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Question No: 01

(I) Introduction

(A)

Tauheed means the Oneness of Allah which is the basic essence of Islam. Allah is the most powerful Who knows everything. He has no partners and Being sovereign in His divinity. The Quran says:

"Say, He is God, the One. God, the Absolute. He begets not nor was He begotten. And

there is nothing comparable to Him."

(II) Definition of Tauheed

Tauheed is the belief which possesses the concept of Oneness of Lordship, Oneness of Worship and Oneness of Names and Attributes of Allah. As Quran states:

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

"I am God and there is no god. Worship Me and establish prayer for My remembrance."

"Allah is He besides Whom there is no god, the Everlasting, the Self-Subsisting. Slumber does not overtake Him nor sleep. Whatever is there in the heavens and on earth is His."

Tauheed is composed of following attributes of

Allah:

- i) Oneness/Unity
- ii) Sovereignty of Allah (Absolute)
- iii) Omnipotence
- iv) All-knowing
- v) All-Mighty
- vi) Eternal and Immortal
- vii) Perfect

"There is none like unto Him." (Al-Quran)

(III) Importance of Tauheed in the Light of Quran and Hadith

The Quran explains that tauheed is the path for the entry into Islam. It emphasizes that Allah has bestowed humans with innumerable blessings, even though some of them follow other gods, as stated in:

Quraan:

"Which is it of the favours of your Lord that you deny."

"Yet they have taken besides Him, gods that can create nothing but are themselves created."

The significance of Tauheed is mentioned in the following verses:

"Whoever says there is no god but Allah and dies believing in that will enter paradise."

Once a Sahabi asked the Holy Prophet (PBUH) that what is the greatest commandment of Allah?

"To worship Allah and not associate any partners with Him."

The Holy Prophet (PBUH) replied in response.

(IV) Impacts of Tauheed on Individual Life

Tauheed has vital significance on individual life in the following ways:

- 1) Strengthens Obedience and Willpower
- 2) Frees from Slavery to People and False Gods (Taghut)
- 3) Builds Self-Respect and Confidence
- 4) Guides Choosing Halal over Haram
- 5) Encourages a Life of Duty and Good Character
- 6) Develops Humility and Modesty
- 7) Instills Hope and Positivity in Hard Times
- 8) Brings Inner Peace and Tranquility

Tauheed strengthens obedience and willpower of individuals to opt for right path and contribute positively in the welfare cause. It free people from slavery, as stated in Quran:

"Worship Allah and avoid Taghut (False gods)."

It is important to mention that Tauheed develops the modesty and humility of individuals and further guides them to choose halal over haram:

"O believers, eat from good things We have provided to you." (Al-Quran)

Tauheed contributes in developing self-respect and confidence of Muslims and encourages a life of duty and good character, as stated in Quran:

"He is our protector. And upon Allah let the believers

Tauheed ensures that Allah is with individuals in hard times and by remembering Allah, they get inner peace and tranquillity. The Quran states:

"Whoever relies upon Allah, then He is sufficient for him."

"Verily in the remembrance of Allah, do hearts find rest."

(V) Impacts of Tauheed on Collective Life (Society)

The significance of Tauheed on collective life contributes in the following ways:

- 1) Establishes Justice and Rule of Law

Tauheed leads society towards provision of justice and implementation of rule of law, as Quran says:

"Allah commands you to

render trust to whom they are due and when you judge between people do judge with justice."

2) Promotes Equality and Removes Discrimination

Tauheed creates the sense of social equality and removes discrimination based on race, culture or religion.

"You all are from Adam. And Adam was from dust."
(Hadith)

3) Discourages Corruption and Tyranny

"Do not support or side with those who do wrong or the punishment of the fire may reach you." (Al-Quran)

4) Upholds Human Dignity and Honor

"And We have certainly

honored the children of Adam."

- 5) Strengthens Unity and Brotherhood

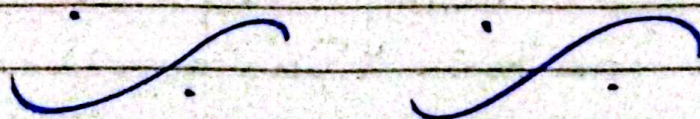
"The believers are but brothers, so make peace between them." (Al-Quran)

- 6) Encourages Accountability Through Belief in the Afterlife

"Every soul shall taste death and you will be given your full recompense and reward on the day of resurrection/judgement." (Al-Quran)

(VI) Conclusion

Tauheed not only guides individuals but also leads societies towards constructive progress in all aspects of life.



Question No: 02

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(I) Introduction

The Holy Prophet (PBUH) is regarded as one of the History's greatest military commanders. He redefined the objectives of war - to fight for justice and trust rather than invading and looting which was practiced before emergence of Islam.

Montgomery Watt, Historian, writes that the Holy Prophet (PBUH) fought 100 wars, 27 Ghazwat and 23 Sariyyah, but resulted in minimal casualties such as 1058.

(II) Quranic Objectives of War

Islam emphasised on the following objectives of war in the Quran as:

i) Defense Against Aggression

"Permission to fight has been given to those who are being fought, because they were wronged."

ii) Support for Oppression

"And what is the matter with you that you fight not in the cause of Allah and for the oppressed among men, women and children."

iii) Elimination of Filna

"Fight until there is no more filna and until religion is acknowledged to be for Allah."

(III) Qualities of the Holy Prophet (PBUH) as a Military Strategist

Whenever the Holy Prophet (PBUH) would go for a war, he had such qualities:

- i) Inshakable Belief in Allah
- ii) Exemplary Bravery
- iii) Compassionate Leadership
- iv) Strategic and Unifying Leadership

These qualities of Prophet (PBUH) are revealed in some sayings:

Bravery $\Rightarrow$ "Whenever the battle would become intense we would shield ourselves with the Messenger of Allah. None would be closer to the enemy than he." Hazrat Ali (R.A) ✓

Strategic and Unifying Leadership

"And he brought their hearts together. If you had spent all what is on the earth, you could not have brought their hearts together."

(IV) Military Strategies of the Holy Prophet (PBUH)

1) Philosophy of War

The Holy Prophet (PBUH) altered the objectives of war from personal gain to defend Muslim community and propagate Allah's message.

"Fight in the way of Allah those who fight you but do not transgress."
(Al-Quran)

2) Preparation for War

The Prophet (PBUH) would train the soldiers and prepare the strength to the utmost of the power so as to strike terror into the hearts of enemies.

3) Espionage and Surveillance

The Prophet (PBUH) used

a technique of espionage and occupied the water spot location at the Battle of Badr which provided positive edge to the Muslims.

4) Secrecy in War Planning

The Prophet (PBUH) would share the war strategies only with his close and loyal advisers so that the strategies would not be leaked.

5) Innovative War Strategies

The Prophet (PBUH) used the trench in Arabia for the first time in war.

6) Humane Treatment of Prisoners of War

The Prophet (PBUH) would emphasise on fair treatment of prisoners such as:

"Feed them (the captives) with what you eat, clothe them with what you wear."

2) Incompatible Toward Compromise and Reconciliation

The Prophet (PBUH) preferred negotiations over war as he did at the time of Treaty of Hudaibiya.

(V) Conclusion

The Prophet (PBUH) always followed the principles of warfare such as no night attacks, no killing non-combatants, children, women and vulnerables. Therefore, he would prefer defensive approach in case of wage of a war.

