

QUESTION NO: 02

DOCTRINE OF TAUHEED

Introduction:

لا اله الا الله

(There is no god but Allah)

Al-Quran

Tauheed considers a fundamental core of Islamic principle. Acceptance of oneness of God is the first and most important pillar of Islam. The concept of tauheed encapsulated the Islamic world-view. It is the basis of Islamic culture and civilization, knowledge, social action organization. The importance of tauheed in human life is more than other faiths, because of it, human founded the purpose of him or her life as well it ~~god~~ provide guidance about morality and ethically. It is also effects on faith, because of it humans are also feel sense of discipline in their life, they know they will accountable for action after life. Tauheed provide sense of responsibility to individual that only Allah is capable for worship. There is no one but him.

Concept of Tauheed:

The concept of Tauheed, emphasizing beliefs in one creator and sustainer of whole universe, gives human civilization a beginning and end. It gives it purpose and objective and a sense of direction. Tauheed is an integrated concept without it, an everlasting and successful civilization cannot be built.

Definition of Tauheed:

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Define Tauheed as: The affirmation of Allah's oneness in His worship and attribution with focus on understanding and practicing the correct belief as outlined in Quran and Sunnah.

Tauheed is also emphasized that Allah is only worthy and capable of all worship and praise, and only one who helps you in your difficult situation, and only one who accept your prayers.

According to Quranic Verse:

"O Mankind, worship your Lord who created you and those before you, that you may become righteous"

Al-Quran - 2:21

This verse highlights that Allah is the sole creator and sustainer of all existence, and therefore, He is alone worthy of worship and devotion.

Tauheed Can be categorized into Three Types

Tauheed categorized into three types, these categories help Muslims understand and implement the concept of Tauheed in their lives, ensuring they maintain a pure and correct understanding of Allah's oneness.

- 1) Tauheed-e-Rububiyyah
- 2) Tauheed-e-Uluhiyyah
- 3) Tauheed-e-Asma-wal-Sifat

Tauheed-e-Rububiyyah

(Oneness of Lordship): The asserts that Allah is the sole creator, sustainer and provider for all that exists in the universe. Nothing happens without His will and decree.

According to Quran:

That is Allah, your Lord, there is no deity except Him, the Creator of all things, so worship Him. And He is Disposer of all → **AL-Quran**

Tauheed-e-Ululahiyyah

(The oneness of Worship) Recognize Allah is the only one worthy of worship, affirmation. His exclusive right to be worship, and rejecting the worship of any other being or entity.

Quran Says:

It is you we worship and you we seek help.

— Surah-e-Fatiha —

Tauheed-e-Asma wa Sifat

(The oneness of His names and Attributes) Affirming Allah's unique Names and attributes, acknowledging His perfection and rejecting any anthropomorphic or defective attribute.

According to Quranic Verse:

And to Allah belong to most beautiful names, so invoke by them.

— Al-Quran —

Importance of Tauheed In Human Life:

Tauheed, the Islamic concept of God's absolute oneness is not just a theological doctrine, it has profound impact on lives of individual and shapes the fabric of Islamic society. Its importance permeates every aspect of believer's existence, shaping their world-view, actions and purpose in life. Here is some reason why Tauheed is important in your life.

Unity and harmony:

Tauheed promotes unity and harmony among people emphasizing that all humans are equal and connected through their shared belief in one God.

Purpose and direction:

Recognizing one God gives life purpose and direction guiding individuals towards a higher moral and spiritual standard.

Accountability:

Belief in one God fosters personal accountability encouraging individuals to lead a responsible and virtuous life.

Social Justice:

The concept of Tauheed promotes social justice, as all humans are equal in the eyes of God, regardless of race, wealth, or status.

Protection from Shirk:

Tauheed protects individuals from shirk (polytheism) which can lead to spiritual confusion, guilt and disconnection from God.

Morality and Ethics:

The awareness of God is the basis for Islamic morality and ethics, promoting justice, compassion and righteousness.

Key to Success:

In Islam, Tauheed is considered the key to success in this life and hereafter, as it aligns human actions and intentions with God's will.

Affects the life of faithful

Individual:

Tauheed profoundly affects the life of a faithful Muslim in numerous ways.

Guides daily life

Tauheed influence decisions, actions, and goals, ensuring alignment with God's will.

Strengthens faith

Reinforces trust and reliance on Allah, fostering a deeper connection.

Encourages self-reflection

Regularly examining actions, intentions, and thoughts to ensure alignment with tauheed.

Fosters Compassions

Embracing tauheed lead to empathy and kindness towards others.

Purposeful living:

Understanding God's oneness gives life direction, encouraging meaningful pursuit.

Inner peace

Embracing tauheed
brings contentment, serenity and tranquility

Hope and Optimism:

Trusting in
God's wisdom and mercy, faithful
Muslims face the future with positivity

Eternal perspectives

Tauheed
reminds Muslims of the transience of
life, focus on eternal rewards.

QUESTION NO: 04

PHILOSOPHY OF SOUM

"O you who believe! Fasting is prescribed for you as it was prescribed for those before you, that you may attain piety"
-Al-Quran-

Fasting, or Soum is a fundamental pillar of Islam, observed by millions of Muslims worldwide during the sacred month of Ramadan. This ancient practice is more than a transformative act of worship, self-reflection, and spiritual growth. By surrendering physical desires, Muslims seek to nourish their souls, cultivate empathy and compassion and deepen their connection with Allah. As a powerful means of spiritual rejuvenation, Soum offers a unique opportunity to personal growth, moral excellence and communal bonding.

Principle of Soum:

The philosophy of Soum is built around several key principles

Self Control and discipline: Fasting helps Muslims develop control.

over their desires, emotions and actions.

Empathy and Compassion:

Soum fosters understanding and sympathy for those in need, encouraging charity and kindness.

Devotion and worship:

Fasting is an act of worship, demonstrating obedience and love for Allah.

Spiritual growth and renewal:

Soum offers a unique opportunity for spiritual rejuvenation, self-reflection and personal growth.

Significance and purpose of Soum:

“Fasting is for me and I will reward it” - Al-Quran-

This verse emphasizes that fasting is a unique act of worship that solely for Allah's sake, and that He will reward those who observe it with sincerity and dedication.

The primary purpose of soum is to

develop a stronger connection with Allah, cultivate self-control, empathy and compassion and seek spiritual growth and renewal. Fasting is means of purifying the soul, heart and mind allowing Muslims to focus on their faith seek forgiveness and strive for moral excellence.

Effects of Soum on Social moral and spiritual way

The Soum effects on individual and society in various way, here is few category for its impacts.

Social effects:

The Soum is effecting socially or society in a various ways such as

Unity and Togetherness:

Fasting during Ramadan bring Muslim together fostering a sense of community and belonging. Muslim gather for iftar (breaking fast) and taraweeh (nightly prayers), strengthening social bonds

Empathy and Compassion:

Experiencing hunger and thirst helps Muslim understand the struggle of poor and needy encouraging charity and kindness. Zakat (charity) and Sadaqah (voluntary charity) increase during Ramadan.

Social Justice:

Saum promotes reflection on social justice, inspiring Muslims to work towards creating a more equitable society. Muslims are encouraged to help those in need and fight for justice.

Family Bonding:

Fasting and breaking fast together strengthens family ties and creates lasting memories. Families come together for iftar and suhoor (pre-dawn meal), fostering love and unity.

Community Services:

Muslims engage in community services, such as volunteering at soup kitchens and food banks, demonstrating the values of compassion and kindness.

Moral Effects:

Here is moral effect of Saum,

Self-Control and Disciplines

Fasting teaches individuals to control their desires, leading to a more disciplined and moral life. Muslims learn to resist temptation and prioritize their values.

Piety and Righteousness:

Saum encourages Muslims to develop a strong moral compass, avoiding sinful behavior and seeking forgiveness. Muslims strive to be more pious and righteous.

Gratitude and Humility

Fasting cultivates gratitude for Allah's blessing and humility in recognizing one's limitations. Muslims acknowledge their dependence on Allah.

Character Development:

Saum helps Muslims develop important virtues like patience, perseverance and honesty. Muslims become more resilient and trustworthy.

Self-Reflections

Fasting encourages Muslims to reflect their actions, seeking forgiveness and improvement. Muslims hold themselves accountable for their mistakes.

Spiritual Effects:

Devotion and Closeness to Allah

Fasting brings Muslims closer to Allah, fostering a deeper sense of connection and devotion. Muslims seek a stronger relationship with their Creator.

Spiritual Growth and Renewals

Months offer to opportunity spiritual rejuvenation, cleansing the soul and heart. Muslims renew their commitment to their faith.

Increase Mindfulness:

Fasting encourages Muslims to be more mindful of their thoughts, words and actions of their spiritual growth. Muslims become more aware of their inner selves.

Seeking forgiveness

Saum provides a chance for Muslims to reflect on their mistakes, seek forgiveness and start anew. Muslims seek mercy and pardon from Allah.

Spiritual Purification

Fasting helps Muslims purify their souls removing impurities and weaknesses. Muslim strive for spiritual perfection.