



TAWHEED

THE ESTABLISHMENT OF THE ONENESS OF ALLAH

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I would first like to thank Allah for whom none of this could have been possible except by His will. Then, I would like to thank my wife and children for their help and support, may Allah bless them and give them Furdaws Ameen.

PREFACE

This book was written as a means of helping the non-muslims, new muslims and those who have been muslims for sometime to gain a basic understanding about the foundation of Islam, which is TAWHEED.

As this was the first thing that the Prophets called to, Allah said in His Noble Book;

وَمَا أَرْسَلْنَا مِنْ قَبْلِكَ مِنْ رَسُولٍ إِلَّا نُوحِي إِلَيْهِ أَنَّهُ لَا إِلَهَ إِلَّا أَنَا فَاعْبُدُونِ

“And We (Allah) did not send before you (Muhammad) any messenger except that We (Allah) revealed to him that there is no God (in truth) except Me, so worship Me.” (Al-Anbiya 21:25)

And so I ask Allah to aid His servants to fulfill this ultimate objective that He mentions in His Book;

وَمَا خَلَقْتُ الْجِنَّ وَالْإِنْسَ إِلَّا لِيَعْبُدُونِ

“And I did not create the jinn and mankind except to worship Me”
(Adh Dhariyat 51:56)

I ask that Allah bless this work and that He make it a blessing for others and that He causes it to be heavy on the scale of good deeds on the Day of Judgment. Ameen

بِسْمِ اللَّهِ الرَّحْمَنِ الرَّحِيمِ

Introduction

Verily all Praise is due to Allah, we seek His help and His forgiveness, We seek refuge with Allah from the evil of our own souls and from our bad deeds. Whomever Allah guides will never be lead astray, whomever Allah leaves astray, no one can guide him. I bear witness that there is no deity worthy of worship (in truth) except Allah, And I bear witness that Muhammad (peace and blessings be upon him) is the Messenger of Allah.

يَا أَيُّهَا الَّذِينَ آمَنُوا اتَّقُوا اللَّهَ حَقَّ تُقَاتِهِ وَلَا تَمُوتُنَّ إِلَّا وَأَنتُمْ مُسْلِمُونَ
يَا أَيُّهَا النَّاسُ اتَّقُوا رَبَّكُمُ الَّذِي خَلَقَكُمْ مِنْ نَفْسٍ وَاحِدَةٍ وَخَلَقَ مِنْهَا زَوْجَهَا وَبَثَّ مِنْهُمَا رِجَالًا كَثِيرًا وَنِسَاءً وَاتَّقُوا اللَّهَ الَّذِي تَسَاءَلُونَ بِهِ وَالْأَرْحَامَ إِنَّ اللَّهَ كَانَ رَقِيبًا

O you who believe! Fear Allah as He should be feared and die not except in a state of Islam. (Al-Imran 3:102)

O mankind! Be dutiful to your Lord, Who created you from a single person, and from him He created his wife, and from them both He created many men and women, and fear Allah through Whom you demand your mutual (rights), and (do not cut the relations of) the wombs (kinship) Surely, Allah is Ever an All-Watcher over you. (An Nisa 4:1)

INTRODUCTION

يَا أَيُّهَا الَّذِينَ آمَنُوا اتَّقُوا اللَّهَ وَقُولُوا قَوْلًا سَدِيدًا ﴿٧٠﴾ يُصْلِحْ لَكُمْ أَعْمَالَكُمْ وَيَغْفِرْ لَكُمْ ذُنُوبَكُمْ ۗ وَمَنْ يُطِيعِ اللَّهَ وَرَسُولَهُ فَقَدْ فَازَ فَوْزًا عَظِيمًا

O you who believe! Keep your duty to Allah and fear Him, and speak (always) the truth. He will direct you to righteous deeds and will forgive you your sins. And whosoever obeys Allah and His Messenger has indeed achieved a great achievement. (Al Ahzab 33:70-71)

To proceed: The most truthful speech is that of Allah's Book (the Quran) and the best of guidance is that of Muhammad (saw). The worst of evils are the newly invented matters (in the deen), and every newly invented matter (in the deen) is an innovation and every innovation is a misguidance, and every misguidance is in the Hell-Fire.

In order for any act of worship to be accepted by Allah there are two conditions that must be fulfilled (1)it's done sincerely for Allah alone(2) it's done according to the way the Prophet (peace and blessings be upon him) did it (sayings and actions). And the first is ever important,Allah says in His Noble Book;

قُلْ إِنَّ صَلَاتِي وَنُسُكِي وَمَحْيَايَ وَمَمَاتِي لِلَّهِ رَبِّ الْعَالَمِينَ

Say, indeed my prayer and rites of sacrifice, my living and my dying is for Allah, Lord of all the worlds”(Al-An'am 6:162)

THE DEFINITION OF TAWHEED

- ✖ **It is to single out Allah with **Ar-Rububiyah** (Lordship) and **Al-Asma'was-Sifat** (Name and Attributes) and **Al-Uluhiyyah** (Godhood). And to believe that He is one in His Self and in His Attributes also in His sovereignty and in His Divinity Allah states in the Quran:**

- ✖ لَيْسَ كَمِثْلِهِ شَيْءٌ ۖ وَهُوَ السَّمِيعُ الْبَصِيرُ

There is nothing like Him, and He is the All-Hearer and All-Seer.
(Ash Shura 42:11)

So there cannot be any likenesses or examples made of Him nor any share in His worship.

إِنَّهُ مَنْ يُشْرِكْ بِاللَّهِ فَقَدْ حَرَّمَ اللَّهُ عَلَيْهِ الْجَنَّةَ وَمَأْوَاهُ النَّارُ ۖ وَمَا لِلظَّالِمِينَ مِنْ أَنْصَارٍ

Verily, whosoever sets up partners in worship with Allah, then Allah has forbidden Paradise for him, and the Fire will be his abode. And for the wrongdoers there are no helpers. (Al Ma 'idah 5:72)

The success in this life and in the hereafter depends upon one's establishment of tawheed.

THE VIRTUE OF TAWHEED

- ✕ **Sheikh bin Baz¹ said (May Allah have mercy on him) that Tawheed is like a saving ship for the believer in this LIFE and in the HEREAFTER. As for this life Allah said:**

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- ✕ الَّذِينَ آمَنُوا وَلَمْ يَلْبِسُوا إِيمَانَهُمْ بِظُلْمٍ أُولَٰئِكَ لَهُمُ الْأَمْنُ وَهُمْ مُهْتَدُونَ

- ✕ It is those who believe and confuse not their belief with wrong, for them (only) there is security and they are the guided. (Al An 'am 6:82)

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“Wrong” here means to mix faith (Tawheed) with giving Allah partners (shirk).

- ✕ **When you achieve this (establishing Tawheed only) you will have security and guidance in this life .**

- ✕ **As for the Hereafter the Prophet (peace and blessings be upon him) said:** Indeed, Allah has forbidden the fire to touch the one who says, None has the right to be worshipped but Allah, and then seeking the face of Allah.

So when one dies upon Tawheed and meets his Lord, not associating any partners with Him, he enters paradise and is saved from the Hellfire.

THE THREE CONDITIONS

- ✖ **1. Tawheed Ar-Rububiyyah:** Means to single out Allah regarding His actions. For example, giving life, causing death, creating, providing, sending down the rain, causing the crops to grow, etc.
- ✖ **Allah says in Quran:**
- ✖ هَلْ مِنْ خَالِقٍ غَيْرِ اللَّهِ يَرْزُقُكُمْ مِنَ السَّمَاءِ وَالْأَرْضِ ۚ لَا إِلَهَ إِلَّا هُوَ ۖ فَآَنَىٰ تُؤْفَكُونَ
- ✖ “Is there any creator besides Allah, providing you with provisions from the heavens (rain) and the earth (its produce)?! Therefore do not worship anything besides Him, but worship Him alone since there is nothing that has the power to harm or benefit you besides Him.” (Al Faatir 35:3)
- ✖ **So the Muslims believe that Allah is in control of everything, that the reins (control) of the heavens and earth are in His Hands.**
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- ✖ **2. Tawheed Al-Asma'was-Sifat:** Meaning we affirm and only call Allah by those Names and Attributes that He called Himself by in His Book (The Quran) and by that which His Messenger (Muhammad)(peace and blessings be upon him) called Him by in the sunnah

THE THREE CONDITIONS

Allah says;

لَيْسَ كَمِثْلِهِ شَيْءٌ ۖ وَهُوَ السَّمِيعُ الْبَصِيرُ

“There is nothing like Him, and He is All-Hearing and All-Seeing”.

(Ash Shurah 42:11)

- 3. Tawheed Al-uloohiyah:** Means to single out Allah with all forms of worship, such that a person does not take anything or anyone else to be worshipped besides Allah. And so that all sayings and actions are for Him alone.

Allah says;

لَقَدْ بَعَثْنَا فِي كُلِّ أُمَّةٍ رَسُولًا أَنِ اعْبُدُوا اللَّهَ وَاجْتَنِبُوا الطَّاغُوتَ

“We sent to every nation a messenger, saying worship Allah and don’t worship any other deity”. (An Nahl 16:36)

And Allah said;

إِنَّهُ مَنْ يُشْرِكْ بِاللَّهِ فَقَدْ حَرَّمَ اللَّهُ عَلَيْهِ الْجَنَّةَ وَمَأْوَاهُ النَّارُ ۖ وَمَا لِلظَّالِمِينَ مِنْ أَنْصَارٍ

“Indeed whoever associates anything in worship with Allah, then Allah has forbidden Paradise for him, and his abode will be the Hellfire; and for the transgressors who worship others besides Allah there will be no one to help and save them from Allah’s punishment on the Day of Resurrection”.

(Al Ma ‘idah 5:72)

THE THREE CONDITIONS

- ✖ **So whoever violates the rights of Allah, then he has violated the greatest of all rights, which is Tawheed.**
- ✖ **Allah says;**

وَمَنْ يُشْرِكْ بِاللَّهِ فَقَدْ افْتَرَىٰ إِثْمًا عَظِيمًا

“Whoever associates partners in worship along with Allah has invented tremendous sin”. (An Nisa 4:48)

The greatest of sins with Allah is Shirk which He doesn't forgive if a person should die upon it.

Allah says;

إِنَّ الشِّرْكَ لَظُلْمٌ عَظِيمٌ

“Shirk is the greatest of transgression (sin)”.

(Luqmaan 31:13)

Allah also says;

إِنَّ اللَّهَ لَا يَغْفِرُ أَنْ يُشْرَكَ بِهِ وَيَغْفِرُ مَا دُونَ ذَلِكَ لِمَنْ يَشَاءُ

“Verily, Allah does not forgive that partners are setup with Him in worship, but He forgives (anything else less then that) to whomever He pleases.

(An Nisa 4:48)

THE DEFINITION OF SHIRK

Shirk: Is the worship of others along with Allah.

The Prophet (peace and blessings be upon him) **said**; Whoever meets Allah without associating any partners with Him, enters Paradise. Whoever meets Him, associating any partners with Him enters the Hellfire. 3

And Allah says;

وَلَوْ أَشْرَكُوا لَحَبِطَ عَنْهُمْ مَا كَانُوا يَعْمَلُونَ

“But if they had joined in worship others with Allah, all that they used to do would have been of no benefit to them”. (Al An ‘am 6:88)

Therefore, any acts of worship (be it statement or action) which isn't done for the sake of Allah and Him alone will not be accepted on the Day of Judgment.

Allah says;

قَدِمْنَا إِلَىٰ مَا عَمِلُوا مِنْ عَمَلٍ فَجَعَلْنَاهُ هَبَاءً مَّنْثُورًا

“And We shall turn to whatever deeds they (disbelievers, polytheists sinners, etc.) did, and We shall make such deeds as scattered floating particles of dust”. (Al Furqan 25:23)

SHIRK AND ITS TYPES

× **There are three different types of shirk:**

- × **1. Greater shirk**
- × **2. Lesser shirk**
- × **3. Hidden shirk**

× **Greater shirk:**

× **Is to setup partners with Allah in His worship, as worshipping other than Allah is a major sin and doing so results in the nullification of deeds.**

× **Allah says;**

× وَلَوْ أَشْرَكُوا لَحَبِطَ عَنْهُمْ مَا كَانُوا يَعْمَلُونَ

× But if they had joined in worship others with Allah, all that they used to do would have been of no benefit to them (Al-An'am 6:88)

× **And it (Greater shirk) prevents a person from entering Paradise.**

× **Allah says;**

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“Verily, whoever sets up partners in worship with Allah, then Allah has forbidden Paradise for him, and the Fire will be his home. And for the wrongdoers, there are no helpers”. (Al-Ma'idah 5:72)

SHIRK AND IT'S TYPES

This is if a person dies upon making (Greater) shirk with Allah, his home in the Hereafter will be the Hellfire and Allah will never forgive him.

Allah says;

إِنَّ اللَّهَ لَا يَغْفِرُ أَنْ يُشْرَكَ بِهِ وَيَغْفِرُ مَا دُونَ ذَلِكَ لِمَنْ يَشَاءُ ۚ

Verily, Allah forgives not that partners should be set up with Him in worship, but He forgives less than that to whomever He pleases. (An-Nisa' 4:48)

Lesser shirk: Is that which is mentioned in the Quran and sunnah as shirk but not from the category of Greater Shirk. For example, doing good deeds just to show off, swearing by other than Allah.

The Prophet (peace and blessings be upon him) said:

“What I fear most for you is Lesser Shirk. When asked what is that, he (peace and blessings be upon him) said: Riya” (showing-off)

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Although Greater Shirk put a person out of Islam, this category (Lesser Shirk) doesn't mean that one has left the religion or that he will spend eternity in the Hellfire. But what is clear is that one is lacking in the completeness of Tawheed

SHIRK AND IT'S TYPES

- ✖ **Hidden Shirk: The Prophet (peace and blessings be upon him) said,**
- ✖ “Shall I not inform you of what I fear more for you than the Masih ad-Dajjal” (anti-christ)?
- ✖ His companions said, “Yes, O Messenger of Allah” He (peace and blessings be upon him) said:
- ✖ “Hidden Shirk” a man stands to pray and beautifies his prayer because he sees another man watching him.

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- ✖ **Hidden Shirk can sometimes occur in Greater Shirk, such as the Shirk of the “hypocrites”, they hide their false beliefs pretending to hold and show the beliefs of Islam.**
- ✖ **And it also occurs in Lesser Shirk as it was mentioned in Riya (doing deeds just to be seen by others)**

Tawheed is a crucial topic, it is the foundation of our religion and the basis for which Allah sent His Messengers to mankind

- ✖ **Allah said;**
- ✖ وَلَقَدْ بَعَثْنَا فِي كُلِّ أُمَّةٍ رَّسُولًا أَنْ اعْبُدُوا اللَّهَ وَاجْتَنِبُوا الطَّاغُوتَ
- ✖ “Indeed We sent to every nation a Messenger. saying ‘Worship Allah (alone) and avoid taghut’ (other deities or people who love to be praised).

CONCLUSION

So know that Islam is the religion of Tawheed and whoever establishes it, has established Islam and if it is correct and sound everything else for you will be up right, good, correct and sound in this life and in the Hereafter.

I ask Allah to have mercy upon us and increase us in knowledge and that He makes us from the people of tawheed. Ameen



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