

Q102: Elucidate the doctrine of Tauheed in Islam. Describe its imp in individual and collective life.

INTRODUCTION :-

Tauheed affirms the belief that there is only one God, who possesses all the uniqueness and attributes. He is the one who created the universe. Human intellect and reason acknowledge the oneness of God, even the nature's harmony and unity serve the ~~entire~~ evidence of God's Oneness.

As stated in the Quran;

"For those with understanding there is a sign in the creation of earth and heaven, as well as in the alternating pattern of day and night."

Furthermore Tauheed has a great importance in the individual life as it direct the individual towards moral and ethical behavior. Along with individual life it has a ^{positive} ~~great~~ influence on collective life in terms of promoting brotherhood, equity and social justice in a society.

The concept of Tauheed:

Quran and Hadith are the two sources of knowledge in Islamic, that laid great emphasis on the doctrine of Tauheed. In Quran it is stated by Allah that:

"I am God and there is no other God, worship me and keep up prayers for my remembrance" (Taha).

The Islamic credo "La illaha illa Allah" indicates that there is no God but Allah.

Considering the Hadith similarly the Holy prophet stressed the significance of Tawheed. The Holy prophet (PBUH) said: "Islam is based on (the following) five (principles) to testify that Muhammad is Allah's Messenger and that none else has the right to be worshipped but Allah." (Sahih Bukhari)

Tawheed is the core principle of Islam.

There are three categories of Tawheed referred to as Tawhid al-Dhatt, Tawhid al-Sifat, Tawhid al-Afaal.

① Tawhid al-Dhatt (Unity in person)

The word unity in Quran implies that God is absolute in his person, attributes and action. In Quran it is stated.

"Had there been in them (heaven and earth) any deities except Allah, they would both have certainly been ruined."

② Tawhid al-Sifat. (Unity in Attributes)

Allah Alone possess all the attributes, he is incomparable in his lordship, sovereignty and worship. He is eternal, unique, omnipotent and omnipresent.

③ Tawhid al-Dhatt. (Unity in action)

Allah Alone has created the whole universe and no one can do what he has done.

Impact on Individual Life.

There are various ~~way~~ positive impact of Tauheed on individual life.

① Instilling The Love of God:

The concept of Tauheed instills the love of God in the heart of individual.

The individual belief in Allah's mercy and forgiveness and repentance after sins is to love him. In Surah Al-Imran:

"If you truly love Allah, then follow me, and Allah will love you and forgive your sins".

Therefore a person who loves the creator is morally upright.

② Creating a Sense of Accountability:

Upon knowing that Allah is seeing all your actions and he is even aware of your intentions, the individual tries to do righteous deeds. He knows that he will be held accountable one day before his God for all his bad deeds hence he do his best to be morally uprights.

③ Tauhid induces Sense of Modesty and Humility.

The concept of Tauheed promotes a sense of modesty and humility in human beings. When a person believe that whatever he has in this world is granted by God to him then he never become proud, haugh and arrogant, instead try to be humble and merciful with other people. It is stated in ^{Hadith} Quran:

"Those who do not show mercy to mankind will not receive mercy by Allah"

Impacts on Collective Life.

Tauheed have positive influence on collective life of individual in several ways.

- ① Creating a sense of brotherhood and unity.

Allah has stated in Quran:

"Certainly all muslim are brother"

(Surah Al-Hujurat).

Those who believe in one God know that all humans are brothers as all of them are created by one God hence they need to be merciful and helpful with each other.

- ② Strengthening social equality and justice.

As All the human are created by one God, hence they all deserve equal treatment and justice. The idea of Tauheed reinforces the ~~the~~ ^{concept} equality and justice for a harmonious society. Allah states;

"Make peace among your brothers, for we believers are brothers. And be afraid of Allah so that you might find mercy."

(Al-Hujurat).

- ③ Inculcating the concept of Amr bil maruf wa-Nahi bil munkir.

In fact a practical application of Tauheed is instilling the principles of Amr bil maruf wa Nahi bil munkir, which enjoins what is good and forbids what is evil, and it explicitly stated in the Quran;

"Let a group of people emerge from you, who are forbidding Al-munkar and inviting to all that is good. And they are the ones who have achieved success." (Al-Imran).