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I. Introduction:

Tawhid is one of the pillars of Islam. It is the very fundamental concept in Islam, without grasping the concept of Tawhid one can not become muslim.

It refers to the oneness of Allah, not just in being but in attributes as well.

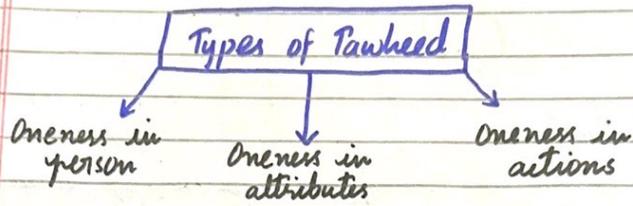
~~The importance of~~ professing oneness of Allah begets remarkable implications. It primarily bestows noble purpose to man's life. Inculcating myriad of qualities like modesty, self respect, trust and hope, to name a few. The implications are not

just restricted to personal life but are manifested at ~~individual~~ ^{collective} level as well.

It installs sense of equality and brotherhood among societies, paving path for a just society. Tawhid is a fundamental concept, with various implications both in individual and collective life.

II Tawhid; Bedrock of Islam:

Tawhid is the base and most fundamental concept in Islam. It is to profess and believe in oneness of Allah. It can be categorised into three types.



II.a. Oneness in person:

Tawhid, oneness in person, is to believe that there is only one God. He is alone worthy of worship. As mentioned in one of surahs of Quran:

قل هو الله احد الله المر لم يلد ولم يولد ولم يكن له كفوا احد
 "Say: He is Allah, the one and only, the eternal, absolute. He begets not, nor was he begotten. and there is none like unto him" — Surah Ikhlas

II.b. Oneness in attributes:

Oneness in attributes is to believe that Allah alone possess the qualities of perfect level. No one could share in attributes of Allah. In humans, one observes some of attributes, but they are obviously imperfect. In Quran, it is clearly mentioned that Allah is only worthy of all attributes

الله لا اله الا هو. له الاله اسماء الحسنی
 "God, there is no god but he, his are the beautiful names."

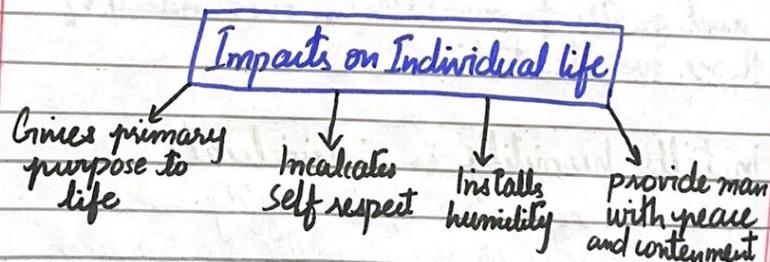
II. Oneness in actions:

Oneness in actions implies that Allah alone is capable of doing remarkable things. No one has potential or tendency to perform acts that God is capable of. He is creator and sustainer of world. He takes no help from anyone, in fact all derives their existence from him. A quranic verse beautifully demonstrates this.

لِلّٰهِ لَدٰى السَّمٰوٰتِ وَالْاَرْضُ وَمَا بَيْنَهُنَّ وَهُوَ عَلَىٰ كُلِّ شَيْءٍ قَدِيْرٌ

"To God belongs the sovereignty of the heavens and earth and everything in them. and he has power over all."

III. Impacts of Tawhid on individual life:



III.a. Provides man's life with divine purpose:

Firm belief in oneness of Allah begets strong conviction that lord is worthy of worship.

It ensures man realize that the lord who created him, deserves his devout worship. This gives man divine purpose.

Quran mentions this purpose unequivocally.

"Allah says: 'pride is my cloak and greatness my robe, and whoever competes with me with regard to either of them, I shall throw him into hell fire.' — Ibn Majah

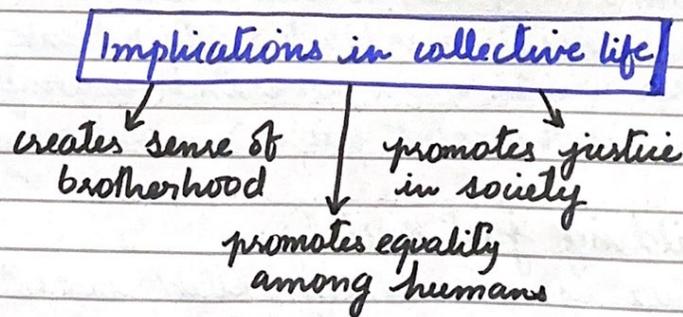
III.d. Provides man with peace and contentment:

faith and believe in Allah fills man's life with everlasting peace and contentment. True peace can only be achieved through belief in Allah. Allah himself says in quran that he provides peace to those who remembers his word.

الذي يذكر الله تطمئن القلوب

"surely, it is in the remembrance of God that hearts find comfort."

IV Implications of Tauhid in collective life:



IV.a. Creates sense of brotherhood:

One belief creates sense of uniformity among people. People are united on basis

of one ideology. This concept is concept of ummah. All muslim no matter where they are based, are considered as one group. Quran also declares all muslims as brothers to one another.

انما المؤمنون اخوة
"Certainly all muslims are brothers."

IV.b. Equality among all humans:

Concept of tauheed brings sense equality to collective life of individuals. Knowing that God is superior and the one and all human beings are his servants, make humans realise that they are not superior to each other on basis of wealth, race or ethnicity. The Prophet made that very clear at sermon of Hajj.

"No arab is superior to ajam and no ajam is superior to arab. white has no superiority over black neither black over white. most reverend among you is the most pious." — Last sermon.

IV.c. Building just society:

Tauhid promotes observing Allah's commandments. One of the most significant command is bringing justice to society. Concept of justice is applicable in collective lives, when individual interact with each

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اعرفوا الله اقرب للتقوى
"Be just! that is closer to righteousness."

✓ Conclusion:

To sum up, Tauheed is basic and most significant concept in Islam. Its influence is not restricted only to individual life but is manifested in collective life of individuals as well. It harbours various positive qualities in individual lives. These when combined results in equitable and just society.

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The modern world is still facing evolving status and rights of women. Those terms that have been agreed on are just nominal. Islam granted women their due status centuries ago. This status is not mere words recorded in scripture or other supporting literature but have been practiced by arab society. Islam grants high status to women and also define their role, not restricted in one aspect. Similarly, islam doesnot fall short of