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A) INTRODUCTION:

Islam is a complete code of life with Prophet (SAW) as its messenger, and Quran as its foundational text. Islam has five core beliefs without accepting which a person cannot enter into the realm of Islam. They include the belief in oneness of Allah, the books, the messengers, the last day and the divine decree. By having a faith in these beliefs, it plays a major role in our spiritual enlightenment, moral uplifting and societal reformation.

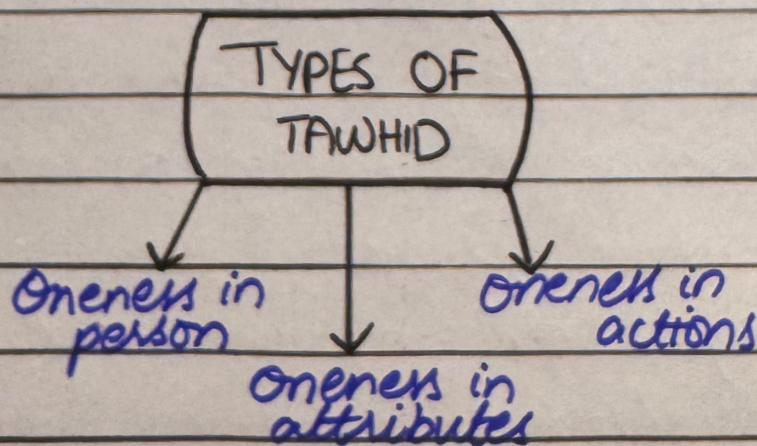
B) MAJOR ISLAMIC BELIEFS:-

The word "belief" means faith or imaan. According to Hadees-e-Jibreel, the major beliefs are:-

"Faith is to belief in Allah, his books, his messengers, the Last Day, and in the divine decree, both its good and its evil."

① TAWHID:-

Tawhid means belief in the unity or the oneness of Allah. Allah is the creator and everything is in His control.



→ INDIVIDUAL IMPACTS OF TAWHID:-

It can be further divided into spiritual and moral impacts.

• SPIRITUAL IMPACTS:

1) CONNECTION WITH ALLAH:-

By believing in the unity of Allah, it develops a connection to the creator. We testify to his oneness in Surah Ikkhlas as:

"Allah is one and only one. He is the Absolute. He neither begets nor is He begotten. And there is none like him."

2) GIVES A PRIMARY PURPOSE OF LIFE:-

The primary purpose behind all the creations is to worship Allah.

"And I didnot create the Jinns and humans except for the purpose that they should worship me." ~ AL-QURAN

• MORAL IMPACTS :-

1) INSTILLS HUMILITY :-

The belief in Allah makes men humble and modest as they realize that they are nothing in front of the creator.

2) ENSURES SELF-ACCOUNTABILITY:-

By believing in the existence of a God, people become responsible because they realize that they would be asked about their actions on the day of judgement.

Imam Shafi said that there is one verse in the Quran that every believer should be afraid of. They asked which one. He replied: "And your Lord never forgets."

→ SOCIETAL IMPACTS OF TAWHID :-

1) CREATES A PURPOSEFUL SOCIETY:-

It reforms the society as a whole and everyone strives towards a common purpose of pleasing Allah.

2) CREATES UNITY:-

By believing in a single omnipotent creator, a sense of unity is created.

3) PROMOTES BROTHERHOOD:-

Islam has declared all Muslims as brothers. Hence, the belief in Allah strengthens this bond of love and mutual care.

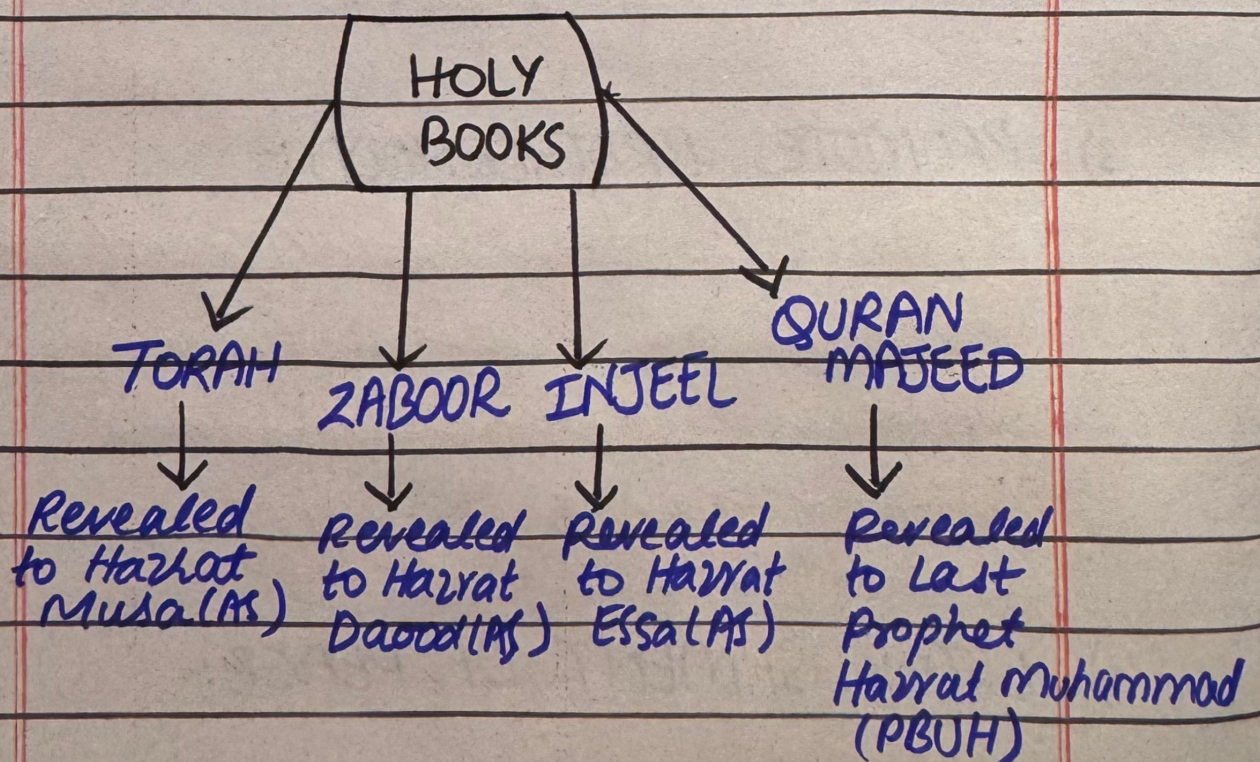
4) ESTABLISHMENT OF PEACE:-

Mutual co-existence and same ideological beliefs establishes harmony and peace in society.

② BELIEF IN BOOKS:-

Allah has sent four Holy Books for the guidance of mankind. A Muslim must believe in all the books, but the final book is the Holy Quran.

“And those who believe in what was revealed to you (Muhammad) and what has been revealed before you.”



→ IMPACTS ON INDIVIDUAL:-

1) SPIRITUAL GUIDANCE:-

The holy books came as a manual containing instructions on how to live a life according to the principles of Allah.

2) CONNECTION WITH ALLAH:-

Allah has directly talked to his creation in the books, hence developing a connection with them.

3) ERADICATION OF EVILS:-

Allah has taught the difference between good and bad in His books, which helps men in eradicating evil deeds and adopting good ones.

4) SENSE OF PRIDE:-

It inculcates a sense of pride in humans

as they are the only creation upon which Allah has revealed His books.

→ IMPACTS ON SOCIETY:-

1) PUTS SOCIETY ON THE RIGHT TRACK:-

The holy books guides humans and in this way the society is reformed towards betterment.

2) CREATES HARMONY:-

It leads to a peaceful and harmonious society.

③ BELIEF IN PROPHETHOOD:-

Whenever Allah sent a book, he also sent a prophet with it for its interpretation. Mufti Shafi Usmani in his tafseer "Maarif ul Quran" writes that only a human can train and

teach other humans. So the prophets were from among humans. Belief in Allah without belief in prophets is incomplete.

→ IMPACTS ON INDIVIDUAL:-

1) DEVELOPS A CONNECTION WITH ALLAH:-

Allah states in the Quran that:

"We have not sent any Prophet without telling them to ask people to worship Allah."

2) HELPS TO SUCCEED IN LIFE HEREAFTER:-

According to a hadith:

"The Holy Prophet said that Allah said: 'And I have prepared for my pious believers such things that no eye has ever seen and no mind has ever imagined.'"

→ IMPACTS ON SOCIETY:-

1) PROPHETS HELP PEOPLE GET RID OF ALL EVILS:-

Jafar ibn Abi Talib in his speech to Negus, the Christian King of Abyssinia said:

"O King! We were plunged in ignorance and barbarity. We adored idols and were unchaste. When Allah lifted among us a man whose truthful and honesty we were all aware, and he guided us towards the belief in oneness of Allah."

2) HELPS SUCCEED IN THIS DUNYA:-

Holy Prophet was the best example of how he gave people the best economic, administrative and judicial system to succeed in this dunya.

④ BELIEF IN AKHIRAH:-

Every muslim believes in the Last day of judgment which will be the day of accountability. This world is a testing place, and the hereafter is much more durable and better.

→ IMPACTS ON INDIVIDUAL:-

1) INCULCATES FEAR OF ALLAH:-

With fear of Allah comes self-accountability.

"And on the Day of Resurrection, no soul will feel injustice even if it's equal to the weight of a mustard seed".

~ AL-QURAN

2) MORAL UPLIFTING:-

By believing in

last day, people tend to moral deeds to avoid Jahannum.

→ IMPACTS ON SOCIETY:-

1) MUTUAL CARE:-

As Allah commands to be considerate of fellow beings, so it develops mutual care and understanding so that they would be rewarded in the Akhirah.

2) ALLEVIATION OF CRIMES:-

Crime rates reduces because of the fear of last day.

⑤ BELIEF IN QADAR:-

Belief in taqdeer is virtually inter-related to the belief in tauhid or oneness of Allah.

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c) CONCLUSION:-

In a nutshell,
Islam is based upon five
core beliefs that are central
to its ideology. These beliefs
lead to positive impacts
on both individuals and
on the society as a whole.