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Tauheed in Islam.

Tauheed word is taken from the word wah-nada which means to make something waahid (singular). It means to consider someone alone and only in his powers. In Islam, Tauheed means to believe in oneness of Allah and that there is no god except Allah. He is the creator of this universe and every thing. Tauheed is in the first Kalima

~~There is no god but Allah~~
لا اله الا الله محمد رسول الله

There is no god but Allah. Muhammad is the messenger of Allah.

To believe in Tauheed in Islam means the person believes that Allah has all the powers, He is the one who have created world and He is the one who will end it. There is no one who have power in front of him and no one is with him to help him. In Islam there are three types of Tauheed.

Tauheed - al-sifat.

Tauheed - al-afaal

Tauheed - al-dhat.

The concept opposite to Tauheed in Islam is shirk. Dr. Hamidullah in his book "Introduction to Islam" has defined shirk as the ambiguity in faith. It means association of someone with God.

In Quran, Allah himself has told all human beings that there is no one who can match in his power.

قد هو الله امد ه الله المبد ه
لم يلد ولم يولد ه وله يكن له
كفوا امد ه

Say, He is God, the One. God, the Absolute. He begets not, nor was He begotten. And there is nothing comparable to Him.

Above surah perfectly define that Allah is the only God and there is no one comparable to him.

Importance of Tauheed in Individual life.

Tauheed has huge impact on individual's life. It generates self esteem, humbleness, modesty and bravery in Muslims. Some of the impacts are given below.

- (1) **By Believing in Tauheed, person become modest and humble.**

The person who believes in Tauheed know that Allah is the one who is creator and sustainer. There is no one who is more powerful and a person is nothing in front of him so the person become modest and humble because he knows that everything given to him is by Allah and He can take anything anytime so the person is always humble and help other people so that Allah is always happy with him.

→ The great example is of Prophet Muhammad Peace be upon him. He was the last prophet but was humble, used to do his chores himself and never used to think that someone is inferior to him.

→ Hazrat Umar Farooq was the 2nd Caliph but was always humble and was always in fear that if people are not happy under his rule, Allah will question him.

(2) Tauheed ensures self respect and dignity of a person.

The person who believes in Tauheed always have self respect and dignity for himself. He does not bow his head in front of anyone because he knows that Allah is the supreme power and no one is superior. Allah is created everyone equally so that person is always positive and believes that Allah will help him in every condition.

Hazrat Musa Allahialam is the perfect example. He knew that Allah is supreme power so he did not bow in front of Pharaoh and prayed only to Allah.

3. Tauheed make a person virtuous and upright.

Tauheed make a person virtuous and upright because the person know that the world is a test and result will come in here after. He is always worried about doing right things and making Allah happy and he is pure belief that by doing good things a person can be successful in his life and here after.

Companions of Prophet Muhammad (PBUH) always used to do good deeds to avoid sins. Hazrat Abu Bakar (RA) would secretly deliver food to widows and orphans, motivated solely by the desire to please Allah.

Tauheed makes a person brave.

Belief in Allah makes a person brave. A person fears from 2 things fear of death and safety. and when person knows that Allah has supreme power and without his will nothing will happen. People become brave and they

never settle for injustice. Person is then ready to sacrifice for Allah and his pleasure.

Hazrat Ibrahim (A.s) is great example. He was not afraid from fire because he knew Allah has supreme power.

Palestine people are great example. The bravery they are showing is great example in belief in Allah.

Impact of Tauheed on collective life.

Tauheed plays great role in unity people from all over world, creating justice system and making people responsible for the betterment of society.

Tauheed creates unity and Equality among people.

Tauheed emphasizes on the equality among all the people which unites the people from all over the world because it ends all the discrimination,

and hate among people and unite the Muslim from all over the world.

- People from all over the world collect at Madinah because of belief in Tauheed.
- In Mosque, Rich and poor, white and Black all people pray side by side.

(9) Tauheed enables people to activate social welfare:

The Belief in Tauheed encourages people to do good for society and its betterment.

People do activities that benefit the society and people who are not in good conditions.

It motivates Muslims to engage in various philanthropic activities such as charity, volunteerism and social activism.

The example of Muhajirin and Ansar is great example. After Hijrah to Madinah at the time of prophet Muhammad (PBUH) helped each other.

Tauheed encourages fairness and justice.

Tauheed underscores the concept of divine justice, creating a profound emphasis on upholding fairness and justice in society. Muslims are encouraged to speak against evil and unjust.

In Quran Allah has commanded that
Be steadfast & witness justice for Allah and let hatred not seduce you to deal not justly.

Tauheed is the belief in the oneness of Allah which enables the person to be upright, brave, modest and humble and it creates a sense of unity, brotherhood and fairness in the society.

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Salah as the basic pillar of worship in Islam.

Salah is an Arabic word whose basic meaning is bowing. Its contextual meaning is to humbly ask or beg for something.

Salah is the communication between human and creator. It is physical, mental and spiritual act of worship that is observed five times every day at the prescribed time.

Salah is the basic pillar of Islam and is very important to pray. It became mandatory after Mairaj as a gift to Muslims in 621 AD. Approximately 83 times, there is mention of ~~Quran~~ in Salah in Quran.

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

Effects of salat on humans.

Salat has positive effects on human life socially, spiritually and morally. It enables person to be free from stress and dedicated to Allah.

Spiritual effects.

(i) Namaz has positive influence on Muslim spiritually. It provides peace of mind, reminds them of Allah and prevents them from doing evil. Some

(ii) Peace of mind.

Salat gives human peace and decrease their stress. Muslim pray times and make dua and talk to Allah about his sufferings which lights his heart, and He feel relaxed.

It is Hadith that prophet Muhammad (PBUH) said to Bilal to get up and call people to prayer and make them feel relaxed.

(ii)

Salat purify the soul of person.

When Muslim pray five times, he is reminded of Allah and his commands so he fears that if he will do any thing bad, he will be punished and if he do good Allah will be happy with him and whenever he thinks of doing bad, he is reminded of Allah because if he is pray five times.

Surely, Allah loves those who turn to him and He loves those who purify themselves.

(Quran)

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Namaz is reminder for evil and indecency.

Prayer inculcates the fear of God which is necessary to be kept alive which is necessary to be kept alive in the heart. Allah has himself thus described in the Quran, this benefit of salat:

Salat prevents man from evil and lewdness
(Quran)

Moral Impacts:

Salat make the man virtuous and prevents him from doing bad. When a person starts praying five times. He become very much alert and restrain from doing bad.

Salah build the sense of accountability:

Salah involves direct connection with God, fostering a sense of accountability. The teaching within salah provides moral guidance encouraging honesty, trustworthiness and ethical behaviour.

انزل ما اومى اليك من الكتب واقم
الصلاة ان الصلاة تنهى عن
الفسق والاعتداء ولذا ذكر الله اقرار
وادللة يعلم ما تمسرون

Recite (O Muhammad), what has been revealed to you of the Book and establish prayer, indeed, prayer prohibits from morality and wrongdoing and the remembrance of Allah is greater. And Allah knows that which you do.

Salat builds the discipline in person's life.

The prayer has the capacity to catalyze change for betterment in people's life.

The fact that we give up whatever we are doing and line up behind a prayer leader five times a day in the mosque instills a discipline in life.

People join the army and learn discipline and everyone admires it. Similarly, the prayer trains us to go through specific motion and utter specific words at specific times, and if the discipline is broken, the prayer may have to be repeated.

Salat gives calmness and serenity to people.

The purpose of the prayer is not just to fulfill empty ritual. For the prayer to be acceptable, it must be done with passion. Focus on your eyes on the place of prostration, shut other thoughts, concentrate on words of prayer and try to be grateful.

of blessings of Allah. Prayer is a heat for soul.

Social benefits of salah.

Salah has great benefits on the society. It enables people to be in a unity, ~~be~~ in a brotherhood and spread love.

It ends all the discrimination and promotes social equality.

Prayer enables people to be promoters of social equality and ends all the discrimination. It has been ordered for Muslims to pray in a mosque where every rich and poor man pray together which ends inequality and indiscrimination.

Promotes social unity.

It promotes unity because it unites men of different language, ethnic groups, colors and nationalities, when they hear the call of Muazzin, they all gather together as brothers for prayer.