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ISLAMIC #02:

Topic : Salat / Prayer

Question:

Define the meaning of prayer and its different categories! Also describe the spiritual, moral and social impact of prayer.

ANSWER:

1. Introduction:

Salat, prayer is the second pillar of Islam. The religion is incomplete without Salat. Thus, it is of immense importance in Islam and in the life of a believer. There are mainly four categories of prayer, the 'fard' is the obligatory one and the believer will be questioned or held accountable on the day of judgement. Prayer has far-reaching impacts on the life of an individual and the surroundings, in the form of discipline and unity. Thus, prayer is enjoined upon believers at all times.

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Prayer and its

Holy Prophet (P.B.U.H) was given the command of prayer on his journey to Mairaj.

Hadiyya :

“Prayer is the Mairaj
of a believer”.

Prayer is to submit oneself, bow down to Allah (s.w.t) and remember humans are servants of Allah (s.w.t).

a. The importance of Prayer in the light of Quran:

Allah (s.w.t) repeatedly commands in the Holy Quran 'to pray'. As per scholars, the order to pray is mentioned 82 times in the Holy Quran.

وَأَعْيُّهُمُوا أَلْقَاهُمْ وَأَتَوْلَزُ كُوَّةٍ

(2: 43)

وَأَرْكَعْتُهُمْ بِالْعَيْنِ

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"And be steadfast in your prayer and pay regular charity, and bow down with those who bow down".

Surah Baqarah
(2:43).

Prayer is enjoined on the believers and it distinguishes a believer from a non-believer (Kafir).

b) Importance of Prayer - In the Light of Hadith:

Holy Prophet (P.B.U.H) mentioned, the Muslims will be accountable for their actions but the first question on the 'Day of Judgement' will be regarding prayers.

Holy Prophet (P.B.U.H) said,

"He who deliberately neglects his obligatory prayers, Allah (S.W.T) is absolved of him"

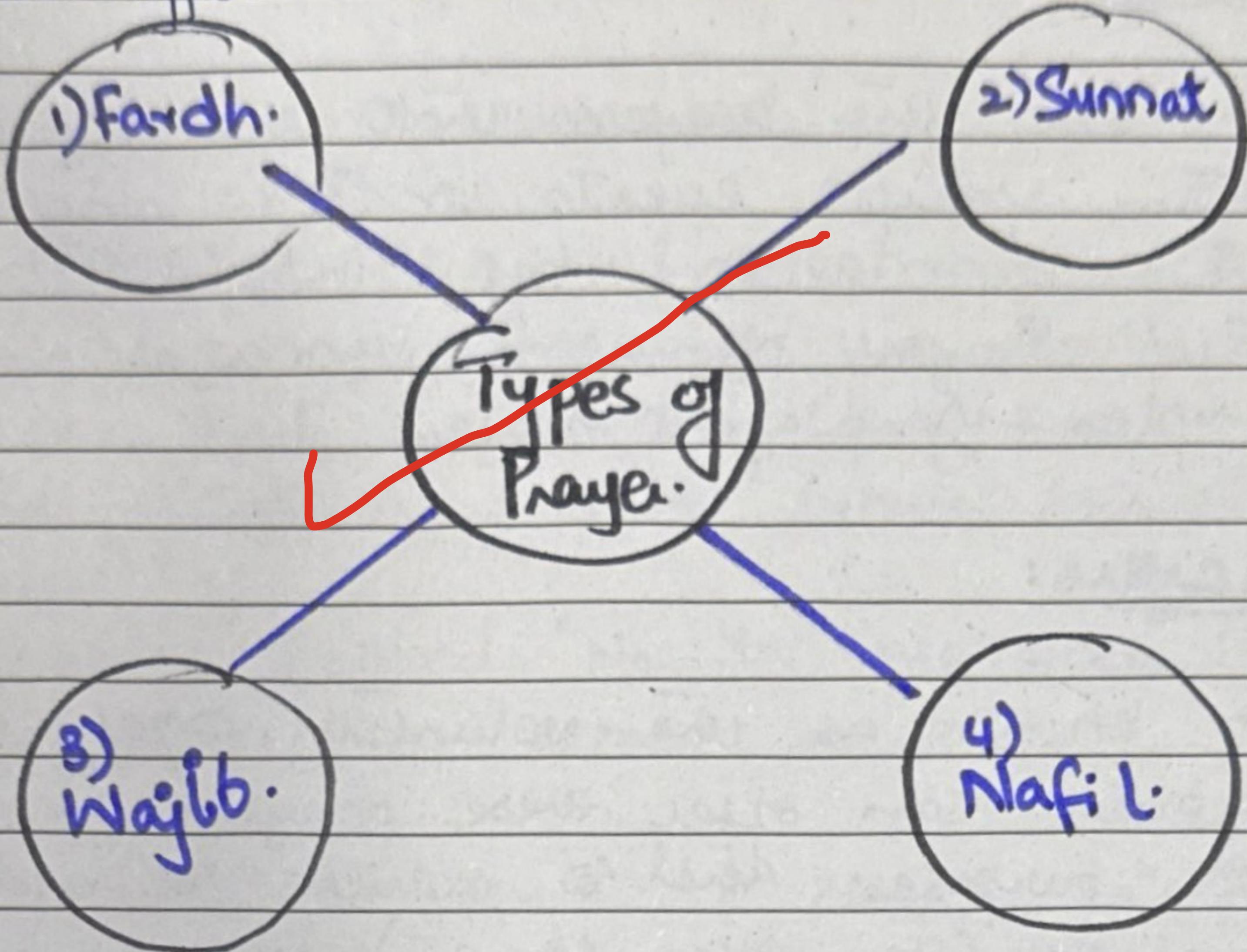
- (Salih Buthani)

These sayings reflect the importance of prayer.

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ii) Categories of Prayer:-

Prayer is further divided into mainly four types.



a. Fardh:-

Fardh prayers are also known as obligatory prayers. In Islam, there are five Fardh prayers. Namely, Fajr, Zuhar, Asr, Maghrib, Isha.

b. Sunnat:-

Sunnat Prayers are those offered by Holy Prophet (P.B.U.H). They are rakats that are advised if the believers offer to get

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greater rewards and will be compensated on the day of judgement.

c- Wajib Prayers:

These are the prayers that are offered at certain specific events or times and they are commanded by Allah (S.W.T). Thus, Eid -Prayers, Namaz-e-Jannah are few examples of wajib prayer.

d- Nafl Prayers:

Also known as the voluntary prayers. The believers can offer these prayers for different purposes and to achieve rewards and closeness to Allah (S.W.T). Such as, Nafl-e-Shukrana, Nafl-e-Hajaat.

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Impacts of Prayer:-

a- Spiritual Impacts of Prayer:

Purification of Body and Soul:

The Arabic term used is Taharat for purification. In Islam, before offering prayers an individual is supposed to clean

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himself, thus that is known as ablution or wudu. According to Islam, there are five prayers, thus a person cleans himself/herself five times. This purifies his body and prayer washes away sins. Thus, purifies soul.

Abu Hurrairah Narrated,

Holy Prophet (P.B.U.H) asked Sahabas, "If there was river flowing at the door of a person and he bathes five times in it, do you think any dirt would remain on him?"

Sahabas Replied, 'No, Ya Rasool Allah, No dirt would be there'.

one reference is enough for a single argument.

Holy Prophet (P.B.U.H): 'A person who offers five times a day Allah (S.W.T) washes away all the sins'.

b. Psychological and Mental Peace:

Prayer is a source of psychological and mental peace. It removes anxiety and fear and puts in the heart of believer that Allah (S.W.T) is the Creator and thus, we should worship Allah (S.W.T) only.

In Surah Isha'at, Allah (S.W.T) mentions, to establish prayer as it is a source of Allah's remembrance." and a believer finds peace in the remembrance of Allah.

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c- Brings Closer to Allah (s.w.t):

In Sajda, a believer is the closest to Allah (s.w.t). Thus, in Prayer, a person bows and goes to Sugoodliness, the believer is the most near to his Rab.

- وَ اشْتَرِ وَ أَقْتَرْ

(Surah Alaq).

"And Bow and draw near (to Allah)".

d- Makes a person Patient .

Repeatedly, Allah (s.w.t) has mentioned in the Quran, to establish prayer and seek patience. Thus, Allah loves and is with the patient. The prayer becomes the source of patience.

- وَ اسْتَعِي وَ اصْبِرْ

"And seek help through patience

and Salat"

-(2: 45) - Surah Baqarah.

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e) Fear of God:

Prayer makes a believer conscious and puts the fear of God in his/her heart. Thus, the sense of Duty is developed in the believer and the believer is only dependent on Allah (S.W.T).

ii) Moral Impacts:

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a) Punctuality:

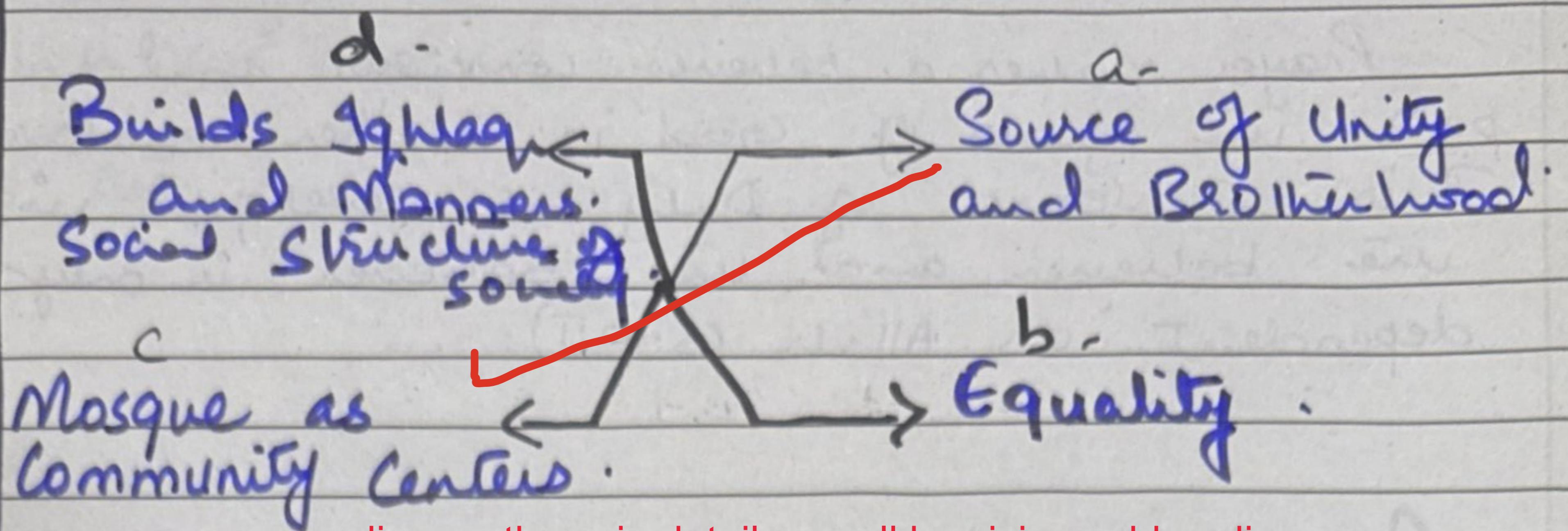
Prayer is enjoined on the believers at stated times. Thus, the believer is commanded to offer accordingly on these times. This builds punctuality and discipline.

b) Humility:

The prayer makes a person humble and down-to-earth. All the ego and arrogance is taken away as the believer surrenders and bows down in front of Allah (S.W.T). Knowing all the blessings are from Allah (S.W.T).

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iii) Social Impacts



discuss these in detail as well by giving subheadings.

iv) Conclusion

The Second pillar of Islam, and it is of immense importance in a believers life. It builds character and evolves the personal and collective life of an individual. Thus, forming a peaceful and disciplined community.

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Topic - Tauheed.

QUESTION :

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

Answer:

i)

Introduction

Tauheed, is the foundation and the base on which Islam is built. It is the first article of faith and there is no forgiveness for the violation of Tauheed. It is to believe, have firm faith that there is no God but Allah. There are mainly three kinds of Tauheed and it has the impact on an individual's life and the social life of a person. Thus, even from the day Islam came into existence the importance of Tauheed has not changed and remains intact.

شَهَادَةُ اللَّهِ أَنْ لَا إِلَهَ إِلَّا اللَّهُ

"There is no God, but Allah (s.w.t)."

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Tauheed:-

No human can enter the fold of Islam without having firm believe and faith in Tauheed.

Tauheed → Oneness of Allah (s.w.t).

Tauheed inculcates oneness of Almighty Allah (s.w.t).

قلْ هُوَ اللّٰهُ أَحَدٌ

"There is no God, but Allah (s.w.t)

- Surah Ikhlas
(1).

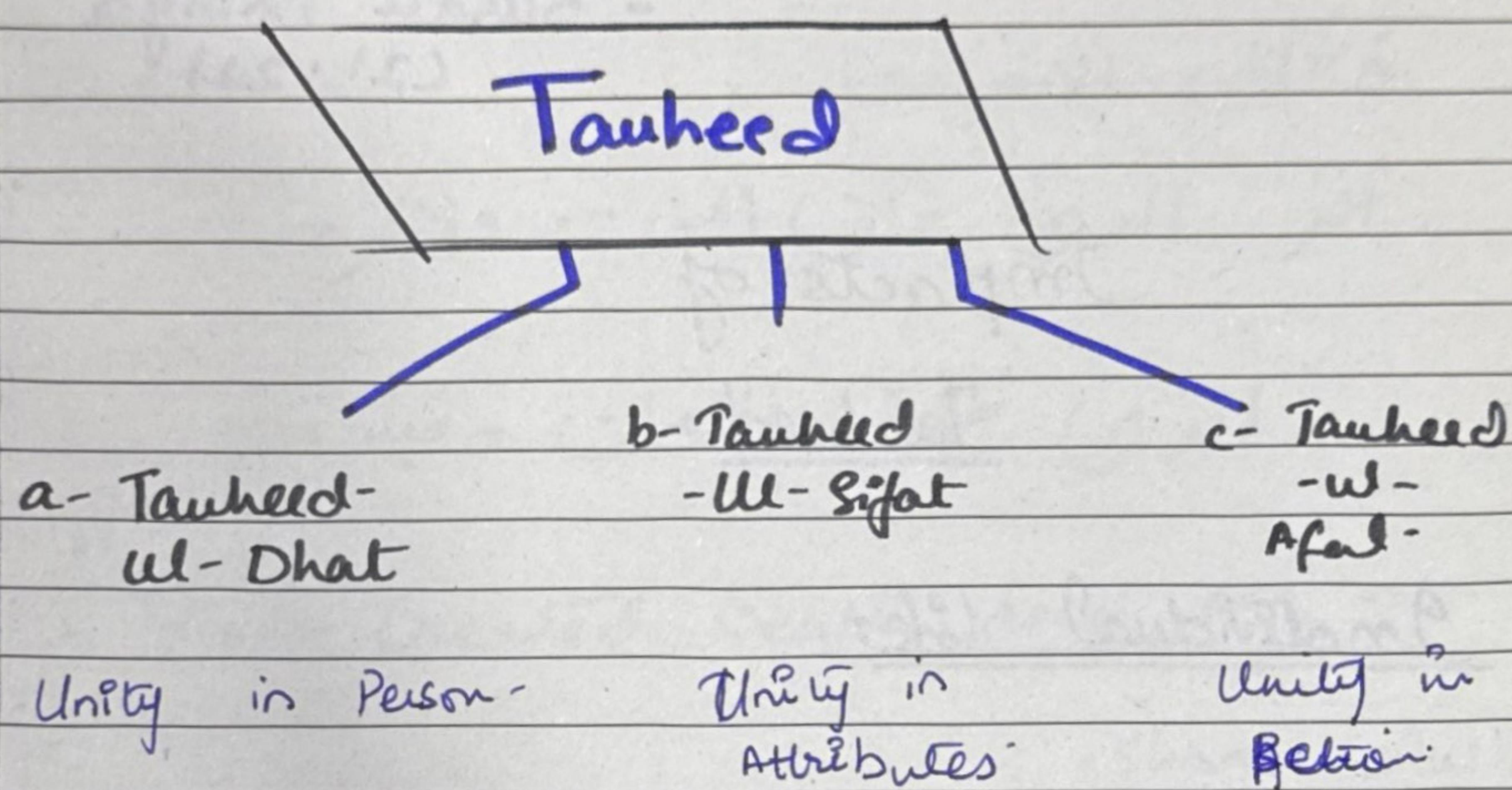
The ideology inculcates, there is none worthy of worship except Allah (s.w.t). According to Islam, The World and entire being is divided into two categories. 'God' and 'Non-God'. God is the Creator, the Sustainer and Unique. Infinite being is the 'God'. Thus, Non-God cannot comprehend the Being as they would

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always be in awe as we finite cannot comprehend infinite.

Tauheed is further divided into three types.

a- Types of Tauheed:-



Thus, collectively all three encloses the divine concept of Tauheed. There is none like Allah (S.W.T). He is the Only sustainer, (creator, the 99 names of Allah (S.W.T) belong to him only and thus, one has to worship him.

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لَوْ كَانَتْ مُلْكُ السَّمَاوَاتِ وَالْأَرْضِ
لَكُلَّمَا أَنْتَ مُعَذِّبٌ

“

Had there been in them (Heaven and Earth) any deities except Allah, they both certainly would have ruined”

- Surah Anbiya
(21:22).

3- Impacts of
Tauheed :-

a- Individual Life:

i) Only reliant on Allah (s.w.t):

A person who is believer of Tauheed, is only going to have faith in Allah (s.w.t). Will know all the hardships and ease are from Allah (s.w.t) alone and seek help and worship only Allah (s.w.t) without placing any associates with him.

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b) Will know worldly life is temporary:

The believer would be aware that worldly life is the test for hereafter and in order gain the blessings and rewards of both the worlds, he has to acknowledge the true Creator and Sustainer that is Allah (S.w.T) and believe in him alone in the times of hardships and ease.

الَّذِي خَلَقَ الْحَوْتَ وَالْجِنِّيَّةَ -

“Allah Created Death and Life”

- Surah Mu'âd.

c) Self-Respect and Dignity:

When the individual is aware that Allah (S.W.T) is the Supreme Lord and all the human beings, Jinns and everything else is created to worship and serve him. Thus, it gives the self-respect to the individuals that they have to ask and worship

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Allah alone · Who is Master of Both the Worlds · They submit themselves to Allah (S.W.T)

"My everything, my sacrifice, my dying, my living", all my actions are for Allah alone".

- Al - Quran .

d) Jawakul (Strengthening of Eman):

Emaan, faith of a person is strengthened. They give their case to Allah (S.W.T) regarding all the matters. Moreover, they believe everything is from Allah (S.W.T), who is Unique and there is none like unto him.

'Hadith';

'Pray as if you are seeing Allah (S.W.T), if you cannot, then surely know, He is seeing you'.

- Tirmizi .

A person starts doing good deeds and becomes steadfast in his or her good actions.

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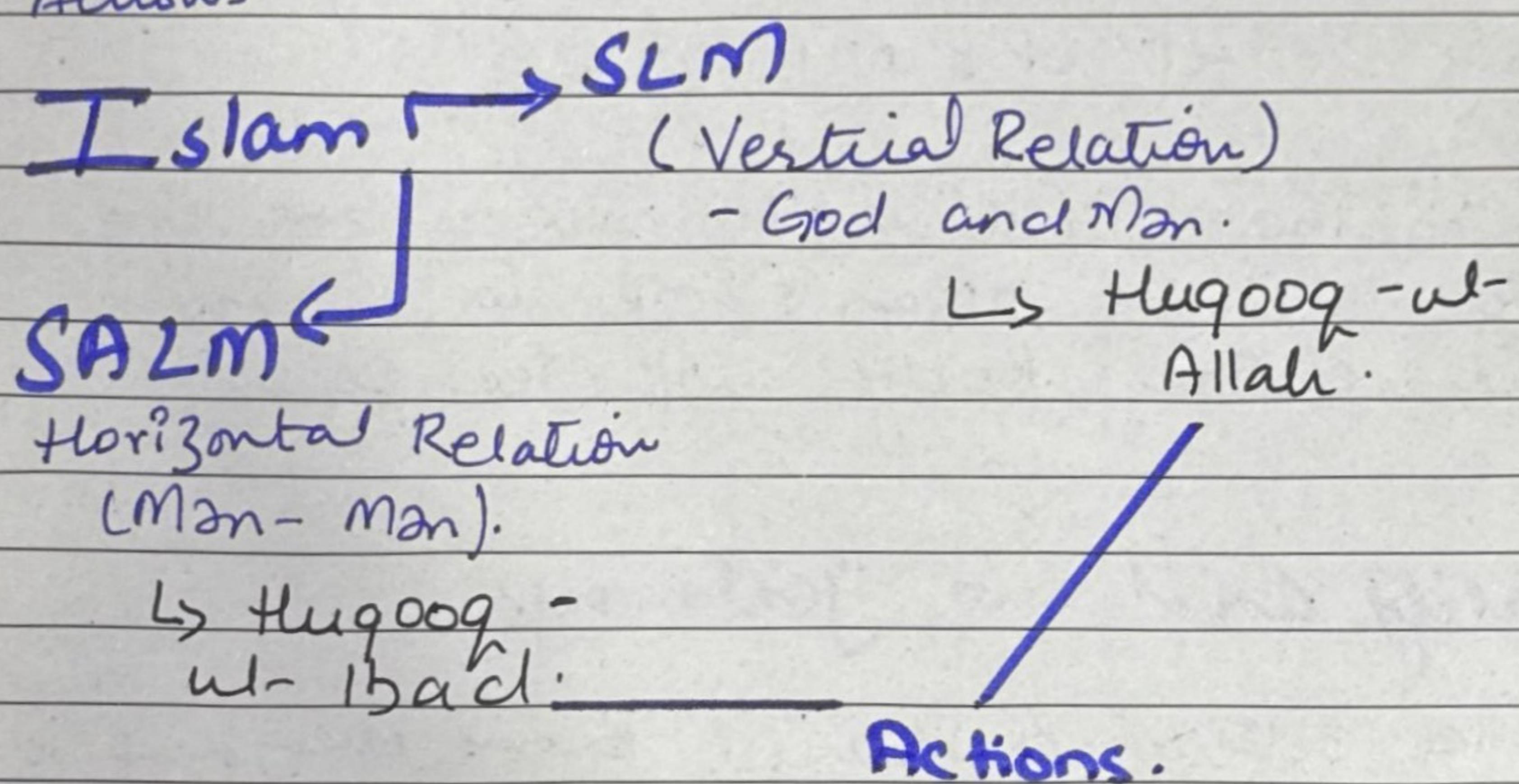
e) God-fearing and Conscientious:

Person is aware that Allah (S.W.T) is watching over him all the time and is aware of his actions. The person is accountable for his actions. Thus, this builds the quality of God-fearing and the person asks for maximum forgiveness for his sins and tries to do maximum good rewards. Stays away from major sins like 'Shirk'.

ii) Social Life:-

a) Unity and Brotherhood:

In Islam, there are two types of actions.



Muslims will act as one Ummah as they are followers of Islam and believe in

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only One Lord.

Hadith,

"Holy Prophet (P.B.U.H) said, "

The best of the people are those who are beneficial to other people"

b) Feels Pain of other humans

The Muslims believe all the creation is by Allah (S.W.T). Thus, in Islam all the muslims are brothers and sisters. It is the foremost duty of muslims to help one another.

Holy Prophet (P.B.U.H) said,

"The Muslim Ummah is like One body, if one organ/lump is hurting, the entire body will feel pain".

c) Equality and no jealousy.

The believer of Tawheed knows everything is from Allah, thus whatever is in my destiny and decree, I shall get and no one can take it away from me.

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Thus, all the believers act upon this and live with equality and without any jealousy. The way to blessings is from Allah (S.W.T). Thus, eliminates comparison.

d) live in Peace and Harmony.

In Islam, the concept of peace and harmony is reinforced multiple times. The believer of Tauheed is sure as Holy Prophet (P.B.U.H) mentioned:

"Allah (S.W.T) grants through urf (peace) what He does not grant through rifq".

Conclusion:-

Tauheed is the foundation of belief and if any believer deviates from this article of faith would be outcasted from the fold of Islam. It is the joining force of Muslim Ummah as there is no Lord but Allah (S.W.T) and everything is from Him (S.W.T).