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Question : 2:

Explain the concept of Tawheed (unity of God) in Islam. How does this belief influence the individual and collective life of believers?

Answer:-

Tawheed:-

It is the fundamental concept in Islam, meaning the absolute Oneness of Allah. To believe Allah alone is the only creator. He alone is supremely powerful. He is the only sustainer and Eternal. Tawheed is the core belief that distinguishes Islam from all other religions and forms the basis of Islamic theology and practice. Every aspect of a Muslim's life is governed by this belief, making it central to both individual and collective life.

Concept of Tawheed in Islam:-

The word Tawheed comes from Arabic word "Wahhada", meaning "to make one" or "to unify". In Islamic theology, it refers to affirming that Allah is One, without partners or equals in His Lordship, Names and Attributes and Worship.

Kinds of Tawheed:-

There are 3 main kinds of

Tawheed:-

1) Unity in Person / Lordship:-

Belief that Allah alone is the

Creator, Sustainer and Ruler of the universe. No one shares in Allah's action. He is the sole Lord of all creation.

"Allah is the Creator of all things, and He is, over all things, Disposer of affairs."

(Surah Az-Zumar) ~~amr~~

~~Belief that is Unique & Perfect in~~

~~His names and Attributes, and nothing is like Him.~~

2) Unity in Attributes:

Belief that is Unique & Perfect in His names and Attributes, and nothing is like Him. His knowledge, power, mercy, hearing, ~~see~~ seeing etc are unlike those of any created being.

"There is nothing like unto Him, and He is the Hearing, the seeing."

(Surah Ash-Shura) ~~amr~~

3) Unity in Actions:

~~Believe~~ ~~only~~ ~~that~~ Believe that Only Allah's actions govern creation. He alone creates, provides, gives life and death. ~~Also~~ Allah alone deserves to be worshipped and all forms of worship should be directed to Him only.

"And your Lord has decreed that you not worship except Him."

(Surah Al-Isra) ~~amr~~

Importance of Tauheed in Islam:-

• Foundation of Faith:-

Tauheed is the first part of shahadah (Declaration of faith), "La ilaha illallah" (There is no god but Allah). Without tauheed, one's belief is invalid. It is the gateway of Islam.

• Purpose of Creation:-

Tauheed explains why Allah created human beings and jinn. The sole purpose of creation is to recognize, worship and submit to the One true God.

"And I did not create the jinn and mankind except to worship Me."

(Al-Quran) ~~Surah Az-Zumar: 61~~

• Basis of Prophethood:-

All prophets and Messengers were sent by Allah with one universal message; to call people to the worship of Allah alone and reject all forms of shirk. This message of Tauheed was the central mission of every Prophet from Adam to Muhammad (PBUH).

"And we certainly sent into every nation a messenger, (saying), 'Worship Allah and avoid Taghut (false deities)'."

(Surah Nahl) ~~Surah Nahl: 125~~

• Salvation in the Hereafter:-

Tauheed is key to salvation. Entry into Paradise is not based merely on actions,

but on the purpose of sincere belief in the Oneness of Allah. Good deeds without Tauheed are meaningless in the sight of Allah.

Influence of Tauheed in individual life:

Tauheed is not only a theological concept but transformative force in a Muslim's personal life. It shapes a person's mindset, emotions, priorities and behavior.

1) Spiritual Liberation:

Tauheed liberates the individuals from servitude to anything or anyone other than Allah. A person who internalizes tauheed knows that no human, object or force of nature has ultimate control or power, only Allah does. This eliminates; fear of people or spirits, superstitious (like bad charms etc) and material attachments (like excessive reliance on wealth, status or authority figures).

⁶⁶ "It is You we worship and You we ask for help."
 (Al-Quran: 1:5)

This ~~removes~~ strengthens self-worth and dignity, ~~removes~~ anxiety over things beyond one's control and frees from manipulation or fear of others.

2) Inner Peace and Contentment:-

Tauheed brings emotional stability in individuals life. Believing that Allah is in control,

and that everything happens by His will, instills etc calmness, trust and hope.

“Know that if the entire nation were to gather to benefit you with something, they would not benefit you except with what Allah has already decreed for you...”

(Hadith: al Tirmidhi)

This eases anxiety over the future, comforts the heart in hardship and creates a mindset of tawakkul (trust in Allah) rather than worry.

3) Accountability and Responsibility:-

Belief in Tauheed nurtures a deep sense of personal accountability. A believer knows they are answerable to Allah alone, who sees everything whether public or hidden. This makes believers honest; even when no one is watching, responsible in their duties and dealings and being ethical in business, family and social interactions.

As a result this increases integrity, discourages hypocrisy and builds strong character.

“Not a word does he utter but there is a watcher by him ready (to record it).”

(Al-Quran)

Influence of Tauheed in Collective Life:-

Tauheed not only reform individuals, but also builds just, united and morally grounded

Societies.

1) Unity of the Ummah:-

Tauheed is the bond that unites all Muslims, regardless of race, nationality, language or culture. In Islam, the Ummah is united by belief in one Lord, following one Book (Quran) and adhering to the Sunnah of Prophet Muhammad (PBUH). Social distinctions dissolve when believers stand side by side in prayer, rich and poor, black and white, king and servant - equal before Allah.

This promotes brotherhood and mutual support, reduces division based on nationality, tribe or race and builds a strong, spiritually united community.

2) Social Justice and Equality:

Tauheed instills the belief that only Allah has ultimate authority, which removes the idea that some humans are inherently superior. It rejects systems where people are worshipped, glorified or considered above the law. Everyone whether ruler or ruled is accountable to the same God.

3) Resistance to oppression:-

Tauheed strengthens the community's resistance to tyranny and oppression. Believers who truly understand Tauheed fear only Allah, not kings, armies or dictators. This belief has fueled countless Islamic liberation movements and resistance efforts.

throughout history.

Shirk / Polytheism:-

It means to associate someone/something with Allah. It is the gravest sin in Islam.

"Pride and arrogance are the signs of shirk."
(Imam Taymiyah.)