

## Subjective Part: 02

### Question NO: 1

#### I. Introduction

"Tawheed is a foundation on which structure of Islam stands and it is to single out Allah in all acts of worship, fear, and love."

~Imam Ghazali:

Doctrine of Tawheed is a fundamental pillar of Islam, which incorporates absolute oneness of Allah in His essence, worship and attributes. Tawhid Solely is a strong belief that Allah is alone enough to handle this vast cosmos and human life. Tawheed crafts a way out to success in this mundane world and in the life of resurrection. Similarly, influence of this belief is all encompassing, which touches social, private and spiritual aspect of an individual. Hence, Tawheed is a glimmer of hope, and without it salvation is not possible.

#### II. Describing Essence of Tawheed:

Tawheed is a strong faith and adamant belief that Allah is one, and no other individual has attributes like Him.

(a)  
Scholarly definition  
of Tawheed:

**Imam Taymiyyah:**

"Tawheed refers to the essence that single out Allah in His Lordship, His worship, and His names and attributes."

This definition explores the vastness of Allah's influence.

**Allama Iqbal:**

Allama Iqbal in his renowned book: "Reconstruction of religious faith in Islam" poignantly asserts:

"Tawheed is not the essence of only unity of God. However, it is the unity of life, thought, and act under the sovereignty of Allah."

**Maulan Maududi:**

Maulan Maududi in his book "Towards Understanding Islam" says:

"Tawheed is a unity of Allah in His essence, worship, and actions."

(b)

### Tawheed in the Perspective of Quran:

Quran explicitly describes Allah's unity and absolute oneness:

It has been mentioned that:

"**قُلْ إِنَّ اللَّهَ أَكْبَرُ، اللَّهُ أَكْبَرُ**"

"Say, Allah is one. Allah, the Eternal Refuge."

(Surah Ikhlas)

This verse suggests that Allah is alone and holds all powers.

### Lord of Worlds:

"**قُلْ إِنِّي صَلَّيْ وَنَذَرْتْ لِلَّهِ يَوْمَ الْحِجَّةِ**"

"**لِلْعَالَمِينَ**"

"Say, my prayer, my sacrifice, my life, and my death is for Allah, the Lord of the worlds."

This verse clarifies Allah's authority over all worlds.

(c)

### Hadiths about Tawheed:

Prophet Muhammad (P.B.U.H) narrates:

"Islam sustains on five pillars,

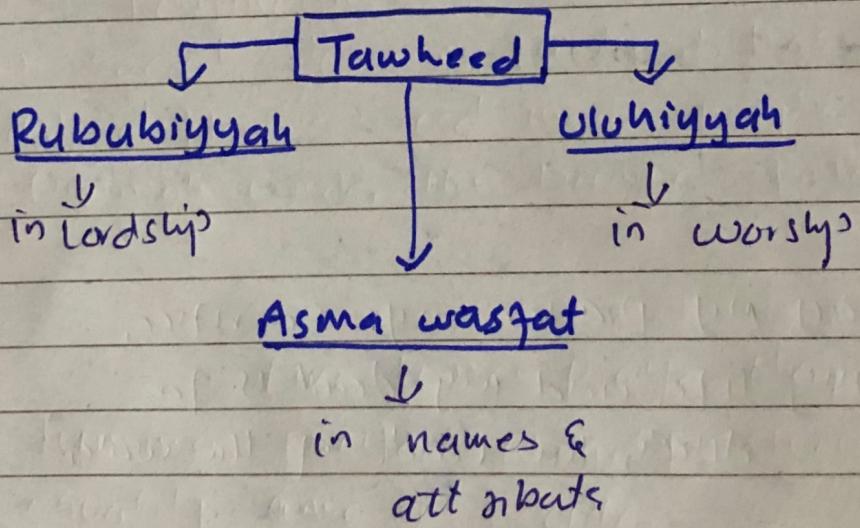
and one the pillars is to testify that there is no god except ~~Ma~~

This hadith depicts that Tawheed is inevitable Part of religion.

(d)

Tawheed can be broadly describe as:

Imam Taymiyyah defines Tawheed as: Tawheed is to believe that:



These definitions have clearly manifested that Allah is one and Sovereign.

### III Significance of Tawheed

Tawheed plays a significant role in a human life:

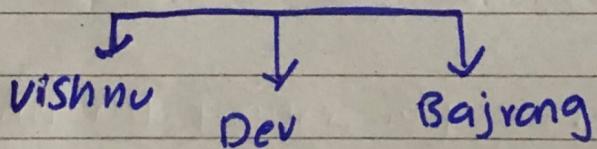
(a)

Tawheed clarifies the unity of one God

Doctrine of Tawheed significantly reduces complex structures and hierarchy of gods. It gives clarity that there is one Lord, who has utmost powers.

**Evidence:**

In Hinduism there is a hierarchy of gods:



It causes confusion. Tawheed simply describes the unity of Allah, erasing all vague theories.

(b)

Tawheed reduces biases and discrimination

In past, religious concept such as Animism, animatism and Polytheism greatly caused biases against

Vulnerable People. Concept of monotheism has reduced all biases.

Equality: "الله أعلم" "الله أعلم"

• The most noble in the sight of Allah is the most righteous.  
(Al-Qur'an)

(C)  
Tawheed bridge gaps between muslims:

Polytheism has caused disintegration in social domains. Tawheed has ended all differences and made people a Ummah under the banner of Tawheed.

Evidence:

Five times prayers, Hajj and Jumma Prayer clearly show a equality among people.

**IV. Impacts of Tawheed on Individuals and Society:**

• Describing Impacts at individual level:

Tawheed is an all-encompassing concept, influencing both the private and social life.

(a)

### Tawheed instills love for the creator:

Doctrine of Tawheed instill love for Allah and clear heart from all sins.

#### Heart's content:

"وَإِذَا ذَكَرَ اللَّهُ تَرَكَ الْفَوْرَانَ"

"By the remembrance of Allah do hearts find assurance."

(Al-Quran)

This verse shows that Tawheed impacts human heart.

(b)

### It purifies soul and intellect from evils:

Concept of Tawheed really purifies human heart from wrongdoings and imparts good deeds.

"إِنَّ الْعُلُوهَ تُنْهَىٰ عَنِ الْفَحْشَاءِ وَإِذَا نَهَىٰ"

"Indeed, Prayer prohibits from sins and wrong doing."

(Al-Inkabut:45)

Indeed, it signifies that heart gets purified with the light of Tawheed.

(c)

It strengthens faith and cemented belief in one God:

Human, without Islam, remains in search of satisfaction. Belief in Allah's absolute oneness, faith in one Allah becomes consolidated.

Evidence:

Muhammad Ali, a great boxer, once remarked that strong belief in Allah has strengthened my belief system in its essence.

(d)

Preventing from worshipping false gods and wrong doing:

"نَعْلَمُ إِلَيْكُمْ إِنَّ رَبَّكُمْ إِلَّا اللَّهُ"

"Your God is one and He is Allah."

This shows that Tawheed strengthens human belief and avoids Idol worship.

• Enumerating impacts on Society:

Doctrine of Tawheed also influences Social life.

(a)

## Tawheed causes human unity in a society:

when people believe in one Allah; they become one nation, or Ummah.

### Evidence:

Allama Iqbal pointed that belief in one God has revolutionized human society and made people and crowd one Ummah or Milat.

(b)

## It Bolsters the concept of brotherhood:

People start caring each other. They support each other amid good or bad circumstances.

"الْمُسْلِمُونَ إِخْرَاجٌ"

"Believers are brothers."

(Al-Qur'an)

(c)

## Consciousness of the Day of Judgement:

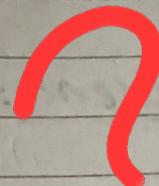
Tawheed at social and private level ensures that this world is

mundane. Allah will, someday, cause to end this life.

”وما الحياة إلا للاستمتاع بالفرد،“

“This world life is nothing but enjoyment of illusion?

(Al-Qur'an)



## V. Critical analysis:

• This above discussion clearly manifested that Tawheed is not just a simple concept in believing one God but to embrace the unity of life, thought, idea, and hope under Allah's commandments.

→ People neglect to follow this doctrine will get nothing but disappointment in the Hereafter

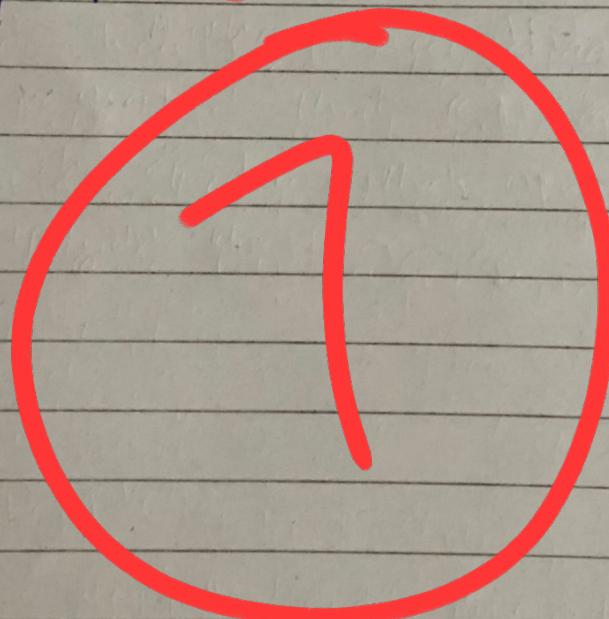
→ Therefore, it is imperative to shun wrong concepts of Atheism, Polytheism and Animism, one should embrace the belief of Tawheed.

Karen Armstrong says:

“Tawheed is not a concept limited to one person; it is what Muhammad does in trying to unite tribes through this concept.”

## vi. Conclusion:

Doctrine of Tawheed is a foundational concept to believe in the absolute oneness of Allah. It helps people to get peace, satisfaction and contentment. It not only impresses private affairs but also social arena. In this age of uncertainty Tawheed can be a sign of relief for people.



## Question: 2

### Prayer:

#### Introduction:

”الصلوة تُنْهِي عَنِ الْفَحْشَاءِ وَالْمُنْكَرِ“

”Indeed, prayer prevents

from immorality and sins.“

(Al-Ankabut:45)

Prayer or Salah refers to act of link, reconcile, or connect to something. In its religious essence Prayer is a mean of communication to the creator. Prayers are broadly classified on the basis of nature, timing, and impact. Similarly, prayer influences human life in its all aspects, such as spiritual, social, and private affairs. Those who ignore this act of worship always face failure and disappointment.

#### II. Meaning of Prayer:

(a)

##### Meaning:

Prayer refers to:

- link
- connection
- communication

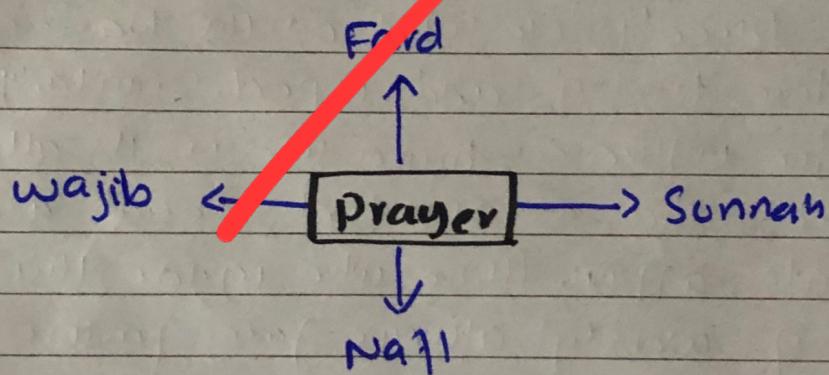
Religiously, prayer is a mean to communicate with the Creator.

**Khurishah Ahmed:**

"Prayer means an act to bow down in reverence and communicate with Allah."

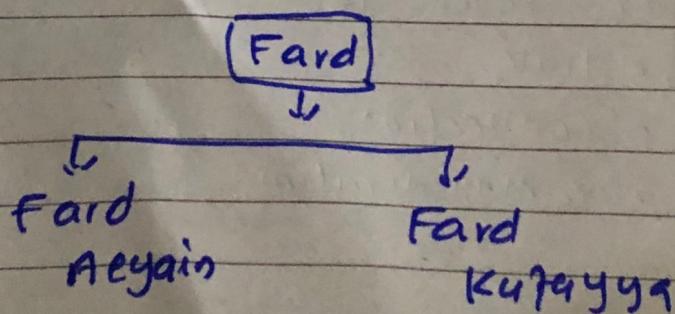
### IV. Enlisting Categories of Prayer:

Prayers broadly categorized as:



#### 1. Fard Prayer:

Fard prayers are the ones ordained by Allah and cannot be neglected, causing severe punishment if neglected.



- Fard Aayatin:

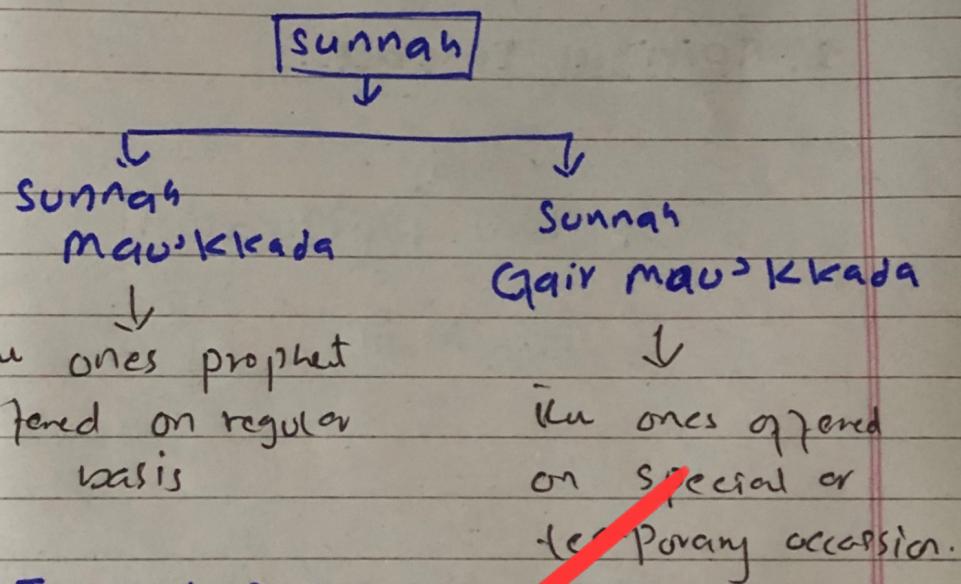
- Five Times prayer
- Jumma prayer.

- Fard Kifaya:

- Funeral prayer of deceased.

## 2. Sunnah prayer:

Offered by prophet on various occasions.

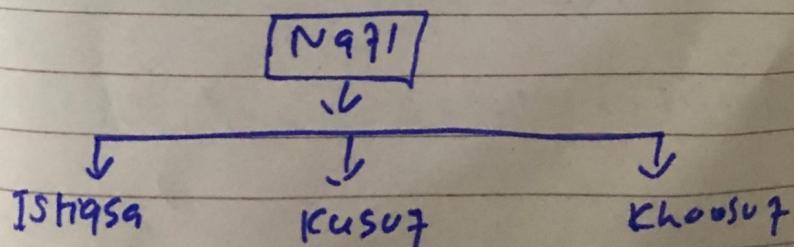


- Tarweeh prayer:

Sunnah prayer

## 3- Nafl :

Muslims offer nafl to make Allah happy and gather blessings.



#### 4. wajib:

special prayer on special occasion. No punishment if neglected.

- Eid prayer
- witr prayer

### IV. Enumerating Impacts:

at various levels:

#### 1. Spiritual Impacts:

(a)

Spiritual purification:

"أَلَا بِذِكْرِ اللَّهِ تُطَهَّرُ الْفُلُوْبُ"

(b)

Inclination towards Din:

"قَدْ أَفْلَحَ اللَّهُ مِنْ ذِيْنَ هُمْ صَدَّاقُهُمْ خَيْرُهُنَّ"

(c)

Connection to the creator:

"فَلَمَّا نَبَّأَنِي عَلَيْتِي وَنَسَأَلَنِي وَمَهَانِي لَقَرَبَ الْعَمَرِ"

## 2. Moral Impacts:

(a)

Humility and discipline

"وَاجْهُوا الْعُلُوَّةَ وَالْوَزْرَوْةَ"

(b)

Patience and righteousness

"إِذْ تَسْتَعْلِمُوا عَلَى الْعُلُوَّةِ وَ

"وَاسْتَعْبُدُوا الْعُلُوَّةَ"

(c)

Prevention of immoral acts

إِنَّ الْعُلُوَّةَ تُنْهِيُّ عَنِ الْفَحْشَاءِ وَالْمُنْكَرِ

## 3. Social Impacts:

(a)

Instill Brotherhood:

"إِذَا أَمْرُوا مِنْ عَلَوَّةٍ"

(b)

Adl and Ehsan Prevail:

إِنَّ اللَّهَ يَأْمُرُ بِالْعَدْلِ وَالْإِحْسَانِ

(d)

cooperation and consultation.

والذين اstabلو الربيهم وقاموا العلوة ويرشوري  
بینهم -

(e)

social welfare and  
social justice

پبني اقاموا العلوة وياصرد المعرف ونحو عن اهله -

v. critical analysis:

"prayer is the freshness of  
my eyes."

hadith

vi. conclusion: