

Q1 Define Tauheed is the bedrock of Islam. What are its significance and impact on individual life and society? Elaborate.

A. Introduction

"Tauheed" refers to the concept of 'monotheism' in Islam. It is the first and foremost pillar of Islam and its literal meaning is 'oneness of God'. There are three different types of Tauheed in Islam that are significant for Muslims to practice, as this concept provides the basis of faith. Tauheed's impact on social and individual life comprise of spiritual elevation, self-respect and upriser the status of self-esteem. It also plays a role in societal values by making humans follow the teachings of the one and only Allah.

B. Tauheed In Islam

Tauheed is the concept of oneness of Allah, and believing that none is worthy of worships in this life. There are three types of Tauheed :-

1. Tauheed in Existence :

Allah in the Quran says:

قل هو الله احد . الله صمد لم يلد ولم يولد . ولم يكن له كفوا احد .

"Say Allah the one , Allah is eternal and absolute . No one was born of him , nor was he born and there is none like him"

- Surah ikhlaas

2. Tauheed in Attributes

Allah's attributes are unique and no one else has those attributes . Only Allah deserves the best of names in this mankind .

"To Allah belong the best of names , so invoke him by them"

- Al - Quran

3. Tauheed in Action

Allah is the creator of this universe and nobody is capable of what He is capable .

"There is no diety except him , the ever living , the sustainer of worlds"

- Al - Quran

C. Tauheed's impact on Individual life

1. Inculcates Self Respect

Self respect of a human is heightened as the creator of the whole universe has brought him into this world and blessed him. Allah in the Quran says:

"And we have honoured the children of Adam, carried them on land and sea, provided them with good things and greatly favoured them over the men of those we created"

- Al Quran

2. Provides Purpose of an individual's life:

Allah in the Quran tells humans that their purpose in this life is to worship him and fulfilling this purpose greatly elevates a muslim

"I did not create jinns and humans except for the sole purpose that they should worship me"

- Al Quran

3. Success and Reward Promised:

The one and only entity has promised rewards for his believers

"Those who believe, will have their reward with, they have nothing to fear, nor will they grieve"

- Al-Quran

4. Teaches Humility and Modesty

An individual practices humility when he knows that Allah is watching me and only he is capable of ego and greatness. Allah in the Quran says:

"Pride is my cloak and greatness my robe, and whoever competes with me, I shall throw him into hell"

- Al-Quran

D. Tauheed's Impact on Social Life

1. Inculcates Patience in Society

Allah provides assurance to believers that He is with the believers who are patient. Patience in society paves the way for tolerance for fellow beings in society.

"Allah is with those who are patient"

- Al-Quran

2. Instills fear and Accountability in Society

When believers believe that an entity, that is Allah, is watching my actions and has the authority to punish me for my deeds, they become more self-aware and hold themselves accountable.

"Whoever commits an atom's weight of good deed will see it, and whoever commits an atom's weight of evil deed will see it"

- Al-Quran

3. Provides Wisdom and Guidance to Society

Allah's existence and His book of Islam provides the most upright teachings, these teachings are revealed by the one and only. Allah in the Quran says:

"And Allah has revealed to you, the book and his wisdom, and He has taught you what you did not know, and Allah's grace on you is very great

- Al-Quran

(Surah - An-Nisa)

4. Peace Prevails in Society

When society remembers Allah and worships, their hearts find comfort and they are less likely to indulge in fights.

"Surely, in the remembrance of Allah,
do hearts find peace"

-AlQuran

E. Conclusion

Tauheed provides the basis for religion of Islam, it is basically what makes a muslim practice the oneness of Allah and live on the straight path of Islam. The practice of Tauheed elevates the spiritual being of a human and also provides the self respect. A believer believes that Allah, the one and only, the creator of this universe, has sent me in this world to worship him. Moreover, it also has great impacts in society. When muslim brothers practice tauheed, it results in greater accountability and peace prevails. Therefore, tauheed is the bedrock of Islam and foremost priority of muslims when it comes to their faith.

Q2 Describe the characteristics of Military Strategist in the light of Sirah of Muhammad with arguments

A. Introduction

Holy Prophet's role as a military strategist comes from the practice of 'Jihad', that is to fight in the will of Allah and His word. Holy Prophet proved to be great military strategist and he taught Muslims the ethics and manners of war. He also allowed espionage and intelligence activities to Muslims. Moreover, he also sought guidance from his companions and promoted meritocracy in his military team. He had proved to be a great example for the whole of mankind in all his aspects of life including a military strategist during Jihad. Holy Prophet's character is also discussed in Quran, Allah in the Quran says:

"Indeed, there is a great model for in the messenger of Allah"

- Al-Quran

B. Characteristics of Holy Prophet as a Military Strategist

1. Taught Manners Of War :

Holy Prophet taught believers ethics and Manners of war. He said to his believers :

"Donot kill women , children , or an infirm person . Do not destroy trees bearing fruits or an inhabited place"

-Hadith

2. Sseeked Suggestions from his companions

Holy Prophet used to seek guidance and suggestions from his companions during battles . Holy Prophet asked questions like :

Battle of Badr Do we fight the enemy or not?

Battle of Uhud Do we fight inside of Madina or outside ?

Battle of Khandaq How do we fight the enemy?

3. Espionage and Intelligence Activities "

Holy Prophet promoted intelligence and spying activities and showed that such trickery is valid in Jihad .

◆ During battle of Khandaq , Holy Prophet sent some companions to spy on the enemy that triggered fights among the enemy and muslims gained victory over them ◆

4. Practiced Secrecy During War

Holy Prophet also practiced secrecy during wars and He did not ~~not~~ tell everyone of his next moves.

5. Staunch Believer of Meritocracy

Holy prophet was also a believer of meritocracy and used to reward companions and team members according to their skills

♦ Holy Prophet ~~used~~ promoted

Zaid Bin Habis, even he was a new convert, but due to

his military capabilities and skills,

Holy Prophet promoted him over old inverts ♦

6. Appreciation of Companions

Holy Prophet also used to praise his companions for their skills during a fight.

♦ Holy Prophet appreciated Saad

Bin abi for his archery skills ♦

- Seerat of Prophet

Muhammad (Mowlana

Shibli Namanî).

7. Encouraged Preparation of War:

Holy Prophet ~~used~~ used to encourage companions to prepare for war before hand and gather everything.

❖ "Prepare with whatever force you can"
-Hadith

8. Adapted Practices of Non muslims

Holy Prophet also adapted the practices of non muslims during a fight

- ❖ Holy Prophet adapted the practice of using catapult from non muslims during a fight

9. Usage of Trickery permitted as Shown by Holy Prophet

Holy prophet's practices showed that trickery is valid in Islam.

- ❖ Holy Prophet himself acted as a spy before battle of Badr

C. Conclusion

Holy Prophet's character was an example for the whole of mankind to follow. He showed muslims on how to practice religion and taught them the teachings of Holy Quran. He interpreted and made teachings of Islam easier by behaving and showing muslims. He proved to be a great example and teacher during Jihad. As a military strategist, he showed that true wight is with the believers of Allah. Even though, he was the most precious messenger of Allah, he

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practiced tolerance with his opponent. He taught muslims many things from manners to encouraging them for preparation. Therefore, Holy Prophet's character is the best example for whole of mankind.