

Tawheed: The Faith of All Prophets

New Words

1. Tawheed-ul-khaliq: Believing in one creator.
2. Tawheed-ul-Ibadah: Worshipping one God
3. Tawheed-ul-Asma'-was-siffat: Believing in the attributes of one True God
4. Shahadah: Bearing witness that there is no God but Allah and the Muhammad PBUH is the messenger of Allah.
5. Kufr: Is the disbelief in God
6. Shirk: The belief in more than one God.

The Meaning of Tawheed

Tawheed is an Arabic word which means believing in and worshipping one God. Tawheed is the most important belief in Islam. The English word for tawheed is monotheism.

Surat-ul-Ikhlās is one of the shortest suwar (plural of surah) in The Qur'an. But, it is one of the most important. This surah explains the idea of tawheed. Tawheed simply means the belief in one God, the true Creator of the universe, and worshipping Him alone.

Allah is "One" without a partner and unique without a match. Allah is the first and the last, and He knows everything. He is the only One worthy of worship, and no one is capable of being God except Him. Believing in tawheed (monotheism) is the most important part of being a Muslim. Do you know that a person cannot become a Muslim without saying the Shahadah?

أشهد أن لا إله إلا الله و أشهد أن محمدًا رسول الله

I bear witness there is no god but Allah (God)
and that Muhammad is the Messenger of God



بِسْمِ اللَّهِ الرَّحْمَنِ الرَّحِيمِ

قُلْ هُوَ اللَّهُ أَحَدٌ ۝
اللَّهُ الصَّمَدُ ۝
لَمْ يَلِدْ وَلَمْ يُولَدْ ۝
وَلَمْ يَكُنْ لَهُ كُفُوًا أَحَدٌ ۝



قُلْ هُوَ اللَّهُ أَحَدٌ

Qul Huwa Allahu Ahad

Say: He is Allah, the One and Only

Surah Al-Ikhlâs

The Sincerity (Revealed in Makkah)

Bismillahi ar-Rahmani ar-Rahim

(In the name of Allah, the Beneficent, the Merciful)

- 1 Qul Hu-walaahu 'Ahad
(Say he is Allah, the one!)
- 2 'Allahu-Samad;
(Allah, the Eternal, Absolute)
- 3 Lam yalid, wa lam yuulad;
(He begets not, not was He begotten;)
- 4 Walam yakul-Ha-Huu
kufuwan 'ahad.
(And there is none comparable unto Him.)

Kufr and Shirk

Some people think that there is no god. They claim that the universe somehow just happened without a creator. This is called Kufr or disbelief. Others think that there are many gods who helped create this world. This is called shirk (polytheism) and it is the opposite of tawheed (monotheism).

Therefore, shirk is the act of believing in or worshipping false gods in addition to our true Creator.

إِنَّ اللَّهَ لَا يَغْفِرُ أَنْ يُشْرَكَ بِهِ، وَيَغْفِرُ مَا دُونَ ذَلِكَ لِمَنْ يَشَاءُ وَمَنْ يُشْرِكْ بِاللَّهِ فَقَدْ افْتَرَىٰ إِثْمًا عَظِيمًا ﴿٤٨﴾

Indeed, Allah does not forgive association with Him, but He forgives what is less than that for whom He wills. And he who associates others with Allah has certainly fabricated a tremendous sin.

The three parts of Tawheed

In order to understand the idea of tawheed, scholars in Islam have divided tawheed into three different parts.



Tawheed-ul-Khaliq: Belief in One Creator

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AL-KHAALIQ
The Creator, The Maker

Name Meaning :
Al-Khaaliq is the One Who brings things into existence after their non-existence. Who **invents** and **innovates without a prior model**. and then bestows upon them their characteristics of movement and other qualities. He is the One Who **invents** whatever the eyes can see and perfects their creation.

How to live by this Name?
We should live our life believing that Al-Khaaliq is the only One able to **create** and have full trust in Him. Ask Him just how he made our form good, to also make our manners good! . Allah has said, ﴿ He is Allah the **Creator** ﴾ (Qura'n, 59:24)

﴿ هُوَ اللَّهُ الْخَالِقُ ﴾

Belief in the attributes of the One True God

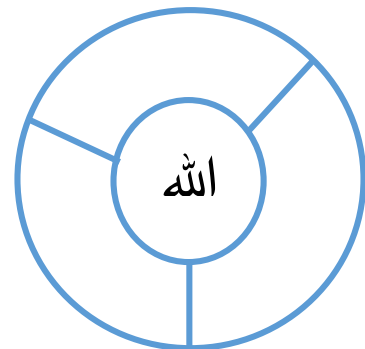
Allah is One, but He has ninety-nine names or attributes that we are made aware of. We understand who our Creator is through His many names. Each attribute has a meaning that is only for God. Tawheed-ul-Asmaa' was-Sifaat means that Allah's names and attributes can only describe Him and no one else. For example, one of Allah's names is Al-Qawiyy, or the Powerful. A human being can also be described as powerful, we can say that he or she is a powerful fighter, or a strong leader. However, they are not nearly as powerful as Allah. The name of the attribute is perhaps the same, but the meaning and quality of it is extremely different.

Benefits of Tawheed

- It makes us depend on Allah alone and not fear people. Tawheed teaches us that no one can hurt us without the permission of the Creator.
- It makes people equal since all are created by the same One Creator.
- It unites humanity since it teaches us believe in the same God, the same message, and perform the same kinds of worship.
- It frees man from worshipping other humans.

Activity

1. Create a pie chart about the three kinds of tawheed.
2. What is the meaning of tawheed?
3. What is the first thing that a person says when he or she becomes a Muslim ?
4. Explain kufr or Shirk.
5. Name and briefly explain the three different parts of tawheed.
6. What are the benefits of believing in tawheed?



Study Questions:

Q1. Explain the difference between the three kinds of Tawheed.

Ans 1. Tawheed-ul-khaliq-is the belief in the existence of the One True God.

2. Tawheed-ul-Ibadah-is the act of worshipping the one true God.

3. Tawheed-ul-Asma'-was-siffat- is recognizing and believing in all of the attributes of the One True God. And that only Allah has all these Supreme attributes.

Q2. What is the meaning of Tawheed?

Ans. Tawheed is the belief and worship of the One True God.

Q3. What is the first thing that a person says when he or she becomes a Muslim?

Ans. The first thing a person says when he or she becomes a Muslim is the "Shahadah": and the meaning of Shahadah is " I bear witness that there is Only One God and that Muhammad PBUH is His Messenger".

Q4. Explain Kufr and shirk.

Ans. Kufr is denying the existence of God. Shirk is belief in false gods and worshipping them along with Allah.

Q5. Name and briefly explain the three different parts of Tawheed.

Ans. Tawheed-ul-khaliq: Believing in one creator.

2. Tawheed-ul-Ibadah: Worshipping one God

3. Tawheed-ul-Asma'-was-siffat: Believing in the attributes of one True God.

Q6. What are the benefits of believing in Tawheed?

Ans. There are many benefits of believing in Tawheed. Some are as follows:

1. It makes us fear Allah alone and fear people.

2. It makes people equal before Allah.

3. It unites humanity.

4. It frees man from worshipping anything other than Allah.