

Introduction

Tawhid (monotheism) is the bedrock of Islam. The whole Quran revolves around the

لَا إِلَهَ إِلَّا اللَّهُ مُحَمَّدٌ رَّسُولُ اللَّهِ

which means there is no gods but God, and Muhammad (PBUH) is the messenger of God.

2) Literal Meaning of Tawhid

It is taken from Arabic word (wahd) which means oneness or singularity.

3) Types of Tawhid

1) Unity in Person

It means there is neither plurality of gods nor plurality of persons in Godhood. As, Allah Almighty says in the Holy Quran

لو كان فيهما آلهة الا الله لفسدتا
"Had there been within the
heavens and earth gods
besides Allah, they both
had been ruined".

3.2 Unity in Attributes

As Almighty God is
one, unique and incomparable
in his sovereignty and
worship. He is also unique
in attributes. There is
none like him. He is
absolute. He has neither
beginning nor ending.

He is omnipresent and
omnipotent. Allah Almighty
says in the Holy Quran
قل هو الله احد الله الصمد لم يلد
ولم يولد ولم يكن له كفوا احد
"Say, He is Allah, who is one,
Allah, the eternal refuge. He
neither begets nor is born,

nor is there to him any equivalent."

3.3 Unity in Action

His unity in action means that God has made heavens, earths, mountains and oceans. No any other can make such things. Thus, he is also incomparable in actions.

لَهُ مَا فِي السَّمَاوَاتِ وَمَا فِي الْأَرْضِ
He has made heavens and earths. AL-Baqarah

4) Significance of Tawhid

Tawhid is the cornerstone of Islam. It is one of the fundamental beliefs of Islam. Also, it is the essence of Islam. Prophet Muhammad (PBUH) preached just Tawhid

in Makkah around thirteen years. The unity of God according to Holy Quran is that He is one in person, attributes and actions.

5.2

أشهد أن لا إله إلا الله

"I wil testify that God is one." It is one of the verse from prayer call (Azan). Similarly, the whole Quran revolves around (There is no gods but God.)

5) Impacts of Tawhid on Individuals

5.1 Tawhid creates sense of accountability

5.3

One who testifies oneness of God then he submit himself according to the will of Almighty God. He does not perform deeds that Almighty God prohibited.

on the otherhand, he spends his life in accordance with God's will.

5.2 Tawhid provides purpose of existence of man and universe

In this universe, God is the Creator and all other things are His creature. Almighty God has created the human in the best form (Surah Tin). The purpose of creation of human and universe is compatible with His superb constitution.

5.3 Tawhid infuses self-respect

A believer knows that God fulfills his needs. Almighty God is the one who gives him respect, success and failure. If Almighty God decided to succeed anyone, no one would

fail that person.

5.4 Tawhid creates humility and modesty.

Tawhid creates humbleness in the believers. Apart from humbleness, a believer becomes modest due to Tawhid. Thus a believer never becomes proud because he knows that wealth, health and other possessions are given him by Almighty God.

5.5 Tawhid makes a man brave.

A believer confesses that life and death is given by Almighty God. Thus, he does not frighten from any person. Similarly, "There is no gods but God" means that Almighty God is the possessor of everything which

he requires.

b) Impacts of Tawhid on Society

6.1 Human equality and social equity

Monothetism is directly related to moral sphere.

All humans are equal for Almighty God. Islam nullified the discrimination on the basis of race and colour. Islam gives the lessons of equality and equity. On the contrary, Hinduism, Christianity and Judaism segregate people on the basis of race and colour. Allah Almighty says in the Holy Quran

ان اكرمكم عند الله اتقاه

"He is dearest to Allah who is more pious".

Moreover, on the day of Hajjat-ul-Wada Prophet Muhammad (PBUH) said that Arabs are not superior to non-Arabs, white people are not superior to black. In fact, best among you is the one who is more God-fearing.

6.2 Tawhid creates sense of Islamic brotherhood

All Muslims are brothers. One of the Ahadith of Hazrat Muhammad (PBUH) is that all the Muslims are like single body. If a part of body is feeling pain, the whole body suffers. Similarly, if a single Muslim is in trouble, it means that all the Muslims are in trouble. The Holy Quran say,