

Tawheed (Oneness of God)

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Introduction

- Tawheed means to believe that Allah is the one and only God worthy of worship.
- It is sometimes referred to as monotheism; however; in the purest sense in that no other entity can in any way have the attributes or be equivalent or even in competition with Allah.
- All acts of worship that a person does should be to Allah or for Allah Alone. For example, the prayer should only be to Allah etc.
- Allah Says in Qur'an

Surah Al Anbiya Chapter #21 Verse #25

"And we did not send any Messenger before you (O Muhammad) but We inspired him (saying): 'There is none who has the right to be worshipped but I (Allah), so worship Me (Alone and none else)."

Significance of Tawheed

Tawheed is the essence of Islam and the mainspring of its strength. All other laws, beliefs and commands of Islam stand firm on this foundation. Take it away, and there is nothing left of Islam. Tawheed is the call of all the prophets to their people, it is mentioned in Qur'an

Surah An Nahl Chapter#16 Verse #36

And verily, We have sent among every Ummah (community, nation) a Messenger (proclaiming): "Worship Allah (Alone), and avoid (or keep away from) Taghut (all false deities i.e. do not worship Taghut besides Allah).

Tawheed is the only reason for the world's creation as Allah Says in Qu'ran

Surah Adh Dheryat Chapter #5 I Verse #56

And I (Allah) created not the jinn and mankind except that they should worship Me (Alone).

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Surah Nisa Chapter #04 verse #48

Verily, Allah forgives not that partners should be set up with Him (in worship), but He forgives except that (anything else) to whom He wills;

There is a Sahih Hadith of Prohet Muhammad (pbuh)

Volumn 009, Book 093, Hadith Number 470. Sahih Bukhari

Narated By Mu'adh bin Jabal: The Prophet said,
"O Mu'adh! Do you know what Allah's Right upon His slaves is?"
I said, "Allah and His Apostle know best." The Prophet said,
"To worship Him (Allah) Alone and to join none in worship with Him (Allah).

Effects of Tawheed on Personal Life (Individuals)

- A believer in this testimony can never be narrow in outlook
- This belief produces in man the highest degree of self-respect and self esteem
- Along with self-respect, this belief also generates in man a sense of modesty and humbleness
- This belief makes man virtuous and upright. He has the conviction that there is no other means of success and salvation for him except purity of soul and righteousness of behavior
- The believer never becomes despondent
- ▶ This testimony of faith inspires bravery in man
- The belief in 'Laa ilaaha illAllah' creates an attitude of peace and contentment

Effects of Tawheed on Collective Life (Social)

- An Aura of Piety and Purity
- Unity of Muslim Ummah
- Universal Brotherhood and Equality
- Build a better Society
- Inter-religious harmony

All Religions Preaches Tawheed

Christianity

"Shama Israelu Adonai Ila Hayno Adonai Ikhad."
This is a Hebrew quotation, which means:
"Hear, O Israel; The Lord our God is one Lord."
[The Bible, Mark 12:29]

"I am Lord, and there is none else, there is no God besides me." [The Bible, Isaiah 45:5]

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Hinduism

The Brahma Sutra of Hinduism is:

"Ekam Brahm, dvitiya naste neh na naste kinchan"

"There is only one God, not the second; not at all, not at all, not in the least bit."

Another Place it is mentioned

Ma cid anyad vi sansata sakhayo ma rishanyata"
"O friends, do not worship anybody but Him, the Divine One. Praise
Him alone."

[Rigveda 8:1:1]

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