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Q1. Define Tawheed is the Bedrock of Islam. What are its significance and impact on individual life and the society? Elaborate.

## TAWHEED - BEDROCK OF ISLAM

### INTRODUCTION

Tawheed (Oneness of Allah) is the bedrock of Islam upon which the entire structure of Islam is built. Tawheed is the main and fundamental concept in Islam that distinguish Islam from other religions and beliefs. A Muslim believes in absolute authority and power of Allah in all aspects of life. This belief helps in shaping the successful path and personality of an individual. Society also progresses in all aspects of life by having faith in one deity alone.

## TYPES OF TANHEED:

The three types of Tanheed elaborates the onness and absolute authority of Allah in the Universe.

### 1- Onness in Person:

Onness in person can easily be understood by Surah Ikhlas:

قُلْ هُوَ اللَّهُ أَحَدٌ • اللَّهُ الصَّمَدُ • لَمْ يَلِدْ وَلَمْ يُولَدْ •  
لَمْ يَلِكُ أَكُفْواً عَنِ اللَّهِ

"Say O Prophet, He is Allah-The One.

Allah-The everlasting. He begot

no one neither He was begotten.

No one is comparable to Him"

This surah beautifully explains the onness of Allah. He is from start and is immortal. He has control over everything.

### 2. Onness in Attributes:

No one possesses the qualities and attributes to that of Allah. It is mentioned in the Quran:

"There is no God but Allah.

His are the most beautiful

names." (Al-Quran)

Allah, the creator of everything possesses qualities that are unique and no one else in Universe has the capacity to possess all those qualities. He is everything from being <sup>The</sup> Gracious, <sup>The</sup> Merciful, <sup>The</sup> Creator and so on.

### 3- Oneness in Actions:

A The brain of a common person cannot comprehend the working of Universe in a perfect manner. It is only Allah, who is managing this whole system without a flaw.

"To God belongs the sovereignty of Heavens and Earth and whatever lies in them, and He has power over everything"

(Al-Quran)

Sun, Moon, stars, galaxies, space, earth, mountains and in fact everything obeys Allah due to which the Universe is working perfectly.

## Tawheed is Bedrock of Islam:

Islam is based on five pillars as mentioned by Hadees:

"Islam has been built on five pillars: Testifying that there is no God worthy of worship except Allah (Tawheed) and that Holy Prophet SAW is his last messenger, performing Salaat, paying Zakaat and making Hajj to His House and fasting in Ramadan" (Hadees)

Without Tawheed, none of the other concepts/worships can be established. All of the Prophets from Adam AS to Muhammad SAW gave the message of Tawheed to their people. Faith/Tawheed in Allah is so important that before teaching Quran, Holy Prophet SAW taught faith to his companions:

"We were taught faith in Allah before learning Quran. Learning Quran increased

our faith in Allah" (Hadees)

Tawheed is just like the foundation of a building. If faith in Tawheed is weak, the other worships are also weak and will fall down like a building. But if it is strong, the rest of the pillars of Islam will never be weak. Even a person who reverts to Islam says Kalma-e-Shahadat, which describes oneness of Allah. So the primary or bedrock element of being a Muslim is accepting oneness of Allah and becoming subservient only to Him.

### Significance and Impacts of Tawheed on Individual Life.

1. Tawheed gives Purpose of Life:

وَمَا خَلَقْنَا الْجِنَّ وَالْإِنْسَ

إِلَّا لِيَعْبُدُونِ •

"And We did not create  
Jinns and Humans

except for the purpose  
that they should  
worship Me". (Al-Quran)

Tawheed gives the primary  
purpose of life to the  
individuals. Allah clearly says  
in Quran that He created  
humans so that they worship Him.  
Worships come in different forms  
like Salaat, Zakaat, Saum, and  
Hajj. So, by accepting Tawheed,  
an individual will worship Allah  
and will lead a purposeful  
life.

## 2. Incultates Modesty and Humility:

"Pride is my cloak and  
Greatness in My robe,  
and whoever competes with  
Me in either of them, I  
shall throw him in Hell". (Al-Quran)

Allah shares His qualities of  
Pride and Greatness in Quran:

By accepting His absolutes

Greatest Qualities, an individual will always remain humble and modest. A person will never be arrogant and show off his worldly accomplishments. That is how, an individual's life is filled with peace as He knows only Allah is possessor and controller of everything.

### 3- Sense of Self-Accountability.

Allah is alone in <sup>His</sup> actions. His oneness in actions has many examples. One of the examples are:

"We will setup scales of justice on the Day of Resurrection, so that none of the soul will suffer the least injustice, and we will bring it up even if it <sup>be</sup> is a weight of mustard seed. Sufficient are We as Reckoners". (Al-Quran)

When an individual knows that, he will be asked for his

deeds in the world and will get reward according to those deeds, he will live a life that will lead him to Jannah. He will feel self accountable. Individual will try to do good deeds and worship Allah and abstain from bad deeds. In this way he will be rewarded in both worlds.

#### 4. Incultates self-Respect:

As Allah says in Quran:

"And We have honoured the 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)

This ayat alone is enough for an individual to feel self respect over other creations of Allah.

An individual takes care of himself and becomes a strong

believer of Allah.

### 5- Instills Peace and Contentment:

"Surely in the remembrance of God, the hearts find peace". (Al-Quran)

When an individual believes only in Allah and remembers in both good and bad times, his heart finds peace. The sense of care from Allah makes an individual feel content, contented and fulfilled even if he is alone in the world.

### Significance and Impact of Tawheed on Social Life/Society

When all the individuals believe in oneness of Allah and are subservient to Him, society is benefited in many ways:

- 1) Concept of Equality is Strengthened:  
By believing in oneness of

Q2- Define the meaning of prayer and its different categories. Also describe spiritual, moral, and social aspects of prayer.

## PRAYER - SALAAT

### Introduction:

Islam is based on five pillars, and salaah is the most important pillar after Tauheed. The main difference bettween believers and non-believer is offering salaah. Establishing salaah not only impacts individual life, but also positively impacts society. salaah has many spiritual, moral and social impacts by which an Ummah progresses and get success in both worlds.

### Literal Meaning:

Literal meaning of salaah is Dua / Prayer.

## Terminological Meaning:

In terminology, Salat means the five obligatory prayers which were made obligatory in 10<sup>th</sup> year of prophethood. It is the only worship that was made obligatory in Makki period.

## Names and Timings of Five Prayers:

Fajr: Dawn to sunrise.

Zuhr: Noon to when shadow of everything triples.

Asr: When shadow of everything triples to sunset.

Maghrib: Sunset to darkness.

Isha: Dawn Darkness till dawn.

## Types / Categories of Prayers:

There are three categories of prayers:

### 1- Obligatory (Fard) Prayers:

These are the obligatory five prayers which a Muslim

cannot miss. These are Fajr, Zuhr, Asr, Maghrib, and Isha.

## 2- Sunnah Prayers:

These are the prayers which Prophet Muhammad SAW used to offer on regular basis. There are two sunnah in Fajr, four and two sunnah in Zuhr, two sunnah in Maghrib, four and two and sunnah in Isha prayers.

## 3- Nafil Prayers:

These are prayers which are not obligatory and Holy Prophet SAW offered them at various times at different occasions. These are Ishraq, Chaast, Awabeen, Atti Tahajjud and others.

## Importance of Salaat:

Salaat is important worship as the first things to be asked in grave is about Salaat. It is mentioned about more

than 60-times in Quran.

"The companions of Prophet SAW did not consider abandonment of any good deed as disbelief, except for Salaat" (Hadees).

"The first thing for which a person will be brought to account will be his Salaat. If it is sound, then he will have succeeded, be salvaged, but if it is not, then he will have lost and be doomed." (Hadees)

Therefore the criterion to get success in this world and specially in life hereafter is the establishment of Salaat.

## Spiritual Impacts of Salaat

### • Covenant Between Muslim and Allah SWT:

Allah has made covenant with

his person as it is clear in this hadees:

"Allah, the exalted, has made five prayers obligatory. If anyone performs ablution for them, offers them at right time and observe submissiveness in them, it is a guarantee that Allah will pardon him. (Hadees)

~~It~~ but This covenants builds a spiritual relation with Allah five times a day and a person feels connected to Him.

#### • Source of Getting close to Allah:

According to Hadees:

"The most beloved thing with which my slave comes nearer to me is what I have enjoined upon him; and My slave keeps on coming closer to me through performing nawafil, till I love him" (Hadees)

An individual feels contented and peaceful at heart when Allah loves him. It is only possible by establishing salaah at right time and with full submissiveness.

### Moral Impacts of Salaah:

- Salaah helps staying away from Evil:

"Surely salaah restrains one from shameful and evil acts" (AL-Quran)

Allah has clearly mentioned that whoever offer salaah, he is protected from doing evil acts. Individuals behave and perform good deeds. This is how a peaceful and morally virtuous individuals interact with each other and work towards betterment.

- Makes one Punctual:

Praying five times a day not only makes one closer to God and gives spiritual benefits, but it also makes an individual punctual.

All of the worldly things and tasks get aligned with prayer timings. One is always prepared and do things on time.

"Prayer is enjoined upon believers at a stated time"

(Al-Quran)

Once the time of salaah comes, a believer has to leave his worldly tasks and worship Allah. That is how one fulfils his responsibilities on time.

## Social Impacts of Prayer

- Salaah strengthens the social fabric of the society:

When Muslims pray together at the same time, it builds

sense of connection and same purpose. People from different social backgrounds unite at and share the same purpose of life with same faith.

- **Salaat Instills Tolerance towards others :**

When Muslims brothers offer salaah together, they stand in one line from different background, <sup>then</sup> and social barrier is broken. Social conflicts are reduced and mutual respect is developed. Everyone becomes tolerant towards other habits and reactions (habitual).

### **Conclusion:**

Concludingly, salaah is a worship that is obligatory for believers and it distinguishes them from non-believers. Establishing salaah has many impacts in individual and social life that helps in succeeding in both worlds.