

Islamic Studies

Test - I

Q No. 1 :

Touheed

1: Introduction

Touheed is the fundamental Islamic belief in the absolute oneness and uniqueness of Allah. This concept forms the foundation of Islam, emphasizing that Allah Alone is the Creator, Sustainer and Sovereign of the entire universe. The term Touheed is derived from the Arabic word *wahhada*, which means to make something one or to unify. For a muslim, Touheed is not only an intellectual acknowledgment but a belief that governs all aspects of life, influencing both internal spirituality and outward actions. Touheed, therefore is not just a concept but a guiding principle that defines a believer's purpose, actions and connection to the Creator. The

Quran describes the uniqueness of Allah in Surah Al-Ikhlās: "Say He is Allah, [who is] One, the Eternal Refuge. He neither begets nor is born, nor is there to Him any equivalent". (112: 1-4).

2. Islamic concept of Touheed

Touheed is our first part of Kalimah. According to the teaching of Prophet (PBUH), Touheed is the gateway of Islam. Touheed is the core pillar of Islam. It gives the concept only Allah is worthy of worship. It is the complete code of life.

3. Types of Touheed

There are three types of touheed.

I. Touheed al-Rububiyyah:

It is the belief that Allah alone is the Lord of all existence. He is the sole Creator, sustainer and administrator of the universe, with

no partner or associates. This form of toheed acknowledges that Allah controls all that exists from the movements of galaxies to the smallest particles. The Quran states; "Praise be to Allah, Lord of all the worlds" (Quran 1:2), affirming that Allah alone has authority over creation, management and the life and death of every being.

II. Toheed al-Uhyyah:

It refers to the belief that Allah alone deserves all forms of worship. Muslims believe that worship should be directed solely to Allah, and nothing else can be associated with Him in any act of devotion. This type of Toheed is a rejection of all forms of shirk and an affirmation of Allah's exclusive right to be worshipped.

The Quran reinforces this by saying, "And your god is one God."

There is no deity except Him, the Entirely Merciful, the Especially Merciful" (Quran 2: 163).

III. Touheed al-Asma wa al-Sifat:

It emphasizes the belief in Allah's unique and perfect names and attributes, as revealed in the Quran and Sunnah. This aspect of touheed means affirming as revealed Allah is attributed without comparing them to those of His creation.

Allah's names are not shared or comparable to those of his creatures and his attributes are understood without comparing into ~~set~~ speculative comparisons. The Quran states: "

There is nothing like unto Him, and He is the Hearing, the Seeing" (42:11).

4- Impacts of Touheed on Individual Life:

I. Spiritual Purity and Focus:

Believing in touheed leads to spiritual by directing worship and

devotion solely to Allah. By acknowledging Allah's oneness, Muslims focus their spiritual practices on gaining His pleasure and avoiding any actions that might involve worshipping others. This promotes sincerity in worship as one's actions are carried out solely for Allah's sake. The Quran emphasizes this by saying: "Say Indeed, my prayer, my rites of sacrifice, my living and my dying are for Allah, Lord of the worlds (6: 162). This focus helps Muslims stay away from material distractions and gives them a clear purpose in life.

II. Moral and Ethical Discipline:

Tauheed also reinforces ethical behavior, as believers understand that they are accountable to Allah for their actions. A strong belief in tauheed shapes an individual's character by fostering qualities such

as humility, honesty and compassion. Knowing that Allah is aware of every action and intention keeps a believer morally disciplined and encourages them to act in ways that are pleasing to Allah. The Quran reminds believers, "Indeed, Allah is with those who fear Him and those who are doers of good" (16:128), promoting a sense of ethical responsibility that impacts both personal and social conduct.

III. Inner Peace and Mental strength:

Tauheed provides mental and emotional resilience by teaching that Allah is in control of all circumstances. Believers learn to trust Allah's wisdom and power which brings them inner peace and helps them face life's challenges without fear or anxiety. This belief also reduces dependence on worldly

matters, as a person places their full reliance on Allah. The Quran encourages this reliance stating, "And whoever relies upon Allah - then He is sufficient for Him" (65:3).

Through Tawheed individuals develop a deep sense of calm, contentment and strength, knowing they are under Allah's care.

5. Impacts of Tawheed on Society

I. Social Justice and Unity:

Tawheed fosters a sense of equality and justice within society, as it teaches that all people are equal before Allah.

Recognizing Allah as the only supreme authority discourages discrimination based on race, status or wealth, promoting unity and brotherhood.

By promoting tawheed, societies are encouraged to build communities based on justice, equality and mutual respect.

II. Promotion of Compassion and Cooperation:

The belief in *Tauheed* nurtures a compassionate society by encouraging mutual respect and empathy among individuals. Knowing that everyone is created by Allah fosters love and cooperation for the common good. In a society grounded in *Tauheed*, people are motivated to help one another, uphold each other's rights and work collectively for the welfare of the community. "And cooperate in righteousness and piety, but do not cooperate in sin and aggression" (5:2).

III. Deterrence of Corruption and Injustice:

Tauheed serves as a moral deterrent against corruption and injustice. Since individuals are aware of Allah's omnipresence and ultimate

Judgement, they are more likely to avoid unethical actions that could harm society. The fear of accountability in the Hereafter encourages honesty, transparency and fairness in societal dealings from business to governance. Touheed creates a society that strives to uphold justice and resist oppression.

6. Conclusion

Touheed is not just a theological concept but a transformative belief that profoundly influences both personal character and social values. The oneness of Allah shapes a Muslim's spirituality, ethical conduct, and social interactions ultimately leading to a peaceful and harmonious society. By adhering to touheed, Muslims are guided to live lives of justice, compassion, and devotion, fulfilling their role as servants of Allah. Through,

Touheed, both individuals and societies are directed towards a path that aligns with Allah's divine wisdom and guidance.

Q No. 2

Prophet as an Individual

1. Introduction

Prophet Muhammad (PBUH) holds a pivotal role in Islam as the final messenger of Allah. His life and teachings provides the ultimate guide for individuals to lead a righteous life, rooted in faith and ethical values. As a role model, his example transcends time and place, offering invaluable lessons for personal, social, and spiritual growth. The importance of role models in human development cannot be overstated; they shape the behavior, character and value of individuals. Prophet Muhammad (SAW)

through his exemplary life, stands as the best role model for all individuals, regardless of their background era.

2. Attributes and Characteristics

I. Truthfulness and Honesty:

Before his prophethood, Prophet Muhammad (SAW) was known for his truthfulness and trustworthiness, earning the titles "Al-Sadiq" and "Al-Amin". His honesty was evident in both personal and professional spheres. "Indeed, Allah commands you to render trusts to whom they are due." (4:58).

II. Compassion and Mercy:

Prophet Muhammad (SAW) embodied compassion in all his dealings, not only with family and companions but also with his enemies. His mercy is a defining characteristic, demonstrated through forgiveness, empathy and care for others. "And We have

not sent you, [O Muhammad], except as a mercy to the worlds (21:107).

III. Patience and Perseverance:

Prophet Muhammad (SAW) faced immense hardships, including persecution, ridicule, and personal losses. Despite these challenges, he remained patient and steadfast in his mission, teaching his followers the importance of perseverance in the face of adversity. "And be patient in the cause of Allah" (3:200).

IV. Humility and Modesty:

Even though he was the leader of the Muslim ummah, Prophet Muhammad (SAW) led a humble and modest life. "And do not turn cheek in scorn toward people" (31:18). He lived simply, interacting with people of all social statuses with respect and equality, exemplifying humility in his actions and speech.

3. Prophet as a leader

I. Justice and Fairness

Prophet (PBUH) was a beacon of justice, resolving disputes fairly and impartially. His leadership was grounded in the principle of justice, as shown by his actions and decisions, such as his equitable treatment of people, regardless of their social status. "Indeed, Allah commands you to act justly with excellence" (16:90).

II. Consultation and Inclusion

Prophet (PBUH) emphasized the importance of Shura in decision-making involving his companions in matters of governance and leadership. "And their affair is consultation among themselves" (42:38). His inclusive approach to leadership is a model for contemporary leadership and decision making.

III. Strategic Thinking and Vision:

Prophet (PBUH) demonstrated foresight in his strategic decisions, such as the migration to Medina, and the Treaty of Hudaibiyyah. His long-term vision for the spread of Islam and the welfare of the Muslim community remains an inspiring example.

4. Prophet as a Family Man

I. Role as a Husband:

Prophet (PBUH) treated his wives with respect, kindness, and fairness. His emotional intelligence and support were evident in his relationships with his spouses, showing love, understanding, and compassion. "And live with them in kindness" (4: 19).

II. Role as a Father and Grandfather:

The Prophet (PBUH) was a loving and compassionate father. His relationship with his children and grandchildren reflects tenderness

care and wisdom in family dynamics.

The Holy Quran states: "And speak to people good [words]" (2:83).

5. Spiritual and Religious

I. Connection with Allah:

Prophet (SAW) maintained a deep spiritual connection with Allah, performing acts of worships such as prayer, fasting, and supplication. He set the example of balancing worldly responsibilities with devotion to Allah.

II. Teaching and Spreading Islam:

The prophet's approach to dawah was rooted in wisdom, patience, and gentle persuasion, never forceful and harsh. His example in dawah is one of patience and perseverance.

6. Prophet as a Model for Societal Conduct

I. Tolerance and Forgiveness:

The prophet's tolerance and ability to forgive were central to his

character. He forgave those who wronged him and promoted coexistence even with adversities.

II. Service to Humanity:

Prophet (SAW) was deeply concerned with the welfare of others, particularly the poor, orphans and the oppressed. His life was a continuous demonstration of service to humanity, inspiring others to act selflessly for the common good. The Quran states:

"Charity is for the poor and the needy. (9: 60).

7. Universal Relevance

Prophet (PBUH)'s example transcends time, culture and geography. His teachings provide timeless guidance that is applicable to personal, social and professional spheres, making him an ideal role model for all people in all circumstances.

8. Conclusion

Prophet Muhammad (SAW) is the

ultimate example for humanity in all aspects of life. His exemplary traits of honesty, compassion, leadership, humility, patience, and spiritual devotion continue to guide individuals towards achieving success in both this world and the hereafter. By following his footsteps, individuals can attain personal betterment and contribute to the establishment of a just, harmonious society.