

~* Question 2 ~*

Elucidate the doctrine of Tawheed (Unity of God) in Islam. Describe its importance in individual and collective life.

~* Answer ~*

(1) Introduction :

Tawhid is the essence of Islam. It refers to the Unity of God. There are three types of Tawhid as Unity in Actions, Unity in Attributes and Unity in Person. Moreover, Tawhid has great significance in individual life as well as collective life. It brings self-respect, modesty and accountability.

in Humans and becomes the cause of human equality and unity in society. In short, Tawhid plays a significant role in life of a Muslim.

"Praise be to Allah, who is the sustainer of the world."
-Al-Quran

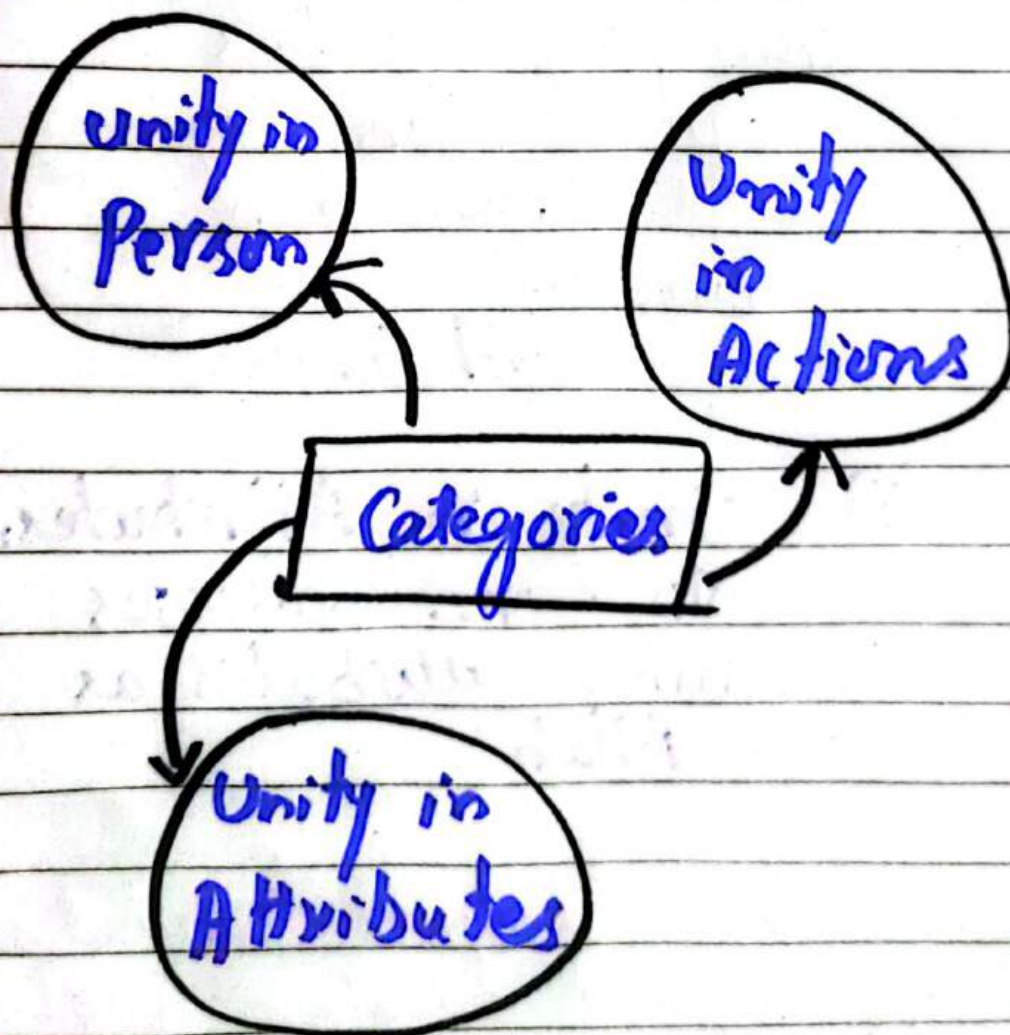
(2) Elucidating the doctrine of Tawhid in Islam

Tawhid is the fundamental pillar of Islam. It means "Oneness of God". It implies that there is no God but Allah. Abu Hurairah reported that messenger of Allah said,

"Eman (faith) has more than seventy branches,

∴ top of them is the belief that God is one and the lowest among is to remove injurious thing from a road."

(A) Categories of Tawhid



(i) Unity in Person: No one is like Allah in uniqueness

This belief says that Allah is one and there is no plurality of Gods.

According to sayings of Allah,

"Had there been in them any outlets except Allah, they would have been ruined."

[Al-Burān]

(ii) Unity in Attributes: No one possesses same attributes as Allah

The unity in attributes explains that Allah is the unique in His attributes.

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He is Rehaman, Rahim, a great forgiver and trust worthy. No one in this world possesses the same attributes as Allah possesses.

(iii) **Unity in Actions:**
No one can do actions as Allah does

Unity in actions means that Allah has created the entire world. He has created, mountains, rivers, sun, earth, man, animals, plants. The things which Allah has done and will do in the future cannot be done by any other person in this world. Thus, Tauhid implies Allah is one in His actions.

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(B) Importance of Tawhid in Quran

According to sayings of Allah,

"Say, He, Allah is one. Allah is He on whom all depend. He begets not nor He begotten and none is like Him."

[Al-Quran]

(C) Importance of Tawhid in Hadith

According to sayings of Prophet (PBUH),

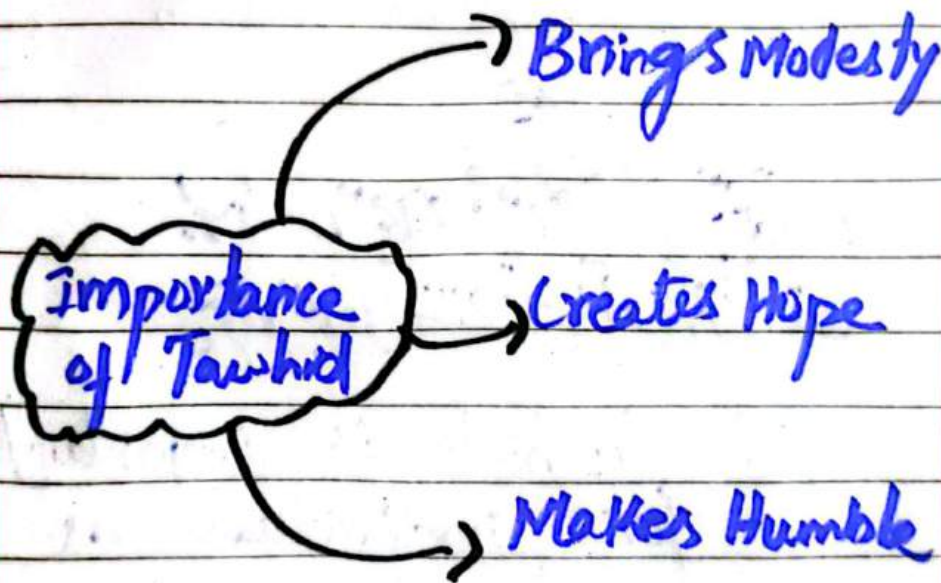
"Whoever says that there is no God but Allah, Allah will forbid hellfire on

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him. 5
[AlHadith]

(3) Importance of Tawhid in Individual life



(A) Tawhid has great significance in individual's life as it brings modesty and self-respect in him!

The doctrine of Tawhid makes man

modest. This creates self-respect in individual. As person knows Allah alone is the possessor of all the things in this world. So, he asks everything from Allah. As Tqbal Saib,

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 گزار سکتے ہیں اور ان کے حیات

(B) Tawhid is important for individuals as it creates hope in man and brings self-satisfaction

A believer ^{knows} that Allah has a strong hold on this world and on every man. Therefore, he never loses his hope on Allah. Because, he knows

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only Allah can give his things that he wants and He knows what is best for him. This also creates a sense of self-satisfaction in man. According to sayings of Allah,

**"And Allah is the best planner."
(Al-Quran)**

(C) Tawhid holds significance in individual's life as it makes a man humble

The doctrine of Tawhid makes a Muslim humble. The boisterous pride of power and wealth has no room in his heart. He knows that everything has been given to him by

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Allah and He ^{can} take that things back as well. This belief makes him modest. According to sayings of Allah,

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"And do ~~not~~ not check for [contempt] toward people and do not walk through the people exultantly and Allah does not like you be boistful and arrogant."
[Al-Quran]

(B)

(4) Importance of Tawhid in Collective life

(A) Brings human equality in Society
Tawhid holds great

unite
emotions
Muslim
mutual

significance in collective life.
It makes all man equal
and distort the prejudices
of race, class, and ethnicity.
According to sayings of
Prophet (PBUH),

"An Arab has
no superiority
over non-Arab."

- [Hadith from
last sermon
of Prophet (PBUH)]

(B) Unite Muslims
under one pillar
and brings emotional
support

The doctrine of Tawhid
unite Muslims and provides
emotional supports. Islam teaches
Muslims unity and
mutual cooperation. According

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to sayings of Allah,

"Certainly, all Muslims
are brothers."
[Al-Quran]

(C) Brings social
justice and equity
through sense of
acc. accountability
in Muslims

The doctrine of Tawhid
creates accountability among
Muslims and brings
social justice and equity.
According to sayings of Allah,

"O you who believe,
be steadfast witnesses
of Allah and let
not hatred of
any people seduce
you that you deal

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not justly."
(Al-Quran)

(B) Conclusion:

To conclude all, Tawhid is the most important pillar of Islam. It not only holds significance in individual life but also in collective life. It brings accountability, humbleness, self-respect, hope and modesty. Moreover, Islam has a very clear path for Muslims, it is the responsibility of Muslims to incorporate the teachings of Islam in their life and make their life successful.