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Explain the concept of Tawheed (Unity of God) - How does this belief influence the individual and collective life of the believers?

1. Introduction

The concept of Tawheed (Oneness of God) is the greatest blessing conferred on human beings by Islam. As beliefs are the core of Islam, in the same way oneness of Allah is the core of beliefs. According to this belief, "Allah is one." He alone is the creator of universes, sustainer and master. He is eternal and he has complete command over the universe. In all other religions, the concept of God is adulterated and impure. All the messengers of Allah preached this belief of Tawheed and now the Ulema are carrying this light of Tawheed forward.

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2. Evidences of concept of Tawheed

The Holy Quran presents numerous proofs in the context to prove that Allah Almighty exists

2.1. Who is the creator of earth and heavens

Allah says in the Holy Quran:

أَمْ خُلِقُوا مِنْ غَيْرِ شَيْءٍ أَمْ هُمْ الْخَالِقُونَ
أَمْ خَلَقُوا السَّمَوَاتِ وَالْأَرْضَ بَلْ لَا يُحِصُونَ

(القرآن)

Or were they created by nothing, or were they the creators? Or did they create the heavens and the earth? Rather, they are not certain.

The above verses proves that all this universe is not made on its own, rather it is created by Allah Almighty.

2.2. There is no flaw in the creation of Allah

Allah says in Quran

مَا تَرَى فِي خَلْقِ الرَّحْمَنِ مِنْ تَفَوتٍ فَذَرْجَ الْبَحْرَ
هَلْ تَرَى مِنْ قُطُوبِهِ (المك)

You see no disparity in the creation of Rehman. Then observe again. Can you see any disorder?

3. Influence of Tawheed on Individual and collective life of the believers

The belief of Tawheed has changed the human life at individual as well as collective levels. Following are some of the impacts of Tawheed on believers.

i) Love for Allah:

Allah say in the Quran:

رِجَالٌ لَا تُلْهِيهِمْ تِجَارَةٌ وَلَا عَنْ ذِكْرِ اللَّهِ (القرآن)

"The men whom neither any merchandise nor any business distracts from the remembrance of Allah."

At another place Allah says:

وَالَّذِينَ آمَنُوا أَشَدُّ حُبًّا لِلَّهِ (القرآن)

"And the people who believe have the extreme love for Allah."

ii) Broad vision:

A very important influence of Tawheed on man is that this belief bestow man with farsightedness. The believers see the universe and everything in it as a creation of Allah Almighty rather than his own personal creation. This is due to this very reason, that a believer is never prejudiced or

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bigoted.

(iii) Self respect:

The belief in oneness of God raises a man from the nadir of mortification to the zenith of self respect. Once a person submits to Allah Almighty, he is no longer afraid of any other thing in this world. This increases his self confidence. As Iqbal says,

خودی کو کر بلند اتنا کہ بر تقدیر سے پہلے
خدا بندے سے خود بڑھ جائی ہے

Raise your selfhood so high that
before each dispensation
God himself ask you what your
wishes are.

(iv) Humility:

The self respect and ego does not make a person haughty, rather the traits of ego and humility inter-mix to make the man's belief on Allah more stronger. Man knows that he is helpless before Allah.

(v) Rebuttal of false expectations:

It is human nature to worship. If a person does not worship Allah, he naturally turns to worship his own desires. Belief in the oneness

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of Allah Almighty saves a man from all such false expectations and he only bows down before Allah.

Allah says in the Holy Quran.

أَرَأَيْتَ مَنِ اتَّخَذَ إِلَٰهَهُ هَوَاهُ (الفرقان)

"Have you seen the one who takes as his God his own desire?"

(vi) Patience and trust in Allah

True belief in Allah inculcates in man the patience and trust in Allah. He faces all the hardships and challenges of life with courage and he is not affected by the temporary hardships. He believes firmly that:

إِنَّ اللَّهَ مَعَ الصَّابِرِينَ (البقرة)

"Surely, Allah is with those who are patiently steadfast."

(vii) Bravery:

There are two things that make man coward (i) Love for ones self, family and near and dear ones (ii) Love for the things that provides him profit or loss. The belief in Allah Almighty removes both these fears from man and make him brave, who is not frightened by any one except Allah

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وَالَّذِينَ آمَنُوا شَدُّ حُبِّ اللَّهِ الْبَاقِي

"And those people who believe have the extreme love with Allah."

(viii) Reformation in morality:

Belief in Tawheed creates a sense of responsibility in human being. His soul is cleansed of all the dirt and he becomes virtuous in all affairs of his life. He becomes fair in his dealings and in this way an organized and righteous society is created.

(ix) Reforms in collective life:

The true belief in oneness of Allah has long-lasting effects on the collective life of humans. Human race has been divided into parochial concepts of nationalism and chauvinism. Belief in Tawheed inculcates a sense of unity and connectivity among people because they are connected to each other for one same purpose, that is the worship of Allah Almighty. Every other desire or worldly gain is completely absent and the believers are straddled like a rosary.

4. Conclusion.

The purpose of creation of this universe, was to grant the jinns and humans, the sublime status of realization of God. The Allah Almighty, that the jinns and humans worship has such remarkable traits that Allah says in the Quran.

“If all the trees on earth were pens, and the sea (were) ink, with seven (more) seas added to it, the words of God would not be exhausted. For truly, God is Almighty and wise.” (Surah Luqman)

The discovery of such a perfect God is not an easy task, rather it is a continuous process that keeps inculcating good values in the believers, making them productive part of the society.
