

Question #2

1: Introduction

Tauheed is the bed rock of Islam. The doctrine of Tauheed is the essence of Islam, signifying the belief in the oneness of Allah in His being, worship, and attributes. The Quran declares:

"Say, He is Allah, the One and Only"
(Al-Quran) (112:1)

2: Dimensions of Tauheed

(a) Tauheed al-Rububiyah

Tauheed al-Rububiyah means belief in Allah, as Creator, Sustainer and Controller of the universe. Everything happens by His will. This belief eliminates the concept of natural forces or deities sharing Allah's powers.

"Indeed, your Lord is Allah, who created the heavens and earth" (7:54)

(b) Tauheed al-Uluhiyyah

This dimension of Tauheed is belief in

Allah and that Allah alone deserves worship through prayer, supplication, fasting, and other acts of devotion. This belief negates shirk, which is gravest of all sins.

"And worship Allah and associate nothing with Him" — Al-Quran (4:36)

(c) Tauheed al-Asma wa'l-Sifat

Belief in the third dimension of Tauheed "Asma wa'l-Sifat" means belief in the names of Allah and their uniqueness. They are beyond human comprehension and must be affirmed without distortion or denial. This prevents anthropomorphism, ensuring Allah is understood as transcendent and incomparable.

"There is nothing like unto Him, He is the Hearing, the Seeing" — Al-Quran (42:11)

42:3: Importance of Tauheed in Individual Life

Belief in Tauheed is the cornerstone of Islam. It impacts the life of an individual miraculously.

(a) Spiritual Purification

Tauheed liberates an individual from false goals, superstitions, and reliance on other incapable material things. It directs all acts of an individual towards Allah, therefore fosters sincerity.

"And rely upon Allah" - Al-Quran (33:3)

(b) Moral Responsibility

The belief in Allah's omnipresence and omnipotence encourages an individual to be ethically conductive. This belief also makes a person more accountable, making him more responsible morally.

"Fear Allah wherever you are" - Prophet Muhammad ^ﷺ

(c) Inner peace

Tauheed instills Tawakul - trust in Allah - freeing individuals from fear and anxiety. These are most common issues, faced by almost every person in contemporary world.

"Indeed, in the remembrance of Allah do hearts find rest" Al-Quran (13:28)

4. Importance of Tauheed in

Collective Life

Tauheed not only impacts the individual life of a person, but it also has effects on collective life.

(a) Unity and Brotherhood

A strong belief in Tauheed fosters a sense of unity and brotherhood in people.

Tauheed emphasizes the equality of all men humans under one Creator, fostering universal brotherhood.

"O mankind, We have created you from a male and a female" - Al-Quran (49:13)

(b) Social Justice

Tauheed focuses on the submission of man to the ultimate sovereignty of Allah. Allah's sovereignty establishes justice and equality, as all are accountable to Him.

Zakat is a social system which ensures the wealth distribution and reduces societal inequalities. Thus, social justice is improved due to strong belief in Tauheed.

5: Political Implications

Tauheed forms the foundation of an Islamic governance system, where rules are accountable to Allah and law is based on divine guidance. This fear of Allah pushes the government to judge by rules set by Allah, so no injustice is made to any man.

"And judge between them by what Allah has revealed" — Al-Quran (5:48)

5: Importance of Tauheed in Global Harmony

Tauheed establishes the universality of human rights, dignity and justice. It calls for peace, coexistence, and resistance against oppression. Belief in the sovereignty of Allah eliminates man-made divisions and ideologies, paving the way for global harmony.

6: Conclusion

Tauheed is essence of Islam, shaping the individual's faith and moral compass while

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structuring collective societal frameworks. Its application ensures justice, equality, and peace in all spheres of life. Tauheed not only defines the relation of Allah and His creation but also provides a comprehensive framework for a peaceful and just world.

Question #6:

① Introduction

Islam grants women with dignity, equality and rights in all spheres of life. Islam also grants spiritual, social, economical, and political roles with clear guidelines to protect their welfare and contributions to society. The Quran and Sunnah emphasize justice and fairness, ensuring women's empowerment within their responsibilities. Thus, women are granted all rights in Islam.

② Historical Context

Before advent of Islam, women in other societies were treated as property, their rights were denied and they were subjected to violations. In many societies when a female was born, she was buried alive. Islam revolutionized the rights and status of women by granting them rights of life, property and justice.

③ Status of Women in Islam

Islam ensures the equality of all beings. People are provided with all rights of life and safety. Women are also no exception. Rather, Islam has raised status of women's dignity of women and valued their role in life.

(a) Spiritual Equality

Men and women are made equal on the basis of spirituality. In ancient times, many people thought that women are impure and can not pray. Their soul was considered evil and they were not allowed near religious places.

Islam ~~with~~, on the other hand, provided women with equality of spirit. Both men and women are equally spiritual and loved by Allah.

"The most noble of you in the sight of Allah is the most righteous" — Al-Quran

(b) Equality of Accountability

Women in Islam are held equally accountable for their deeds. There is no gender discrimination or the increased status of men in the sight of Allah. A man and woman will be held equally accountable for what they did in this life. Thus, Islam provides equal absolute equality in accountability, be it a man or a woman.

"O you who have believed, save yourselves and your families from such a fire whose fuel is people and stones" — Al-Quran (5:34)

(c) Recognition of Rights of Women

Islam recognizes the rights of women. Women are a vital part of the foundation of stable society by recognizing their roles as mothers, wives, daughters and most importantly,

members of the society. Women are recognized as cornerstone of the society. This recognition underscores the value of women in the fabric of society, particularly in the nurturing and upbringing of children, which Islam considers as a noble and essential role.

(4) Roles of Women in Islam

Islam recognizes the significant and multifaceted role of women in society. Women are assigned different roles which are core of the formation of society.

(a) Role as Mothers

The upbringing of a child is really important. Islam values this phase of life and considers the role of women in the upbringing of women as very vital. Women, in Islam, are central to nurturing future generations and are highly respected for their role.

"Paradise lies under the feet of your mother" — Prophet Muhammad (P.B.U.H)

(b) Role as wives

In Islam the relationship between husband

and wife is build upon mutual respect, love and kindness. The rights and responsibilities of both are clearly defined, ensuring fairness and balance. Women as wives are entitled to love, protection, and fair treatment. This partnership is meant to foster a peaceful and nurturing environment, where husband and wife contribute to the well being of family.

“The best of you are those who are best to their wives” — Prophet Muhammad (P.B.U.H)

(C) As an active member of society

women contribute to society through many roles, including teaching, healthcare and business. Women in Islam are allowed to work and play a vital role in Islamic economic system. They are allowed to work, earn, and right to own property, and do independently whatever they want to do with it. The examples of Hazrat Khadija (R.A) is a great example for women and also a testimony of Islamic values and roles regarding women and their rights.

⑤ How Islam Ensures Women's Rights

Islam ensures women's rights through clear divine guidance provided by Allah in Quran and through teachings of Holy Prophet (P.B.U.H)

(a) Through Divine Revelations

Quran ensures the protection of women's rights. Quran outlines these rights in areas such as inheritance, marriage, education, and social participation. It provides a framework that promotes justice, equality, and respect for women in all aspects of life.

"And for women is a share of what the parents and close relatives leave" — Al-Quran (4:7)

(b) Through Sunnah

Prophet Muhammad (P.B.U.H) is the best example for all human kind. Through practice, Prophet emphasized the fair and respectful treatment of women, forbidding practices that harm or oppress them. He advocated for kindness and equality within marriage, family, and society.

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⑥ Through Islamic legal system

Islamic law provides comprehensive protection for women's rights, ensuring their dignity, autonomy, and justice in various aspects of life. The legal system of Islam provides a comprehensive framework in Quran and Sunnah to protect various rights of women. These rights include marriage, inheritance, divorce, maintenance, and family rights.

"It is not lawful for you to inherit women against their will" (4:19)

6 Conclusion

Islam grants women rights and roles that were revolutionary to their time and remain relevant today. It ensures women's dignity, equality, and empowerment in all aspects of life. It also provides a balance between rights and responsibilities.

"Islam radically improved the status of women, as compared to other civilizations of that time" — Karen Armstrong