

## Q. No. 2

Tauheed is an Arabic word derived from word 'wahad'. The word Tauheed means 'oneness'. It is defined by as:

"Tauheed is to single out Allah in His Names, Lordships, Worships and Attributes"

(Ibn e Taymiyah)

Tauheed means the acceptance of the fact that Allah is the only creator and only one to be worshiped. No one is equal to the single attribute of Almighty Allah. When we recite Kalma it says:

لا اله الا الله .

There is no God but Allah  
Tauheed is indeed the first step of Faith / Iman.

### • Kinds of Tauheed:

These are three kinds of Tauheed according to Shah

waliullah.

## 1. Unity in Being.

This is the first kind of faith in Tauheed. Allah is only one in his name. 'There is no God but Allah'. We recite Surah Al Ikhlas in Namaaz and it says:

قُلْ هُوَ اللَّهُ أَحَدٌ. اللَّهُ الصَّمَدُ.

"Say, He is Allah the One. Allah is eternal besought of all".

(Surah Al Ikhlas)

## 2. Unity in Attributes.

Tauheed is the faith in oneness of Allah and His attributes. Belief in the unity of Allah in all the qualities is the part of faith. Allah states in Quran,

"That is He who knows the unseen and the witness and is exalted in His Might."

(Surah Al Sajda)

## 3. Unity in Actions.

Believe in the oneness of

Allah in all the actions happening in universe and beyond is a part of Tauheed. Believe in "كن، فيكون"، "He says and it is done" is the kind of Tauheed.

## Impacts of Tauheed on Human Life:

### 1. Individual Life:

Tauheed has its impact on individual life of human being.

#### i- Provides Dignity:

When a person have faith in one-ness of Allah, he does not fear anything in the world. He worships, and consider Allah the only Lord of himself and whole world. This concept provides dignity to human being.

When a human says 'لا اله الا الله' he breaks all other shackles and submits only to Allah.

### 2. Accountability Concept:

When there is a concept of accountability, human

beings take every step with caution. Allah Almighty gave us the concept of accountability in hereafter. This idea of hereafter gives human beings a sense of responsibility and they spend their lives with a reason and consciousness.

### 3. Virtue and Upright,

Submitting to Allah breaks all other shackles of slavery and submission. Only thing remains is the worship of one Lord who created the whole universe. Man lives uprightly without any fear.

### 4. Hope:

Same concept of accountability that gives human sense of responsibility, provides hope for him. When a person faces difficulty, he knows he will be rewarded by Allah for his suffering. Allah states in Quran.

ان مع العسر يسرا • فان مع العسر يسرا

There is ease after difficulty. Indeed there is ease after every difficulty.

(Surah Al-Nashrah)

## 5. Bravery

Tauheed provides bravery to human beings. They do not fear the death nor they fear brutality. They are always ready for martyrdom which gives bravery to Muslims.

## Collective Life:

### 1. Equality:

Islam is complete code of life and thus gives every muslim and non-muslim ~~a sense~~ equality. Tauheed is a concept that provides human beings faith in equality. Allah states in Quran.

"And we created you from one soul"

(04: 01)

### 2. Brotherhood:

Tauheed believers all considers themselves brother. Islam teaches us that 'Every muslim is the brother of other muslim'. (Hadith) which make muslims believe in peaceful concept of Islam.

## 2. Rights and duties.

Person who believes in Tauheed knows that he has some rights and duties to fulfill so he remains conscious which makes a peaceful world collectively.

## Conclusion:

Concept of Tauheed not only provides conscience to human being but also give them hope for betterment in the world and hereafter. He seeks eternal benefits and agrees to do good in his whole life.

## Q. No. 3

Human rights are the basic rights and freedoms that belong to every individual simply because they are humans. According to United Nations: Human rights are the rights inherent to all human beings since birth without the regards of race, sex, ethnicity, language, religion or other status". Islam is a deen an complete code of life. It provides every human being basic human rights. 1400 years ago when deen of Islam was revealed upon Prophet Muhammad PBUH, the human being were provided with proper human rights. Implementation of these rights is visible in Sunnah where Prophet himself guaranteed the citizens to live their lives with freedom. Then Khilafat-e-Rashida; the "sahaba" guaranteed the public their safety and life and property.

# Basic Human Rights Provided by Islam:

Islam provides human right to every living being. These rights were not gained after struggle or protest or making any movements, they were revealed and provided by Almighty Allah. There are some basic rights Islam provides to us.

## 1. Right of Life,

Islam gives every human being right to life. Arabs, before Islam, were very brutal to other human beings specially to girls. They used to bury <sup>newborn</sup> girls alive for the sake of their dignity. Islam prohibited the practice and Allah states in Quran

"Never Kill your children out of the fear of poverty."

Islam suggests punishment to those who kill other people. This is stated in Quran:

"Whoever kills a human being intentionally will recompish in hell, and he will abide there eternally."

This proves the right of <sup>life</sup> Islam gives to all human beings.

## 2- Equality:

Islam gives every human being equal rights and freedom. Prophet PBUH in his last Hajj sermon clearly uttered that there is no one better than other whether Arab or non-Arab. There is no one superior. Similarly Allah states in Quran,

"And we created you from pairs and form groups between you so that you can be identified."

(Surah Al Hujarat)

## 3- Right of Religion:

Islam is a deen that gives human beings right to

choose religion of their own will. Islam was preached by Prophet PBM and Sahaba but Allah ordered in Quran:

"There is no compulsion in religion".

(Surah Al Baqarah)

#### 4- Right of Dignity:

In Islam every person is honourable and has a right to maintain his dignity. Quran clarify the concept like

"We gave the dignity to children of Adam"...

(Sura Bani Israel)

Concept of Tauheed revolves around the dignity of human being where a person is not answerable before other human being but Allah.

#### 5- Right of Honour.

Every living being has right to maintain his honour. No one can harm the other and

disrespect others. |

## 6. Right of Education:

Islam promotes the education for human beings. The first revelation upon Prophet PBUH was started with

اقرأ باسم ربك الذي خلق

| Read, with your God's name who  
| created (you). |

(Sura Al Alaq)

Moreover Prophet PBUH created schools and institutions for education of people. Prophet PBUH said.

"Seeking knowledge is obligatory for every man and woman"

Islam gives the right of education regardless of race, ethnicity, sex, religion, culture etc.

## 7. Right of Justice:

Islam is a deen where justice holds a great importance. Prophet PBUH gave importance to going

justice Sahaba and Khulfa-e-Rashdeen were very conscious about the concept of justice. Allah states in Quran,

"Whoever decides between you decide with justice."

(Surah Al Nisa)

### 3. Right of Property:

Every human being have right to own property. Regardless of religion, race and creed, everyone is allowed to own property freely.

Islam devised a proper plan for women and children to have a part of property and emphasise on giving their right.

### 4. Social Rights and Duties:

Islam gave a proper map for rights & duties of human beings. Everyone has a right on other and vice versa.

Rights and duties of parents and children, neighbours, spouses, teacher

and student, relatives and siblings, are made clear by Islam.

## Rights and duties of minorities.

Islam gives all these basic rights to minorities. No one can harm the life or property or honour and dignity of minorities. They are allowed to enjoy all the freedom and justice must be provided to them.

## Concept of Human Rights in Western World.

The concept of human rights came into being in 19th century in west. When British amendment bill was passed declaring that "life and property in the boundaries of Britain is protected". Then came the treaty of

**Westphalia** in 1648 which discussed the freedom of religion to some extent in Europe. **English Bill of Rights 1689**

gave the people right of justice.

**French Revolution (1793-95)** gave the people freedom of speech and expression.

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League of Nations in 1919 gave the rights to prisoners for fair trial. These movements were started and protests occurred for the achievement of these rights. Hundreds of sacrifices were made. People and philosophers lost their lives and honour to get these basic rights. Unlike Islam where the rights were revealed, World's people sacrificed their lives for this purpose.

## Conclusion:

Islam is a deen and provides complete code of life. It came with every aspect from the life to death of human beings. These basic rights were provided by Allah and not the human beings. World humanitarian rights were gained with struggle and sacrifices while the rights Muslims have are narrated in Quran and practiced by Prophet (PBUH) in Sunnah.

## Q. No. 4.

Extremism refers to any ideas that far out of norms and understanding of accepted norms. It contains violence, intolerance and compulsion for everything. This is indeed against the original concept of Islam. But today there is witnessed a great deal of extremism in Islamic countries. West has named Islamic nations as extremists which is really an opposite to true sense of Islam.

### Causes of Extremism

#### 1- Political Causes.

There are various political causes in world because of which extremism has become a trend for Muslim countries.

##### a- Authoritarian Governance.

Most of Islamic countries lack the system of democracy

They are either ruled by kings or aristocracy. Public is being marginalized in these states. There is hardly any say of democratic society.

## 2. Foreign Involvement.

Domination of western world and their involvement in the internal matters of political environment make it more worse. They control the whole regime or world through economy, trade or ideology.

## g. Socio-Economic Causes.

### a. Inequality:

There is a major problem with the Muslim countries that is inequality. The class system is mostly found in Islamic states. The rule of law is lacking for aristocrats while poor lives with burden and pressure.

### b. Religious Misinterpretation.

The religion is mostly in hands of few people

who teaches according to their own understanding and benefits. They claim to listen to sayings of Prophet ~~PEIR~~ about submitting to the ruler but not the suggestion of Prophet to talk when a ruler is brutal.

### c. Non Constructive Youth.

Youth is almost unaware of the teachings of Islam. They are distracted with westernization and specific Islamic teachings. There are no proper teachings for youth about <sup>true</sup> religious teachings.

### 3. Religious Factors.

#### a) Misinterpretation of Jihad Concept.

Jihad is nowadays termed as brutal killing of people for the implementation of Islam. Many terrorists justify their deeds by terming it as Jihad.

#### b- Sectarian Conflicts.

The <sup>Muslim</sup> world is more concerned about sectarian division.

The bigger rivalry in region Iran-Saudi conflict is mainly caused due to sectarian division between countries.

## Other Issues.

### 1. Media Propaganda.

Media is divided among different schools of thought and they make propaganda against other thinkers. Extremism is mainly caused by involvement of media in negative news and misinterpretation of concepts.

## Solutions.

### 1. Islam Promotes Peace.

Islam always promotes peace and teach to avoid killing and murders. There is clear statement of Allah in Quran that.

"Whoever kills a human intentionally will recompense in Hell and abide there eternally."

There is no compulsion and killing in Islam.

This concept of Islam is not understood by others.

## 2. Moderation:

There is never any harm in Islam and suggest moderation. Even in taking a decision, Islam suggests Ijtihad which is a very moderate way of taking a decision.

## 3. Socio - Political Awareness.

Islam suggests a way to take decision in moderate way. Prophet PBUH has always consulted Shura. They always connected judiciary to the rule of law and equality.

## Conclusion:

Islam promotes welfare, moderation and peaceful dealings to the world. Extremist concept is indeed against the True teachings of Islam.

## Q. No. 6

'Zakat' is derived from an Arabic language which means 'to clean' or 'to purify'.

It can be defined as the "purification of wealth and belonging". It is one of the five obligatory worships. Zakat was made obligatory in 2 A.M. Islam is very strict about Zakat. It is ordered to gain by force. 1st Khalifa Hazrat Abubakar fought 'Ridda Wars' against those who neglected to give Zakat. T

## Philosophy of Zakat:

Zakat is an important worship in Islam. It has its own philosophical advantage. Islam gives reasons for the take out of Zakat.

### 1. Tagkiye or Purification of wealth

Islam gives reason for taking out Zakat from wealth. This philosophy

is called Tazkiye means cleaning or purification of wealth. Allah states in Quran.

"And take out alms of your wealth  
cleanse them and purify them."

(Sura Al Taubah)

It removes the greed of money from one's heart. By taking out alms from the wealth one feels that the wealth is not all his but Allah has divided it ~~bel~~ among others.

## 2- Equality and Social Justice.

The taking out of Zakat from one's wealth will give a person sense of equality. When money circulates in society and everyone is benefitted from it Allah states in Quran.

"In their wealth there is right for the beggar and deprived."

## 3. Circulation of Wealth.

Wealth does not accumulate in limited hands or upper class but circulates to the poor of society. Allah states in Quran that giving zakat is obligatory

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so that wealth may not circulate between rich.

## Issues with the Collection of Zakat.

There are some issues with the collection and implementation of Zakat in today's society. It is making the purpose of zakat difficult to accomplish.

### 1- Interest Based System:

There is banking system in country which is entirely interest based and it makes the accumulation of wealth in rich hand possible. Zakat and interest are two opposite terms. Zakat is meant to be reached to poor.

### 2- Weak Taxation System:

Taxation system of country is so weak that there are hardly 4.5 million people out of 250 million who pay zakat taxes.

so it becomes impossible to collect enough money to spend on poor and needy.

### 3. Lack of Distribution System

Government failed to provide poor and needy the help through Zakat. Proper institution for Zakat distribution is lacking in country.

### 4. Trust Deficit in Government:

Due to corruption and declining economy, public lack confidence in giving zakat to government officials since they do not know whether it will reach to deserving people or not.

## Conclusion,

Zakat has its benefits as it provides rich to feed for poor and provides the needy help but weaker system to collect Zakat has made things impossible to accomplish. This is making the true sense of Zakat.