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Q#2

Introduction:

The doctrine of Tauheed affirms the belief in the unity of Allah and the oneness of Allah in His attributes, character. It is an important pillar of Islam and is essential for being a true believer. The concept of Tauheed is rooted in the believe of a unique God who is the Creator, Sustainer of every creature and who is omnipresent, omnipotent and omniscient. Allah is the Eternal and all knowing and He alone is being worthy of worship, commitment and submission. The believe in oneness of Allah is an important pillar of Islam and it has wide impacts on the individual and social life of the believers. The believers and those entering into the fold of Islam affirm to it by reciting the first credo of Islam

لَا إِلَهَ إِلَّا اللَّهُ مُحَمَّدٌ رَسُولُ اللَّهِ

There is no God but Allah Muhammad (SAW) is the

Messengers of Allah"

Lexicology and Meaning of Tauheed:

The word Tauheed is derived from the verbal noun of the second form of the root word "وحد" which indicates the action of unifying or conferring unity. Therefore Tauheed means "unity, singularity or the Oneness of Allah"

The Arabic word "Allah" is the highest word for God, semantically the most magnificent name of God in the Quran. We also call Allah "Ilah" mentioned several times in the Quran which means worthy of worshipping, utter devotion or love.

Tauheed in the light of Quran and proof of unity of Allah:

The Quran is the highest authentic source that affirms to the belief of Tauheed, describing Allah as One and as the Creator, Sustainer, Everlasting and Omnipotent.

قُلْ هُوَ اللَّهُ أَحَدٌ اللَّهُ الصَّمَدُ لَمْ يَلِدْ وَلَمْ يُولَدْ وَفِي يَدَيْهِ كُفُورُ

"Say: He Allah is one, Allah, the eternal refuge. He neither begets nor is He begotten. No one is like Him."

(Al-Ikhlâs)

اللَّهُ لَا إِلَهَ إِلَّا هُوَ الْحَيُّ الْقَيُّومُ لَا تَأْخُذُهُ سِنَةٌ وَلَا نَوْمٌ لَهُ مَا فِي

ما في السموات والارض

"Allah is He besides Whom there is no God, the Everlasting, the Self-subsisting, by Whom all Existence slumber does not overtake Him nor sleep, whatever is in the heavens and in the Earth is His

(Al-Baqarah)

ان في خلق السموات والارض وَاخْتِلَافِ اللَّيْلِ وَالنَّهَارِ (آيات
الاولى الباطية

"Sully in the Creation of heavens and Earth and in the changing of nights and days there are plenty of signs for the men of understanding."

(Aal-Imaan).

Importance of Tauheed in Individual life:

1. Tauheed creates a sense of accountability in man for his actions:

The belief in Tauheed is a powerful impetus for man to act in accordance with the commands of the Creator as he believes he will return to his Lord and will be held accountable for his actions by a Just, Fair and One Allah. As it is said in The Quran

ان الله وانا اليه راجعون

"To Him we belong and to Him we shall return."

2. Tauheed infuses self-respect in man:

The doctrine of Tauheed infuses pride and self respect in man as he considers himself a creation of a Magnificent Allah and this elevates his status being a worshipper of Allah. The Quran says;

قَدْ خَلَقْنَا الْإِنْسَانَ فِي أَحْسَنِ تَقْوِيمٍ
"And certainly We created man in the best form"
(Al-Im)

3. Tauheed teaches trust and true believe in Allah:

The concept of Tauheed is important for the believers as it increases trust (Tawakkul) on Allah and the individual truly relies on Allah with a firm believe that his Magnificent Allah will not leave him alone, which is really important in today's complex life and world and is a beacon of hope.

إِنَّ اللَّهَ مَعَ الصَّابِرِينَ
"Surely Allah is with those who are patiently steadfast"
(Al Baqarah)

Importance of Tauheed in collective life:

1. Tauheed guides mankind to be steadfast in the covenant of Allah:

Tauheed is the basis for the unity of Ummah to be united and steadfast.

under the banner of the unity of Allah, and to not fall into disarray. Allah says in the (Qur'an);

واعتصموا بحبل الله جميعاً ولا تفرقوا
 "And hold Meadfast by the covenant of Allah
 all together and do not fall into disarray"
 (Aal-Imraan)

2. Tauheed promotes brotherhood and mutual Coexistence:

Being creatures of One Allah, Tauheed is an important source of guidance for the Ummah to live in peaceful coexistence and promote brotherhood. It is the believe in Tauheed that has gathered the collective society to be an example of unity.

اَللّٰهُمَّ اِنِّىْ اَسْئَلُكَ
 "All the believers are like brothers"

(Al-Hujraat)

3. Tauheed promotes social justice in Society:

The importance of the doctrine of Tauheed in one society is a testament that the believers are promoters of justice, equity and fairness in society. They believe in a single, Just and Fair Allah which makes them strive towards establishment of justice in His dominion.

يا ايها الذين امنوا كونوا قوامين لله شهداء بالحق ولا يجركم
شان احد قوم على الا تعدوا عن لو صواب للتقوى

"O! You who believe, be steadfast witness for Allah in justice, let not the hatred of any people incite you to deal unjustly. Deal justly that is nearer to your duty." (Al-Maidah).

Conclusion:

Tauheed is the believe for the absolute unity of Allah who alone is worthy of our love, devotion and worship. It is the essence of Islam and a pillar of Islam; being a condition for a true Muslim. The Quran is the biggest source for proscribing the doctrine of Allah and mentions proof of His existence. Furthermore, Tauheed is important for the individual and collective life. Today, more than a billion believers are a proof of Allah's unity, oneness.

Q#4

Introduction:

Salah (prayer) is the second pillar of Islam and is made obligatory for the believers to pray five times a day at fixed hours. The importance of Salah can be judged from this fact that it is mentioned 70 times in Quran.

Salah is a source of communication for the believers facilitation communication between the Creator and creatures. It is a divine trust of Allah and a source of gratitude to Allah for his countless blessings. Salah has important social, spiritual and moral impacts which are described below in the question.

Meaning of "Salah":

The word "سَلَاةٌ" is an Arabic word which means "bowing, homage, worship"

Salah means bowing to one true God and worship of One Allah, who alone is being worthy of worship, devotion.

Importance of Salah in Quran and Hadith:

Both Quran and the sayings of the Holy Prophet (SAW) elucidates the importance of Salah and give commands for establishing prayers.

واقموا الصلاة واتوا زكوة واركعوا مع الركنين

"And be steadfast in prayers and pay the poor rate and bow with those who bow." (Al-Baqarah)

ان الصلاة كانت على المؤمنين كتابا موقوتا

"Worship (Salah) has at fix hours has been enjoined upon the believers" (Al-Nisa)

واذكروا ربك كثيرا سبح بالعمى والليل

"And remember your Sustainer very much and glorify Him in the evening and early morning." (Aal-Imran)

Now Hadiths of Holy Prophet (SAW)
about Salah

الصلاة مفتاح الجنة

"Prayer is the key to The paradise"

بين العبد وبين كفر ترك الصلاة

"That which lies between faith and disbelief is the negligence of prayer"

الصلاة معراج المؤمنين

"Salah is the mairaj for the believers"

Categories of Salah:

1. Fardh (Obligatory)
 - i) Fardh al Kifayah
 - ii) Fardh al Ain

2. Wajib
3. Sunnah
4. Nafl (Complementary)

Spiritual impacts of Salah:

1. Salah inculcates fear of Allah.

Salah is the reason for piety and fearing (Taqwah) of Allah which makes the believer to be a true servant of Allah and always try to do good. Salah, therefore inculcates fear in the hearts of the believers as they become God fearing by praying and remembrance.

واسجدوا أقرب

"Prostrate and attain my nearness"

(Al-Maryam)

ما سألكم في سقر قالوا لم نلج ذلك لعلنا

"What has brought you into the lower hell", they will say, "We were not of those who established Salah?"

(Al-Mudassir)

2. Purification is attained through Salah:

Salah is a source for self-purification (Taharat) and makes the believers pure and God fearing. They become virtuous as Salah has the effect of cleansing their soul.

ان الله يحب التوابين ويحب المتطهرين

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

(Al-Baqarah).

3. Salah is a check against evil and indecency:

Salah is a shield against sin and prevents from engaging in immorality and indecency. The constant remembrance of Allah in the heart of the believers prevents them from sin.

ان الصلاة تنهى عن الفحشاء والمنكر
"Salah prevents from indecency and evil"

(Al-Ankaboot).

Moral impacts of Salah:

1. Salah is a quality of successful believers:

Salah is a character trait of successful believers as they are rewarded in the hereafter as well as in this world.

قد اخرج المومنون الذين هم في صلاتهم ثابتون
"Successful indeed are the believers who are steadfast in their prayers."

(Al-Muminoon).

2. Salah inculcates punctuality:

Salah is obligated to be

performed five times a day and the believers leave all work to pray at fixed time which inculcates punctuality.

3. Salah teaches patience and perseverance:

Salah teaches the believers to be patient and trust their lord which is an important trait. Allah commands the believers to be patient and attain his closeness.

يَا أَيُّهَا الَّذِينَ آمَنُوا اسْتَعِينُوا بِالصَّبْرِ وَالصَّلَاةِ
"O you who believe! seek assistance through
patience and prayers."
(Al-Baqarah).

Social impacts of Salah:

1. Salah promotes peace in society and harmony:

The believers become model citizens promoting peace and harmonious living as Salah transforms them into true Muslims and this forms the basis for an exemplary society.

2. Salah increases unity and brotherhood:

Salah is prayed in a congregation which unites all the believers living in the community. They stand shoulder to shoulder and bow to One Allah and pray only to One Allah.

Conclusion:

Salah is the identity of believers and is the pillar of Islam. It is a source of worship, nearness, piety and communication with Allah.

The Quran commands the believers to maintain prayers and gives them good tidings. It is also emphasized to pray in the sayings of Nabi (AS). The moral and spiritual impacts of Salah include fear of Allah, abstinence from sin, purification of soul, promotion of punctuality while it also has profound social impacts.

The believers should strive to pray Salah regularly to obtain the happiness of Allah.

Q# 6

Introduction:

Islam acknowledges the personhood of women and grants her complete rights that were previously denied to her. It has granted her unprecedented spiritual, social, political and economic status to women. The previous status of women in the west when they were considered a property and denied her rights. In contrast Islam granted her honour, respect and dignity in the form of being a mother, wife, daughter, sister.

Status of women in Islam:

1. Status as Mother:

Islam has granted the highest status to mother and has made her a source of love, warmth and respect. The respect, love and obedience to mother is a source of earning good deeds and a reward of the form of Jannah. The Quran says;

وَالْوَالِدَاتُ لِلسَّانِ وَالْوَالِدَةُ كَالْوَالِدِ وَوَالِدٌ كَرِيمٌ إِذَا دَانَ
"And We have enjoined upon man to be good to his parents: His mother bears him in weakness upon weakness". (Luqman)

الجنة تحت اقدام الاموات
"Paradise lies under the feet of your mother"
Bukhari.

2. Status as a Daughter:

Islam has protected the child and granted her protection. Taking care of a daughter and the birth of daughter is a blessing of Allah, as she was killed and buried alive in the days of ignorance.

وَإِذَا الْمَوْءُودَةُ سُئِلَتْ بِأَيِّ ذَنْبٍ قُتِلَتْ
"And when the girl child ~~was~~ was buried alive, are questioned, for what crime was she killed."
(Al-Takwir)

3. Status as a Wife:

Islam has granted an exalted status to wife as she is considered a source of peace of mind and a true companion of man. The Holy Prophet (SAW) have commanded the believers to be good to his wife

عن أبي هريرة قال قال رسول الله صلى الله عليه وسلم
You spouses are a garment for you as you are for them.
(Al-Baqarah).

Rights of Women guaranteed by Islam:

1. Right to life and dignity:

Islam has granted the protection and right to life which ensures living with dignity and safety. Killing women in the name of religion is a sin.

وإذا طعنوا ستواي فاستجابوا لي
(Al-Takwir)

2. Right to chastity and lowering of gaze for protection of women:

Islam protects women from the lustful gaze of men by ordering them to lower their gaze. It ensures the chastity of women and elevates their status in such manner unseen before and in stark contrast to the West.

قُلْ لِلْمُؤْمِنِينَ إِغْلَاظُ أَبْصَارِهِمْ وَحِفْظُ فُرُوجِهِمْ ذَلِكَ آيَاتُ اللَّهِ لِقَوْمٍ يُدْعُونَ

"Say to the believing men to lower their gaze and guard their modesty, that will make for greater purity for them"

3. Right to education:

Islam emphasizes on women education and grants them the right to attain education. It does not restrict or discriminate against education of women.

طلب العلم فريضة على كل مسلم ومسلمة.

"Acquisition of knowledge (education) is incumbent upon all Muslims, men and women."

4. Right to marriage and spouse:

Islam grants women the right to choose her spouse and to be married in the Shariah manner. It safeguards her rights ensuring she is not forced or there is no denial of her rights. The Holy Prophet (SAW) said;

"No woman should be married without consulting her, and no virgin be married without her assent, and her assent is her silence!"

(Sahih Bukhari)

5. Right to maintenance and financial support:

Islam grants women financial rights and makes it a responsibility of

man (husband, father, brother etc) to provide for women (wife, daughter, sister) and maintain her wishes. Islam has granted her protection so that she is safe from destitution.
The Quran says

الرجال قوامون على النساء بما فضل الله بعضهم على بعض
وبما آتواهم

"Men are the maintainers of women because Allah has made some of them to excel others and because they spend out of their property."

6. Right to Inheritance:

Islam has also granted her the right to inheritance so in case of the demise of her guardian and maintainer, she is not left to beg or be financially bankrupt.

According to Islam, a daughter receives $\frac{1}{2}$ of the share of a brother and the wife gets one-fourth if she has no children and one-eighth if she is blessed with children.

7. Right to kind treatment:

Islam commands the believers to be kind to their women and treat them with respect. It is considered a good deed to treat women with kindness as the Quran says

وَعَاشِرُوهُنَّ بِالْحَسَنِ
Love with them (women) on a footing of kindness
and equity (Al-Nisa).

8. Right to employment:

Islam has granted women the right of pursuing employment too as Hazrat Safiya (RA) was appointed Hazrat Umar (RA) as Inspector of markets. Therefore, restraining women from work is against the teachings of Islam.

Conclusion:

Islam has elevated the status of women to such heights and granted her so many rights that finds no precedence even in today's world. She is to be loved and respected as a mother, wife, sister and daughter and it completely acknowledges her personhood. It has granted her rights such as right to education, marriage and spouse, protection and dignity, inheritance etc. It is high time for the Ummah to follow the teachings of Islam in true sense and make our society an exemplary model for the world to admire.

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