

Question #1

Define Tauheed as the bedrock of Islam. What are its significance and impact on individual and the society? Elaborate.

1- Introduction

لا اله الا الله

"There is no God but Allah."

Tauheed is the very essence of Islam. In fact, Tauheed is the first step towards Islamic belief. It is cornerstone of religion of Islam. Tauheed, asserting the oneness of Allah, has various significance and impacts on individual as well as society. On individual level, it helps in spiritual satisfaction, instills bravery, and bolsters patience. As far as its significance on society are concerned, it fosters brotherhood among the believers, eliminates sectarianism from society, and promotes justice. So, Tauheed as a bedrock of Islam serve as foundation pillar of Islam, and it is of utmost significance for both individual and society.

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2- Literal meaning and definition of Tauheed

↳ Literal meaning

Tauheed derived
from Arabic
word

"توحيد"

which means

"The one or The Absolute"

↳ Definition of Tauheed

"Tauheed is asserting the oneness of Allah in all His attributes, actions, and He self."

~ Dr. Hamidullah: *An Introduction To Islam*

3- Dimensions of Tauheed

Tauheed Fil
Rububiyat

(Oneness in
Lordship)

"Allah - The all-
living, All-sustaining,
and Self-sustaining."

~ Baqara # 256

Tauheed Fil
Ululiyat

(Oneness in
worship)

"There is no
deity (of worship)
except Him (Allah)."

~ Baqara # 163

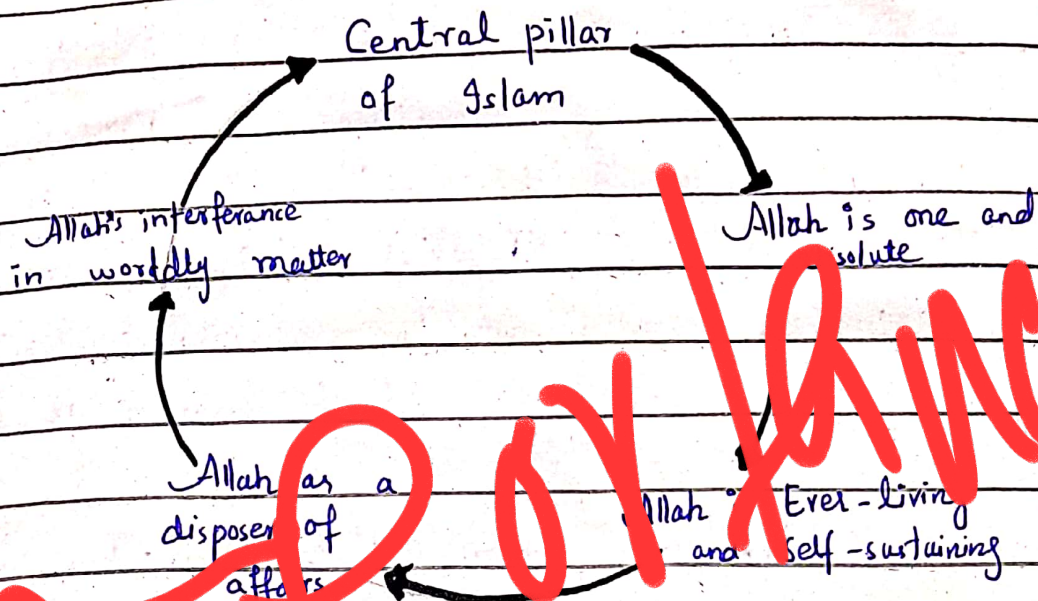
Tauheed Fil
Asma o Sifat

(Oneness in names
and attributes)

"And all the best
names belong to Allah"

~ Surah Ahruf # 180

4. Features of Tauheed



5. Reference from Quran regarding Tauheed

5.1, Oneness of Allah

قل هو الله احد . الله الصمد . له يلد وله يولد . ولد يكن له كفواً احد .

“Say, He, Allah is one. Allah, the Eternal, The Absolute. He begets not nor He is begotten. And there is none like Him.” ~ Surah Iqbal

This verse clearly depicts the oneness of Allah i.e. Tauheed.

5.2, Absolute command of Allah

ان الحكم الا لله

"The command is for none but Allah."

~ Surah Yusuf #40

5.3, No association with Allah

ان الشرك الظلم عظيم

"Indeed, association with him is great injustice."

~ Surah Luqman #13

6- Evidences from Hadith about Tauheed

The Holy Prophet (S.A.W) said, "Islam is like a fort, and the door to enter this fort is Tauheed."

In another place, Prophet (S.A.W) said, "Islam has five pillars which includes: Tauheed and Risalet, Namaz, Roza, Zakat, and Hajj."

The Holy Prophet (S.A.W) also said, "The most excellent thing that I said and the prophets before me is لا اله الا الله."

7.) Significance and impact of Tauheed on Individual Level

7.1) Bolstering Patience

First, Tauheed as the article of faith of believers bolsters patience among Muslims. Due to Tauheed, Muslims believe that one day they will surely get their reward and wait for it patiently. As the Holy Quran says,

ان الله مع الصبرين

"Indeed, Allah is with the patient."

~ Surah Baqara # 153

Thus, this verse clearly highlighted the importance of patience, thereby bolster patience in Muslims.

7.2) Instills bravery

Next, the concept of Tauheed instills bravery in an individual because he has firm belief on Allah. As the Quran elucidates,

حسبنا الله ونعم الوكيل

"And Allah is sufficient for us, and He is the best disposer of affairs."

~ Surah Al-Imran # 173

Hence, the concept of Tauheed instills bravery in an individual to believe only on Allah.

7.3) Gives spiritual satisfaction

Moreover, the concept of Tauheed also gives spiritual satisfaction to an individual in today's depressed and distracted world. As described in the Quran, in Surah Radh #28

الا بذكر الله تطمئن القلوب

"Unquestionably, in the remembrance of Allah, heart finds comfort."

This shows that an individual spiritual satisfaction is linked to Tauheed.

7.4) Increases love for Allah

Lastly, Tauheed also increases individual's love for Allah because a person only worship Allah and believe on Him. In this regard, the Quran says,

"But those who believe are stronger in love for Allah."

~ Surah Baqara #165

In short, with believe in the concept of Tauheed, an individual love for Allah becomes more firm.

8- Significance and impact of Tauheed on Society

8.1, Tauheed promotes brotherhood

To start, Tauheed, as the first and foremost article of faith, promotes brotherhood among the members of society. It is because the concept of Tauheed binds them together and gives them sense of belonging. As the

Holy Quran alludes,

إِنَّمَا الْمُؤْمِنُونَ إِخْوَةٌ

"Certainly, the believers are but brothers."

~ Surah Hujrat #10

So, this verse clearly shows that all Muslims are brothers, ultimately ^{Promoting} sense of brotherhood.

8.2, Tauheed ensures social welfare

Furthermore, the concept of Tauheed also ensures social welfare by giving social and economical system for all.

"For example, the system of Zakat and Sadakh is the perfect illustration of it."

Hence, the ultimate impact of Tauheed is that it ensures social welfare.

8.3, Tauheed encourages justice

Another impact of Tauheed is that it encourages society to follow the footsteps of justice and treat everyone equally. Such as, the Quran says,

اعلوا اقرب لتقوى

"Be just; that is nearer to righteousness."

~ Surah Maida #8

8.4, Tauheed eliminates sectarianism

The utmost significance of Tauheed is that it eliminates the evil of sectarianism from society, establishing peaceful and harmonious society. The Quran describes,

واعتصموا بحبل الله ولا تفرقوا

"And hold firmly to the rope of Allah all together and do not become divided."

~ Surah Al-Imran #103

9- Conclusion

In conclusion, Tauheed, as the major and foundational pillar of Islam prescribes the oneness of Allah Almighty and suggests that "there is no God

except Allah. As the essence of Islam, Tauheed has a multitude of significance and impacts both on individual and society. On individual level, it impacts individual by bolstering patience and increasing love for Allah. On societal level, it eliminates sectarianism and fosters brotherhood and unity. In short, Tauheed leaves lasting impact on every realm of life from individual to societal.

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جدھر بھی دیکھا ہے یہی دیکھا
~ Mir Dard

Question #2

Describe the characteristics of Military strategist in the light of Sirah of Muhammad (P.B.U.H) with arguments.

1- Introduction

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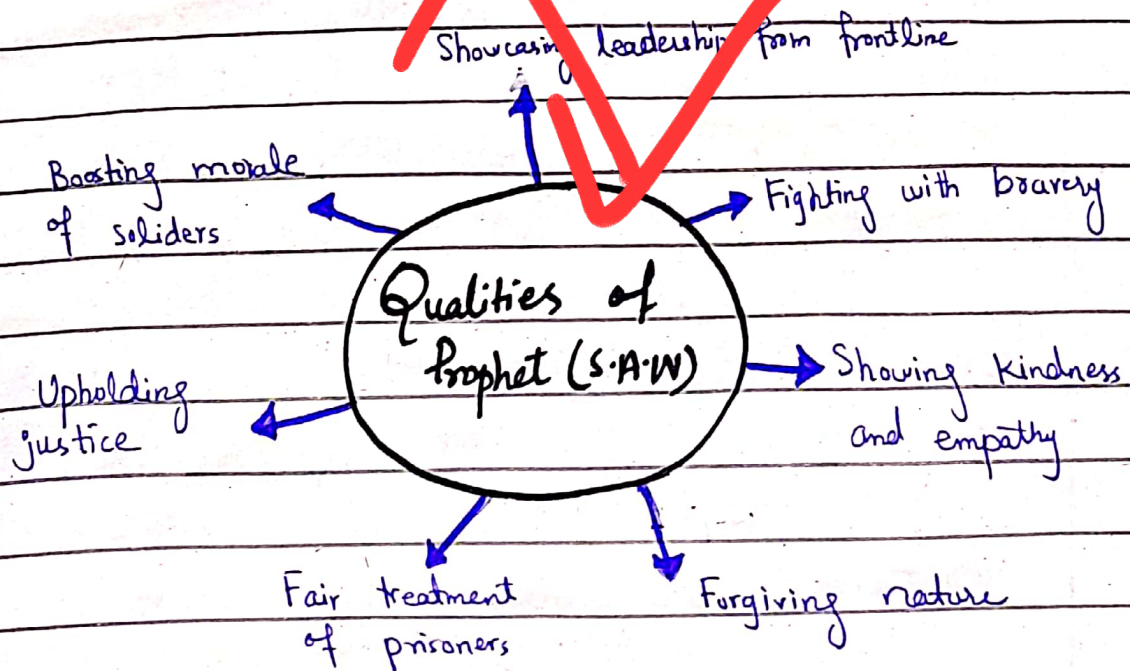
"Indeed, in the Messenger of Allah, there is beautiful pattern of conduct for you all."

~ Surah Ahzab # 21

Prophet Muhammad (S.A.W) has given teachings regarding every aspect of life through practical demonstrations. In fact, Prophet (S.A.W) showcased defining military equalities, which made him as one of history's most effective military commander. There are various characteristics of Prophet Muhammad (S.A.W) as a military strategist, including demonstration of adaptability as per situation, taking non-violent approach towards enemy, signing peace pacts and agreement, using diplomatic maneuvering, and protecting human rights. So, in the light of Seerah, the Holy Prophet (S.A.W) has all these characteristics as a military strategist, ultimately leading to his continuous success in the battlefield. In this regard, Prof- Naimat Ali Murtazai said,

“If someone wants to be victorious, he has to follow the military footprints of the Holy Prophet Muhammad (S.A.W).”

2- Overview of Prophet's (S.A.W) Qualities as Military Strategist



3- Characteristics of Prophet (S.A.W) as a Military Strategist

3.1) Taking non-violent approach

First, the most important characteristic of Prophet (S.A.W) as a military strategist was that Prophet (S.A.W) has took non-violent approach towards enemies when He (S.A.W) was initially weak from His opponents.

For example, 13 years of prophethood, Prophet (S.A.W) took no weapon against enemies despite their atrocities.

This shows that as a military strategist,

Prophet (S.A.W) passively resisted his enemies and took non-violent approach because there were chances that the enemies would crush them due to their strong military.

3.2) Demonstrating adaptability as per situation

As a powerful military strategist, Prophet (S.A.W) has always showed flexibility and adaptability as per the needs of the situation.

For instance, appoint of 50 archers during Battle of Uhud and digging of trench during Battle of Ahzab are glaring examples in this regard.

Hence, Prophet (S.A.W) always made military strategies as per the condition.

3.3) Using diplomatic maneuvering to avoid conflicts

Furthermore, Prophet (S.A.W) as a military commander has always preferred reconciliation through diplomacy to avoid conflict with enemies due to its potential of great damage.

For example, Charter of Madina and Truce of Hudaibiya perfectly underscores Prophet (S.A.W) - diplomatic acumen.

In short, as a military strategist, Prophet (S.A.W) always tried to resolve issues through diplomacy.

3.4) Engaging in intelligence based warfare

Another defining characteristic of Prophet (S.A.W) as a military strategist was to engage in intelligence and keep sharp on every movement of the enemy.

For instance, Prophet (S.A.W) sent Hazrat Hudat ibn Al Yamaha to the enemy camps to gather information about the enemy's movement.

3.6) Building alliances through pacts and agreements

This characteristic was central to Prophet (S.A.W) military strategy. Prophet (S.A.W) even signed pacts and agreements with his enemies, like Quresh and Jews, for long-term benefits.

For As an illustration, Prophet (S.A.W) sent letters to powerful rulers to

accept Islam and join hands with Him."

3.7) Protecting human rights

Additionally, protection of human rights was also prime characteristic of Prophet (S.A.W) as a military strategist.

Holy Prophet (S.A.W) said, "Not to kill women and children and old men, and not to cut fruit bearing tree."

3.8) Consulting from companions

As military strategist, Prophet (S.A.W) always used to consult with companions before any battle and finalizing the decision.

Such as, Hazrat Suleiman Farsi (R.A) suggested strategy of digging trench during Battle of Ahrab when Prophet (S.A.W) consulted him.

Thus, the characteristic of consulting with companions helped Prophet (S.A.W) to make inclusive decision during war time as a military commander.

4, Illustration of military strategies of Prophet (S.A.W) in major battles

4.1) Battle of Badr → selection of place
→ capturing water well
→ camps against sun direction.

4.2) Battle of Uhud → Dividing companions into battalions
→ appoint of archers
→ gathering of intelligence

4.3) Battle of Trench → digging of Trench
→ using war fatigue
→ use of unconventional tactics.

5) Conclusion:

To conclude, Prophet (S.A.W) has remained one of the most successful military strategists. Certain qualities of Prophet (S.A.W) made him the best strategist. Moreover, the characteristics of Prophet (S.A.W) as a military strategist include using of diplomacy, protecting human rights, showing adaptability gathering information, and consulting from the companions. The Holy Prophet (S.A.W) illustrated all these characteristics in major battles, ultimately making him the most effective military strategist.