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PART - II

Q2- Answer

CONCEPT OF TAWHEED

Introduction:

Tawheed is the Islamic belief ~~that~~ without which no person can call himself a Muslim. This concept of Tawheed is the only reason due to which Muslims are able to live a dignified and purposeful life. Tawheed not only helps in individual life but also establishes a responsible and peaceful society.

Meaning of Tawheed:

Tawheed means that there is no deity worthy of worship except Allah. He has no beginning and no end. All of praise and

worships belong to only Him.

There are three aspects of Tawhid:

- **Tawheed-Onness in Person:**

Onness in person can easily be understood by Surah Ikhlas in which Allah says that:

"Say, He is Allah the one.

He is eternal and absolute.

None is born of Him, neither is He born. And there is nothing comparable to Him"

- **Tawheed-Onness in Attributes:**

No one other than Allah owns all the attributes. As it is mentioned in Quran:

"And to Allah belongs the best names, so invoke Him by them".

It is also said in Quran:

"There is not God but Him, and His are the most beautiful names."

3- Tawheed - Onness in Actions:

His actions are not comparable to anyone's. In fact, no one has the power to even perform even one of the actions that Allah can. It is said beautifully in Quran:

"To Allah belongs the sovereignty of heavens and the Earth and what lies in them and He has power over everything"

Therefore, the main and the biggest concept of Islam is Tawheed (Onness of Allah). Each and everything belongs to Him and He is the creator of everything. He does whatever He wills and He has power over everything. When a Muslim indulge Tawheed in His life, he surrenders to his creator and feels peace and remembers Him all the time.

Impacts of Tawheed on Individual

When an individual accepts oneness of Allah in his life, his life changes in many aspects.

1- Individual gets the Primary Purpose of Life:

All humans at some stage or in most of life wonder about their purpose of existence in this world. But Muslims always know their primary purpose after reading Quran which says:

"I did not create Jinns and the Humans except for the purpose that they should worship Me". (Al-Quran)

2. Induces a sense of self-Accountability:

When a Muslim thinks that he is answerable to Allah

creation, then he starts reflecting upon his life and improves his actions.

"We will set up scales of Justice for the day of resurrection, so that none of the soul will suffer the least injustice and even if it be the weight of a mustard seed - We will bring it up. Sufficient are we as reckoners" (Al-Quran)

3- Incultates self-Respect:

Muslims know that they are the best creation of Almighty Allah. Therefore, an individual feels self-respect among other creations of Allah and feel honourable. As Allah says in Quran:

"We have honoured the children of Adam, and carried them on land and sea, and provided

to them with good things
and greatly favoured
them over many of
those we created"

4- Inculcates Humility and Modesty:

When a Muslim individual thinks that all attributes and creations belong to Allah, then he feels modest and slave of Him. It makes an individual behaves with humility and modesty and stop behaving arrogantly in this temporary world. Allah says in Quran:

"Pride is my cloak and
Greatness is my robe
and whoever competes
with Me in this
regard, I shall throw
him into Hell" (Al-Quran)

5- Incultates Trust and Hope in Allah:

All of us face hardships and difficulties in life. It does not mean that we stop doing daily chores and performing our responsibilities in life.

A Muslim individual always trust in Allah for every matter and never stops hoping for betterment of both worlds.

"And why should we not trust in Allah, when He has guided us in our ways.....

... And upon the God, a reliant should rely". (Al-Quran).

Impacts of Tawheed on Society

When all individuals are subservient to Allah, society is benefitted in many ways:

1) Concept of Equality is Strengthened:

By believing in oneness of

Allah, the society thinks that everyone is equal in rights and responsibilities. No one is superior over any other.

"He is dearest to Allah, who is more pious" (Al-Quran).

So, no one judges anyone on the basis of deeds. Only Allah knows who is more superior to Him. So, all individuals show respect and perform their duties in society by following Tanheed.

2- Instills the Concept of Brotherhood:

When individuals know that they have only one Creator, it makes them humble and respectful towards each other.

All of them worship only one God in the same manner.

They stand shoulder to shoulder during salah prayers ~~and~~ which eliminates the difference of rich, poor, black, white and

others. When everyone thinks, they are accountable to Allah, they start taking care of each other and a sense of brotherhood is prevailed.

3- Shared Purpose and Identity:

Tawheed gives Muslims a shared purpose of believing and obeying only Allah and follow His guidance. This common goal unites Muslims as one Ummah creating a deep sense of solidarity.

4. Helps Building a Humble and Modest Society:

When all Muslims have a strong belief that all attributes belong only to Allah, then they become humble and modest towards each other.

This behaviour promotes equality and all racial or monetary differences are vanished from

society

5. Brings peace and order:

Islam is religion of peace. The concept of Tawheed is the reason that makes it peaceful. When all humans follow Tawheed, they become equal and respectful towards each other. When everyone cares for each other, the society becomes peaceful. When all Muslims try to fulfil their responsibilities, an order is established from Government to a gardener, or a cook or a security guard. Everyone feels accountable towards Allah.

Conclusion:

The concept of Tawheed makes individuals and society successful in this life and the life hereafter.

Q6 - Answer

Economic and Social Philosophy of Zakat - Tazkiyah (Purification)

Introduction

Zakat is one of the obligatory worships in Islam. Apart from worship, the philosophy behind Zakat is for the progress of society and Ummah. When a wealthy individual shares part of his money with the needy, a sense of care, brotherhood and equality is prevailed. The person's money is purified from the evils of greed and arrogance. The effective implementation of Zakat and Sadqat can help develop an egalitarian society.

Meaning of Zakat:

Zakat → To purify, growth or increase.

Terminologically, it is an amount that a Muslim takes out from his wealth every year provided that his wealth reaches prescribed amount (52.5 tolas of silver). If it reaches prescribed amount, Muslim calculates all his wealth and pay 2.5% as Zakat.

• Social Philosophy of Zakat:

No doubt, society consist of individuals of different ranks monetarily. Some are wealthy/rich, some are mediocre, some are deprived of even daily meals. But Islam provides a system to take care of each other by Zakat. When rich gives share of money to needy in their area, the poor feels the part of society and they think, their Muslim brothers care for them. The poor start

more hardwork to earn livelihood as they want to be givers of Zakat in future. As Allah says in Quran:

"And perform the prayer, and give Alms (Zakat). (Al-Quran)

Therefore, as a Muslim, it is a duty to share part of wealth in society so that everyone can afford basic needs of life.

• Economic Philosophy of Zakat:

If wealthy don't share their wealth, it piles up for them without being used by anyone. If one is gathering up money all the time, it establishes more greed and arrogance.

Economically, if one has large share of wealth, money is not circulated in society. Rich becomes more rich, poor becomes more poor. Here Zakat plays its

part. Circulation of money from rich to poor helps in economic growth of society. The poor slowly become self-sufficient and start giving zakat too. Everyone starts contributing in common growth of a village, city, province or a country. The whole society starts helping other societies later on. The wealth of rich gets purified from evils of greed and arrogance. As Allah says in Quran:

"Receive contributions from their wealth, to purify them and sanctify them with it, and pray for them" (AL-Quran).

Effective Implementation of Zakat - Development of Egalitarian Society

When all wealthy people start giving prescribed amount

of Zakat in their areas, the specific area it grows economically. More wealthy people can also give Sadaqat whenever they want, as Allah says in Quran, the society is more benefitted in every way possible.

"But what you give in charity - desiring God's approval - these are the multipliers" (Al-Quran)

Therefore, circulation of money help each other build financially.

• Helps in Creating a Balanced Society:

When Zakat is properly established, the gap between rich and poor reduces. Wealthy are saved from being greedy and arrogant, and poor are saved from being humiliated or hunger. A balanced society is created as a whole.

- Circulation of Money/Wealth:

When rich people starts giving Zakat and Sadqat, wealth is not piled up at one place or with few people. It is circulated in society. When wealth is circulated, the poor also start contributing in economic matters. The time comes when a society as a whole flourishes so well that all of them start giving Zakat to other Muslim societies. The sense of accountability to Allah allows everyone to share their wealth.

- Reduction in Crime Rates:

When the needy gets money in proper way that Islam has prescribed in form of Zakat, they stop criminal activities. Thieves stop stealing from other people. Opportunities are created for everyone and

criminals ~~feel~~ are reduced in number. When everyone feels part of society, they care for each other and no one has to ask for basic needs in life by having amount as Zakat and Sadqat..

- **Eradication of Social Evils**
such as Jealousy and Envy:
When wealthy people show off their money all the time, it creates sense of jealousy and envy in few unfortunate. These feelings are prevailed in society. But instead of showing off, when rich starts helping poor by Zakat and Sadqat, they ~~feel~~ ~~ref~~ start giving respect to rich and pray for them. Social evils are eradicated slowly from society.

- Helps in Strengthening Poverty
Brotherhood and Unity:

When sense of care prevails from rich towards poor, everyone feels secure and protected.

Sense of unity is prevailed in society. When individuals

help each other at times of financial difficulties, brotherhood

prevails. Muslims don't have

to ask for help from

non-muslims and a respectful

Ummah is emerged.

Conclusion:

Zakat is an obligatory worship,

that not only purifies one's

wealth but also builds

very united and egalitarian
society.

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Islam - Pioneer of Human Rights.

Preface:

The world was in chaos before Islam. There was not a concept of dignity, rights, responsibilities on anything. Men used to humiliate women and killed newborn girls. There were no rules of property rights, rights to life, basic needs and so on. But when Islam emerged, proper code of conduct for life was given. Islam is the pioneer of human rights. The modern international human rights cannot compare the rights of humans given by Islam 1400 years ago.

Meaning of Right in Islam:

Right → Haqq → It has many meanings like truth, correct, obligation etc.

Terminologically it means, "legal right of a person gives to him by Shariah".

It means that all humans have rights equally in Shariah from Allah.

Dignity of Human in Islam:

Islam gives all rights to human equally which gives him dignity in society. As Allah says in Quran:

"We have honoured children of Adam and carried them on land and seas, and provided them with good things, and greatly favoured them over many of those we created" (Al-Quran)

It means, not only Muslims, but all human beings are honourable. Whoever follows Islam not only

all human rights prescribed
by Islam.

Basic Human Rights Granted
by Islam and Comparison
with Modern International
Humanitarian Rights:

1- Equality in Sight of Allah SWT and His Deen:

All human beings are
equal in sight of Allah
in terms of their rights
in society. Humans cannot
judge each other on the basis
of monetary status or racial
differences. Allah says in Quran:

"O people, we have created you
from a male and a female and
made you races and tribes,
and that you may know
one another. The best among
you in the sight of Allah is
the one who is most
righteous" (Al-Quran)

Therefore, for humans each and every human is respectful in every manner.

Although modern humanitarian rights give all rights to people, yet they don't take action when one is violating those rights. There is still racial discrimination in west. People respect each other on the basis of wealth one possess. Modern humanitarian rights

2- Sanctity of Life:

Life of all individuals is precious in Islam. As Allah says in Quran:

"One who kills an individual is like he has killed the whole humanity" (Al-Quran)

No one has the right to humiliate or take anyone's life.

Modern humanitarian rights

talk about right to life for everyone. But UN who made these rights does not punish those who are taking life of millions of people. Therefore modern humanitarians are failed in protecting right to life of individuals. ~~While~~ While on the Day of judgement, everyone will be accountable for their actions in this world.

3- Right to Basic Needs:

Allah provides rights of basic needs to all individuals.

As in Quran, He says:

"And give the relative his rights, and the poor, and the wayfarer, and do not squander wastefully" (Al-Quran)

Allah forbids wasting resources, and wealth and asks to help fellow brothers.

On the other hand, although Universal Declaration of Human

rights talks about providing basic needs to everyone, regardless of ~~it~~ but they are unable to do so. Many African countries are devoid of basic standards of living. Many kids remain malnourished and die. So, just writing a document does not provide rights but feeling accountable to God makes each other provide rights.

4. Sanctity of Property:

Islam provides rights of property to all individuals. No one can seize anyone's property with force.

"O believers, do not consume each other's wealth illicitly, but trade by mutual consent" (Al-Quran)

Universal declaration of human rights protects ownership of property too in modern world.

5 Rights of Inheritance are Gender Neutral:

Islam has given rights to men and women and have mentioned details of shares for everyone in Surah An-Nisa. Shares for married, unmarried and widows have rights in shares, ^{and} even children's shares are mentioned.

Modern humanitarian rights have mentioned that, right to property for everyone is equal but they have not mentioned the amount of shares given to men and women. Islam has already mentioned but modern so humanitarians have failed to do so.

Conclusion:

Islam has given basic human rights to all individuals and ^{deserve} ~~latter~~ in these rights in detail. Islam and deen

gives privilege to humans
and give them their rights
regardless of gender or
status. Modern humanitarian
rights also mention right
of human but they have
failed to implement the
system of providing those
rights to everyone.