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PART II

QUESTION 4

Explain the doctrine of Tauheed. Discuss its importance in human life.

ANSWER NO 1

1. Introduction
2. - Literal meaning of Tauheed
- Doctrine of Tauheed
- Tauheed in the light of Quran and Sunnah
3. - Importance of Tauheed
- Importance of Tauheed on Human life
- Impact/importance for society
4. Conclusion

INTRODUCTION

The concept of Tauheed excludes

man's commitment to anyone other than Almighty Allah. Also a rejection of all source of values other than will of Allah, all authority but His, and a refusal to accept any idea, command or injection from anyone, as man does from Allah. Man is under no obligation to submit to any being other than Allah. He has no superiors except Him. This concept of Tauheed is elucidated in the teachings of the Holy Quran, and Sunnah and other eminent Muslim scholars. It has immense importance for humans in all spheres of life. It not only holds significant place in an individual's life but also whole society collectively.

TAUHEED: THE LITERAL MEANING

Tauheed in Arabic means attributing one "Oneness" to Allah and describing him as being one and unique with no partner in his essence and attributes. It is to profess through heart and tongue the Oneness by God by saying

"لا اله الا الله، لا شريك له، محمد رسول الله"

"I bear witness that there is no god except Allah, and I bear witness

that Muhammad (SAW) is the last messenger of Allah."

DOCTRINE OF TAUHEED

Tauheed or monotheism testifies man's belief that there is no deity worthy of worship and praise except Almighty Allah. He alone is the creator of the whole universe and provides sustenance for all living creatures, without the help of any other being.

TAUHEED IN THE LIGHT OF QURAN

The Holy Quran contains hundreds of arguments to impress upon the unity of Allah.

"To God belongs the Sovereignty of the Heavens and the Earth and what lies in them, and He has power over everything."
(Al-Maida)

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TEACHINGS OF THE HOLY PROPHET

Allah sent the messenger to call people to Tauhid and forbid them from committing "Shirk." It is narrated by Ibn-e-Abbas that once Prophet (SAW) sent Mu'adh to Yemen and said to him:

You are going to the nation from the people of scripture, so firstly you invite them to testify the Tauhid of Allah and if they accept, tell them that Allah has enjoined on them 5 compulsory Salahs, and if they offer, tell them to offer Zakah of their properties, and if they agree to take from them Zakah.

IMPORTANCE OF TAUHID ON HUMAN LIFE

1. Gives a primary purpose to life:

When an individual ponders that Allah had created him and place him on the top of all other living beings, this superiority must have a reason. Allah had enough

Angels for His worship, yet he bestowed men with the highest rational faculty and created them for a bigger cause. When an individual thinks in this domain, that there must be a purpose of his existence, it adds a sense of purpose into his life.

2. Inculcates self-respect:

The feeling of superiority over being in the topmost hierarchy of all organisms inculcates self-respect in humans. A sense of pride that Allah has created him prevails upon. In Quran, Allah says:

"We have honoured the children of Adam, and carried them on land and sea, and provided them with good things, and greatly favoured them over many of those we created."

3. Inculcates humility and modesty:

Concept of Tauheed inculcates a sense of humility and modesty, as it acknowledges that there is a higher power beyond human existence/control, fostering a sense of dependence on Him. Moreover, it also

highlights human limitations and God's boundless authority who keeps an eye on every human action. He not watches our action, but is also aware of what goes inside our head.

4. Induces a sense of self-accountability:

Ta'hood reminds believers of ultimate judgement by God, encouraging them to perform virtuous actions. It teaches that every individual will be held accountable for his deeds promoting a sense of personal accountability.

"Whoever has done an atom's weight of good will see it. And whosoever has done an atom's weight of evil will see it."

(~~A3~~-(Al-Quran))

5. Inculcates hope and trust in Allah

Recognizing Allah's all encompassing powers, man inculcates hope and trust in Him that He will care for him and shower His mercy on Him. Man begins to hope for a better future, inspires patience and

perseverances and instills optimism developing an unshakable trust on Allah. As Allah promises:

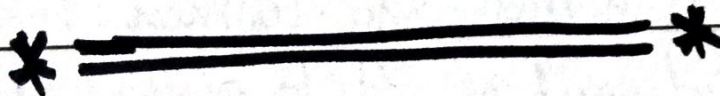
"وَلَسَوْفَ يَرْضَىٰ رَبُّكَ فَرَضِي"

"And Surely your lord will give so much to you that you will be pleased."

(Surah Al Duha)

CONCLUSION

Tauheed, the key concept of Islam sums up the Islamic way of life. Tauheed remains the epicenter of Islamic worldview. It demands realizing the Oneness of Allah and sincere devotion to Him as presented in Islamic Quranic verses and Ahadeth. It leaves profound and everlasting impact on individual life. Therefore, Tauheed holds significant importance in human life.



QUESTION & NOS

How does Islam highlight the dignity of women and greatness by giving them all rights as humans. Discuss

ANSWER 2

1. Introduction
2. Background: Women rights before Islam
3. Dignity of Women and women rights
 - a) Changing stereotypes
 - b) Men and women as equal
 - c) Thrice respect of mother than father
 - d) Better treatment of wives
 - e) Order to treat daughters well
 - f) Right to consent in marriage
 - g) Right to Khula/Separation
 - h) Right to education and business
4. Conclusion.

INTRODUCTION

Islam, the Universal religion and advocate of human rights, guarantees equal rights to both men and women. It was only with the advent of Islam that women were granted rights, reverence and humane treatment. Islam ensured the dignity of women by granting them fundamental human rights which they were denied before Islam by people of Quraish.

BACKGROUND

Before the dawn of Islam, women were treated in a brutal and inhumane manner. They were viewed as baggage and liability to the household. The people of Mecca felt embarrassed when a female baby was born. Female infanticide was a common practice. In the prevailing dark ages, Islam emerged as a beacon of hope and a new fountainhead of women's dignity, championing the cause of women rights.

RIGHTS GRANTED TO WOMEN UNDER ISLAM:

1. Changing Stereotypes

Islam first challenged all the stereotypical and brutal practice of female infanticide. It was considered a sin and a violation of law to kill a female child simply because of her gender. This challenged the pre-existing notions of derogatory treatment of women.

2. Men and Women equal in the sight of Allah

Allah Almighty consider all humans equal irrespective of gender. His unconditional love is same for all regardless of race, colour, or gender. Prophet PBUH also said,

"Women are the twin halves of men"
(Al-Hadees)

3. Thrice respect of mother than father.

Islam has bestowed more rights to mother than father. A woman bears her child in womb and throughout life take responsibility for the behavioral, moral, ethical, educational, and all other all kinds of conduct. This child-care responsibility and affectionate love of favours her right over men. It is further testified through the following incident:

Once, a man asked Prophet, who is more entitled to best companionship by me? To which Prophet PBUH, repeated "Your Mother" thrice and on further inquiry for fourth time, He said, "Your Father".

This manifests Islam pays huge reverence to mother.

4) Better treatment of wives

Islam teaches just and favourable treatment towards wives. It favours husband's compassionate love, and caring treatment of his wife. This is exemplified through the marital life of Holy Prophet. He had 11 wives and He loved and respected all and gave equal treatment to all.

"The best of you is the one who is best to his wife, and I am the best of you to my wives."
(Al-Hadees)

5. Good treatment of daughters

Islam highlights the importance of treating daughters with kindness and respect. Holy Prophet (PBUH) had immense love for her daughter Fatima (RA). Quran also shows that a man who nourishes three daughters well will be saved from the fire of hell. Moreover, she is also entitled to the right of inheritance.

6. Right to Consent in marriage -

Asking a girl's consent before marriage is compulsory in Islam. She has the right to say "No" if she disapproves marriage proposal. When Hazrat Ali (RA) proposal was placed before daughter of Muhammad (PBUH), she had initially refused. It's only upon Hazrat Muhammad (PBUH) insistence upon Hazrat Ali's good character, Fatima (RA) agreed, but her consent was asked.

7. Right to Khula/Separation

Islam also allows a woman to demand "Khula" (Divorce in case of men) if on the grounds of husband's inability to provide necessary life means, or impotency while a female is fertile, or in case of status change.

Example: Incident of Barirah & Mugheeth (RA)

Barirah and Mugheeth (RA) both were slaves. Once, Barirah is set free by her master. Islam grant woman the right to divorce in case of change in status. So, Barirah demanded for div Khula. Mugheeth (RA) went to Prophet (PBUH) to convince her to reconsider her decision upon which Prophet (PBUH)

calls her and saying Mugheeth (RA) is a man of honourable character. Still Barerah did not change her decision on the ground her right being given by Almighty Allah.

8 Right to education and business

Islam provides equal access to education to both males and female. An educated woman educates the whole nation. If woman is educated, she can also educate her children in a better way. Even women are allowed to pursue business opportunities. Prophet PBUH's wife Hazrat Khadija was a self-independent, educated business woman.

CONCLUSION

Islam, a religion of peace and stability ensures human rights in all spheres of life. It specially provides all necessary human right to women as men without discrimination. If a woman is daughter, mother, wife, or even a baby, she is entitled to all basic human rights. Thus, Islam safeguards human dignity. It is a misconception that

Islam disregards and demeans women rights. Therefore, under the light of this discussion, it is clear that dignity of women and her rights are best safeguarded through Islam.



QUESTION 8

ANSWER 3: SHORT NOTES

A) IJMA AND QIYAS

Ijma and Qiyas are two sources of Islamic jurisprudence

IJMA

Ijma is from Arabic word which means consensus or agreement. It is the third source of Islamic law after Quran and Sunnah. If solution to any Islamic law is not found in Holy Quran and Sunnah, then Ijma or Consensus can be drawn.

According to Muslim Scholar Al-Ghazali:

"It is the agreement of the community of Muhammad on a religious point."

KINDS OF QJMA

1. Explicit Qjma / Express Qjma
2. Tacit Qjma / Qjma Sakuh'

Explicit Qjma refers to encompassing each jurist's opinion explicitly. It takes place when all Muslim jurists are gathered in one session, an issue is presented to them, and they collectively express an unanimous opinion.

On the other hand, in Tacit Qjma a "Mujtahid" issues a verdict, and the rest of jurists remain silent; neither acknowledges nor denies the verdict.

Thus, Qjma is not majority, not majority opinion.

QIYAS

Qiyas refers to logical reasoning or deduction, where a jurist applies the principles and rules of Islamic law to a new situation or case, by analogy with a similar case.

Example: The Case of Irrigation Canal.

During Prophet Muhammad's (PBUH) time, a canal was built to irrigate the crops of Medina. However, it flowed through the

property of Abu Hurairah (RA). Thinking that it might damage his property, He diverted the canal.

Later during Caliph Umer's period, a similar issue arose, where a new canal was to be built, however it again flow through property of Muslim. Therefore, the scholars arrived at Qiyas ~~to~~ concluding by drawing analogies that as Holy Prophet PBUH diverted the canal, so it is reasonable that new canal should also be diverted to prevent someone's property damage.

Part B.

Responsibilities of Civil Servant

Civil Services is one of the most coveted ^{career} fields in Pakistan. Almost every graduate in Pakistan irrespective of educational background, or social status aspire to join Civil Services. They strive day and night to crack the exam and get desired allocation. However,

Being upon allocation, servants/qualifiers enter practical field to present their services. However this great power

Poses great responsibilities.

According to a well-known quote by Lord Acton:

"Power corrupts, and absolute power corrupts" absolutely"
(Lord Acton)

With great powers, there is always a chance of getting involved in corruption. Therefore civil servants need complete awareness of their roles and responsibilities.

RESPONSIBILITIES

+ 1. ACCOUNTABILITY AND TRANSPARENCY

Civil servant must be transparent in his affairs. He must not get corrupted due to external forces and pressure and must remain committed to just sources of income. According to Duran,

Every person must be accountable for his actions on the day of judgement, therefore, he/she must remain impartial.

2. PRUDENCE

Prudence means practical wisdom and requires self-control. Every civil

must be prudent and wise enough to tackle all the issues coming his way.

3. Subordination to public

One of the most important requirements for being a civil servant is to be humble, and kind heart person. He must think of himself subservient to his public and serve the common public good over personal good. He must be available to solve the problems of common people.

4. Responsible Administration

Civil servant must be responsible enough to carry out administration duties effectively. He/she should be exemplary to others. He must acknowledge and rightly use the authority bestowed to him by Allah & and should try to carry out his duties responsibilities.

