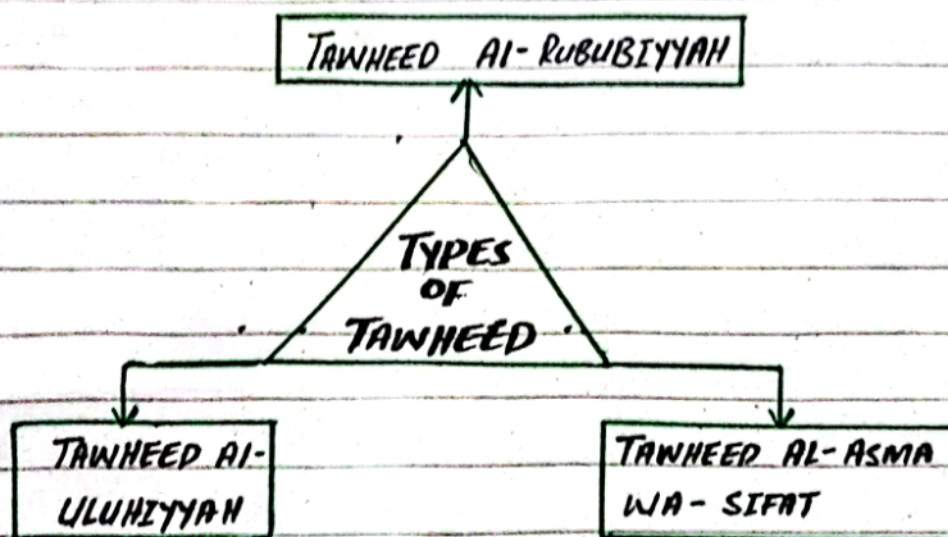


LITERAL MEANING

The word Tawheed is derived from the Arabic root word WAHHADAH, which means To Make One or To Unify.

CONTEXTUAL MEANING

Contextually, Tawheed refers to the belief in the absolute Oneness of Allah, in His Lordship, worship and attributes. This central doctrine establishes that a'Allah alone is the Creator, Sustainer and sovereign, and he has no partner or equal can be associated with Him.



1: TAWHEED AL-RUBUBIYYAH

ONENESS OF LORDSHIP.

Tawheed At Rububiyyah or the Oneness of Lordship is that aspect of Tawheed which affirms that Allah alone is the Creator, Sustainer and controller of the universe. He has no partner in His actions.

AL-QURAN

"Say, who is the Lord of Heavens and Earth, say Allah"

HADITH**SAHIH BUKHARI**

None has the right to be worshiped except Allah, and He has no partners

2:

**TAWHEED AL-LIWAHIYYAH:
ONENESS OF WORSHIP**

This type emphasizes that Allah alone is deserving of worship, devotion and obedience. It negates any *(Shirk)* (associating partners with Allah)

AL-QURAN

And I (ALLAH) did not create the Jinn and Mankind except to worship Me

HADITH**SAHIH BUKHARI**

Prophet PBUH said:

Invoke Allah alone and associate none with Him

3:

**TAWHEED AL-ASMA
WA-SIFAT**

This aspect affirms that Allah's names and attributes are unique and unparalleled, and no creation shares His qualities.

AL-QURAN

There is nothing like unto Him,
and He is the Hearing and seeing.

HADITH

SAHIH BUKHARI

Allah has 99 names, whoever, memorize
and understand them will enter
Paradise

**IMPACTS OF TAWHEED
ON INDIVIDUAL**

→ **SPRITUAL GROWTH AND
CONNECTION WITH ALLAH**

→ **SENSE OF ACCOUNTABILITY**

→ **INNER PEACE AND RELIANCE
ON ALLAH**

1 SPIRITUAL GROWTH AND CONNECTION WITH ALLAH:

Believe in Tawheed nurtive
a strong and direct relationship with
Allah. It frees individuals from reliance
on intermediaries, promoting a pure
and sincere connection.

AL-QURAN

And when My servants ask you concerning Me, indeed I am near.

2: SENSE OF ACCOUNTABILITY

Tawheed instills a deep sense of accountability, as believers are aware that Allah observes their actions and intentions.

AL-QURAN

Indeed, Allah is ever, over you, an observer.

3: INNER PEACE AND RELIANCE ON ALLAH!

Reliance on Allah alone leads to tranquility and freedom from fear of worldly challenges. Beliefs in Tawheed strengthen Muslim trust in Allah, and acts according to the will of Allah, thus experiencing inner peace and love.

AL-QURAN

Whoever relies upon Allah - then He is sufficient for him.

TAWHEED'S IMPACTS ON SOCIETY

1: → UNITY AND BROTHERHOOD

2: → JUSTICE AND EQUALITY

3: → MORAL UPRIGHTNESS

1: TAWHEED PROMOTES UNITY AND BROTHERHOOD:

Tawheed eradicates divisions based on race, caste, wealth or color, fostering unity among believers. Islam is a religion of humanity and discourage all types of discriminations, thus promoting unity.

AL-QURAN

Indeed, the believers are but brothers.

2: TAWHEED PROMOTES JUSTICE AND EQUALITY:

Recognizing Allah's sovereignty promotes fairness and equality, as all humans are accountable to the same creator. Justice and equality is foundational principle of Islam upon which the whole Islamic justice system is established.

AL-QURAN

Indeed Allah commands you to render trust to whom they are due and when you judge between people judge with justice.

3: MORAL UPRIGHTNESS:

Tawheed encourages ethical behavior, as individuals seek Allah's pleasure rather than worldly gain.

AL-QURAN

And establish prayer and give Zakat and bow with those who bow (in worship and obedience).

SHUNNING SHIRK:

Tawheed is the anti-thesis of shirk (associating partners with Allah), which is considered the gravest sin in Islam.

AL-QURAN

Indeed, Allah does not forgive association with Him, but He forgives what is less than that for whom He wills.

CONCLUSION:

Tawheed is not merely a belief but a comprehensive way of life that influences an individual's thoughts, actions, and relationships. By affirming the Oneness of Allah, Muslims develop a profound sense of purpose and direction. On a society level, Tawheed fosters unity, justice and moral integrity, being the foundation for a harmonious and balanced community.