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INTRODUCTION:

Islam in General:

The word "Islam" has been originated from word salam which means peace and surrendering rights in general. However, terminologically it means to surrender before the Almighty Allah and obey Him in All respects. Islam is a religion of peace and order for complete submission to that one superior deity.

"There is no other deity ^{worthy of} worship except God". Al-Quran.

Tauheed (Unity of God):

The word tauheed means one in number in literal sense. However, terminologically it means to worship the one superior God, who has power over everything and who

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created the heavens and the earth.

"Then we created the heavens and earth for you, and blessed you with so much blessings, so that you may follow his commands." Al-Quran

⇒ He is the only one who had sustained the humanity and has no other competitors or relative.

"Speak that Allah is One. There is nobody worthy of worship except Allah. He is the only one, and has no children or parents." Al-Quran.

Types of Tauheed:

Tauheed has been broadly categorized into three categories, which are enlisted below:

1. Unity in Person:

This means that Allah is the only one and has no

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Other partner. He is the only creator and sustainer of the Earth.

"Ask them, do you not ponder over Quran? Had there been more Gods, you would have found a great deal of discrepancies in Quran." Al-Quran.

"And we alone had created the Earth and the heavens" Al-Quran.

"And Oh prophet! tell them that Allah is one." Al-Quran.

2. Unity in Attributes:

To God belongs all the beautiful names, and He is the only one, who is worthy of those attributes. There no one else would claim to be equal or worthy of those attributes.

"And to Allah belongs all those beautiful names; so,

invoke him by those names."⁴
Al-Quran

3. Unity in Actions:

He alone is worthy of such great powers and actions. This seems rational as well, because if there had been more number of Gods, then surely the system would not have been able to run so smoothly.

"We alone created the earth and the Heavens."⁴
Al-Quran.

* Importance of Tauheed in Individual Life:

Tauheed is ~~very~~ really important in an individual life, and its importance can be seen from the below mentioned points:

1. => Creates a purpose in life:

When an individual thinks that such greater entity had created me, then surely He would created me for some purpose:

"And we have ^{not} created the Jinns and the Human except for the purpose of worship."
Al-Quran.

2. => Creates modesty in lives:

When one thinks and compares himself with such greater entity, then surely it instills modesty in individuals.

"Pride is my clock, and greatness my robe; so, whoever competes me in these two, then surely heaven will be his abode."
Al-Quran.

3. => Creates trust in Allah:

When one thinks that God is capable of so much majestic powers; then surely, He can help me in atonement of sins as well.

"Why should one not trust in Allah? It is God who can forgive all the sins of individuals, whomever he wishes."

Al-Quran

⇒ Stops individuals from committing evils:

The fear of such great God - who is ~~very~~ omnipotent and omnipresent - stops individuals from committing mistakes.

"Surely, the prayer and remembrance of God keeps one away from evils." Al-Quran.

⇒ Creates satisfaction in ones life:

It is this taqeed which creates satisfaction and hope in human's lives.

"Surely, it is in the remembrance of Gods that hearts find satisfaction in." Al-Quran.

⇒ Creates a sense of pride:

The fact that Allah favored and gave respect to humans over animals

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and other creatures, instills a sense of pride in humans. (Crown of Creatures).

"And we created the children of Adam, and then favored them greatly over many of those we created." Al-Quran.

Importance of Tauheed in Collective Lives:

Tauheed has great importance in collective lives as well, which are being mentioned below:

⇒ Helps in eradicating of evils from society:
A lot of crimes and evils are being eradicated from society, once the society starts believing in one God.

"And Allah is closer to you than your jugular veins." Al-Quran

⇒ Helps in creating peace in society:
Once everybody knows that Allah has

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superior authority and can hold them responsible at any time. It leads to creation of peace in society.

"Creation of peace in Madinah after they accepted and started believing in one God." Sealed Nakhos

⇒ Helps in creating brotherhood:

Tauheed helps in creating brotherhood among the individuals of society.

★ Conclusion:

In a nutshell, tauheed simply means to believe in one God, and don't making any one his competitors in either his attributes or actions. Complete submission to one God and staunch belief in unity of God, has several benefits for humanity. It impacts both the individual and collective lives of ~~people~~ people, and help them in creating a better society.

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* INTRODUCTION:

⇒ Islam has been mainly build on five pillars which include believing in Tauheed, offering the obligatory prayers, keeping fast in month of Ramazan, offering charity, and visiting and performing pilgrimage.

Once the prophet was been asked that what is Islam, to which he replied, "Believing in Tauheed, offering the five obligatory prayers, Al-Hadith"

⇒ Salat literally means to pray. However, terminologically it means to offer the five compulsory prayers daily at their designated times. The word salat has been referred to almost 60 times in Quran. It has been made obligatory by God since

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The 2nd year of Hijrah on the occasion of Shab-e-Miraj.

"And tell them to offer prayers and pay zakat." Al-Quran.

* Social Effects of Salat:

There are various social effects of salat being offered in congregation at mosques. Some of them are being listed below:

⇒ It creates tolerance in individuals:

In mosque you had to stand along with different types of people while offering salat, which instills tolerance in the society.

⇒ It creates brotherhood among the individuals of society:

Offering prayers in congregation, instills a sense of brotherhood and unity in society. Ultimately, it results in the creation of a peaceful society, just like we have seen in Madinah where

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prophet Muhamad (SAW) was able to convert them to a peaceful society after they started offering prayers in congregation.

⇒ It creates a sense of equality in society: Seeing that all the rich and the poor are standing in the same row while offering prayers, creates a sense of equality in the society. As Allama Iqbal had also mentioned it in his poetry:

ایک جگہ سب کھڑے ہیں اور سب کی ساری حالتیں
وہاں پر کھڑے ہیں اور سب کی ساری حالتیں

⇒ It helps in creating a punctual society: As the prayers are being offered at specific times in the mosque, it helps in creating punctuality among the individuals of society.

⇒ It creates a purpose driven society: All the people offer the prayers with just one motive and that is, to get the satisfaction of Allah. This unites whole of the society at

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Individuals knew that if he speaks

a single goal, and also makes it possible for them to try it out in real lives.

⇒ Helps in inclusivity and cooperation in decision making.

While selecting the timings of the prayers, due weightage is given to the opinion of all the people. This also helps in ensuring inclusivity and cooperation in real life decision making e.g. in governments etc.

* Importance of Salat.

Importance of salat can be felt from the fact that it will be the first to be enquired about, when people will be resurrected in the graves.

"And the first thing to be asked & would be Salat, and those would succeed in it, will definitely have great rewards."

All - Hadith.

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* Moral Effects of Salat:

Moral effects of salat include:

⇒ Retaining from committing sins:

It has been clearly mentioned in Quran that salat helps in avoidance of sins.

"Surely, salat restrains one from committing sins." Al-Hadith

⇒ Retains from committing crimes:

It is salat which helps an individual to stay away from committing crimes, because the individual knows, that with what intent would then he go in the house of Allah to offer prayer again.

"And Allah is nearer to you than your jugular veins, and he is all knowing." Al-Hadith

⇒ Helps in promoting truth:

Individuals knew that if he speaks ~~the~~ the truth, then there would

be more chances of God accepting his prayers.

⇒ Promotes goodwill towards others:

It is been clearly mentioned in Quran that those who seek and pray to God for benefit of others, will have far greater rewards.

* Spiritual Effects of Salaah

The various spiritual effects of salaah are being listed below:

⇒ Helps in atonement of sins:

Prayer in atonement of sins and purification of soul.

Once prophet said to one of his companions, "One who offers prayers daily, his sins will be wiped out from his record as these leaves fall from this tree"

Al- Hadith.

⇒ Helps in getting satisfaction.

Individuals who offer prayers daily are more satisfied.

"Surely, it is in the remembrance of Allah (prayers) that hearts find comfort in."

Al-Quran.

⇒ means of getting closer to Allah:

Offering prayers is a way to get more close to Allah.

"And the individuals get more closer to me by praying extra prayers (nawafil)." Al-Hadith.
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Conclusion:

In a nutshell, prayer has been obligated by God for various reasons. These reasons all lead to benefits of humans in one way or the other. Prayers help in creating a peaceful society and has impacts on various aspects of lives.

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Prayers not only affect the social aspect of life, but it also has effects on the spiritual and moral aspects of lives.

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Islam has played a key role in various aspects of lives. It had also led to ensuing status and roles of different characters. Islam equally treats all the creatures and assign various duties and responsibilities to different individuals. Similarly, different status has been assigned to individuals as father, mother, husband, wife and as children etc. Not only does Islam assigns duties to various characters, but it also ensures several rights for them as well, which will be discussed ahead.

BACKGROUND:

Before Islam was introduced, there was an era of ignorance in Arabs, and people used to suppress each other. There was jungle rule and people used to get their rights only through the use of force. The situation was the same, as Hobbes has mentioned that in the state of nature, there was war of all against all. In the midst of all these, the one gender, that is female, was a bit more suppressed.

⇒ Burial of daughters:

Daughters were being considered as a sign of shame, and people used to kill them or they buried them alive.

"And when God will ask them that why were they buried alive ---"
Al-Hadith.

⇒ Denial of inheritance rights:

They were not given any share in inheritance, in fact the wives of father used to be inherited by his

son after the death of his father, just like the other property.

* Status of Women in Islam:

In the midst of all these circumstances in Arab, Islam came and gave due status to every character. The status of women was being elevated in various forms which are being illustrated below:

→ Status of women as daughter:

Prophet (SAW) clearly mentioned the several benefits of taking care of female daughters. This can be seen from the below hadith as well:

"And those will take care of three daughters, raise them up, and provide them with their due needs, surely Allah is going to reward them with jannat."

All-Hadith

→) Status of women as wives:

Islam gave due respect to women as wives by giving and frequently ordering husbands to ^{take} care of them and respect them equally.

"And do not raise hand on your wives, for they are ~~the~~ being given in your custody by God." Al-Hadith

"And fear Allah in case of women." Final Khutbah
(wives)

→) Status of women as mother:

Islam has elevated the status of mothers to the extent that Allah has offered jannat in return for those, who took care of their mothers.

"The paradise has been placed under the feet of your mother." Al-Hadith.

Once when companion asked prophet that who shall be treated more well. The prophet answered

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mother for three times and then on the fourth time, he answered father.

* Role of women in Islam:

The roles of women in Islam are being mentioned below:

=> As daughters, they are being advised to take care of their parents and help them in their routine work.

=> As wives, they had been advised to take due care of their husbands and treat them well.

=> As mothers, they had been advised to take due care of their children and the property of his ~~the~~ husband in his absence.

How Islam ensure their rights in various spheres:

Islam has advocated for various rights of women which are being enlisted below:

⇒ right to inheritance:

Islam has given them due rights in inheritance.

⇒ right to education:

Islam advocates for right of education to all the genders especially women.

⇒ right to own property:

Islam gives them right to own property as it was being ensured by prophet for Khudijah as well.

⇒ right to have good name:

Islam advocates for assigning good names to female daughters.

→ right to live:

Islam advocates for their right to live as well.

"And don't kill them for the fear of poverty; indeed, Allah is sufficient to sustain you."

Al-Quran

→ right to have khula:

Islam ensures their right to have khula as well, in case they are having some issues with their husband.

→ Islam advocates the husband for taking care of their wives, in their right to have good clothes and food.

* CONCLUSION:

In short, it is Islam which has elevated the status of women and assigned them various roles and duties. This led to a bit sigh of relief

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as earlier, they had been living very bad lives especially in the era of ignorance. Along with this, Islam ensured them with various rights and advocates for huge rewards for those, who will fulfill the rights of women.

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★ PEACE IN ISLAM:

Islam has been not only a religion, but it is also a complete deen. This can be proven from the below verses as well:

"This day, I had perfected your deen for you, and had

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completed my favor upon you,
and had chosen, Islam for
you as your deen. ⁴

Al-Quran

⁴ And for you is your deen, and
for me is my deen. ⁷

Al-Quran

These verses clearly illustrates that Islam is a deen rather than a mazhab. This means that Islam not only advocates for certain beliefs and rituals; but rather it is a complete code of life. It helps in every aspect of life, and similarly peace has been given due weightage by Islam.

⇒ Advocation of peace in Quran:

Peace has been advocated by Allah to his creatures several times in Quran. The meaning of Islam is also peace literally, and it advocates its followers as well towards peace:

"Surely, Islam advocates for peace." Al-Quran.

* How Islam led to peace in Arab:

The people of Arab used to live in an era of ignorance. They had conflicts among each other on several issues which are being listed below:

- ⇒ They would struggle and fight for power.
- ⇒ They fought for the superiority of their tribes
- ⇒ They killed and fought with each other, even if their animals entered others field or drank water before the others.

Along with the above, there were several other issues which led to destruction of peace in that society.

However, with the arrival of Islam in Arab, it led the foundation of peace in various forms:

⇒ Islam created brotherhood among them.

⇒ Islam promoted equality among them.

"There is no one more superior to other, except for the one who is more pious."

Al-Hadith

"There is no superiority of an Arab over a non-Arab, --- except for the one who is more pious."

Al-Hadith

⇒ Islam created patience and tolerance among them.

⇒ Islam assigned them with various rights and duties.

* Conclusion:

In a nutshell, Islam not only advocates for certain beliefs and rituals, but it also advocates for peace by acting as a complete code of life. Islam has ensured peace by assigning different persons with different duties.

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* Self-Purification in Islam:

As Islam is a complete code of life, so it had guided individuals in every aspect of lives. To help them in getting spiritually elevated, it advocated for self purification (Tazk-e-yah-Nafs).

=> Meaning of self purification:

literally purification means to purify something, but terminologically

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it means to purify your soul by acting in accordance with the commandments of Allah.

#) Self-purification and Quran:

Quran advocates for offering zakat, in order to purify souls. This can be seen from the below verse of Quran:

"And purify them, by receiving zakat from them."
Al-Quran

⇒) How can self-purification be achieved:

Self purification can be achieved by staying away from evils, and performing every task in accordance with Islam. Islam further declares us the best ummah, as we advocate for good and refrain from evil. This can be illustrated from the below verse:

"you are the best Ummah;
you bid the fair and forbid
the unfair."

Al-Quran.

⇒ Self-purification can further be
achieved by offering prayers, and
remembering Allah in the form of
zikar.

⇒ Purification of prophetic heart
at the incident of Shab-e-Miraj

* Conclusion: further highlights the importance
of self-purification.

In short, Islam not
only advocates for some beliefs and
rituals, but it also advocates and
guides us in our aspect of life.
Similarly, Islam advocates us for
self-purification, in order to get
further close to Allah and achieve
his satisfaction for ever.