



Belief in Allah (swt)

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Outline

- God's existence
- Belief in Allah swt, its meaning, types and benefits
- Polytheism, its meaning and types

Does God Exist...!?

God's Existence

- Mainly people deny God's existence on the basis of Intellect or Science.
- Five senses (Taste, Touch, Smell, Hear and Sight)
 - Earthworm can't see
- Scientific theories keep changing over time, whereas Islamic principles are unchangeable.
 - Theory of Geocentrism and Heliocentrism
 - The Big Bang Theory
- There are many things that exist, but we can't see:
 - Sound waves, Radio waves, Wi-Fi & Bluetooth signals, Emotions, etc.

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- We can not understand many things on the basis of Science and Intellect:
 - Soul روح
 - There are many rational proofs for the existence of God:
 - This Universe and its perfect system
 - Human being

“We have created man in the best composition.” (At-tin:4)

- Many verses of Holy Quran and Prophet’s Ahadith describe the existence of God.
- Importance of Quran and Sunnah (Prophet’s Character)

Is scientific evidence a definitive evidence?

Science doesn't have the processes to prove or disprove the existence of God. Science studies and attempts to explain only the natural world while God, in most religions, is supernatural.

National Academy of Science
(<https://thesciencebehindit.org/>)

Belief in Allah (Tawheed)

- Literal meaning of Tawheed is **unification** (making something one).
- It means, believing that Allah is one with no partner or associate in his lordship, divinity and names and attributes.

Importance of Tawheed

- Tauheed is the cornerstone of Iman. All the other beliefs in Islam revolve around Tauheed.

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- The message of every Prophet was Tawheed,

وَمَا أَرْسَلْنَا مِنْ قَبْلِكَ مِنْ رَّسُولٍ إِلَّا نُوحِيَ إِلَيْهِ أَنَّهُ لَا إِلَهَ إِلَّا أَنَا فَاعْبُدُونِ (الانبیاء: 25)

We did not send before you any messenger, but we revealed to him that there is no god but I (Allah SWT), so worship me.

وَابْرِهِيمَ إِذْ قَالَ لِقَوْمِهِ اعْبُدُوا اللَّهَ وَاتَّقُوهُ ذَلِكُمْ خَيْرٌ لَّكُمْ إِن كُنْتُمْ تَعْلَمُونَ [العنكبوت 16]

لَقَدْ أَرْسَلْنَا نُوحًا إِلَى قَوْمِهِ فَقَالَ يُقَوْمِ اعْبُدُوا اللَّهَ مَا لَكُمْ مِنْ إِلَهٍ غَيْرُهُ [الأعراف 59]

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Types of Tauheed

1. **Oneness of lordship:** To believe that Allah is the only Rab or the lord of the universe. He alone is the creator, sustainer and provider.

وَلَئِنْ سَأَلْتَهُمْ مَنْ خَلَقَ السَّمٰوٰتِ وَالْاَرْضَ وَسَخَّرَ الشَّمْسَ وَالْقَمَرَ لَيَقُوْلَنَّ اللّٰهُ فَاَنىٰ
يُؤْفَكُوْنَ (العنكبوت: 61)

If you ask them 'O Prophet' who created the heavens and the earth and subjected the sun and the moon 'for your benefit', they will certainly say, "Allah!" How can they then be deluded 'from the truth'?

Activity

Write down some attributes of Allah SWT
that you know the meaning of.

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2. Oneness of Allah's names & attributes: It means Allah may only be described with the names and attributes of perfection which have mentioned by Allah and His Messenger.

لَيْسَ كَمِثْلِهِ شَيْءٌ وَهُوَ السَّمِيعُ الْبَصِيرُ (الشورى: 11)

There is nothing like Him, for He 'alone' is the All-Hearing, All-Seeing.

وَلِلَّهِ الْأَسْمَاءُ الْحُسْنَىٰ فَادْعُوهُ بِهَا (الاعراف: 180)

The most beautiful names belong to Allah, so call on him by them.

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3. Oneness of worship/divinity: It means devoting all acts of worship, both inward and outward, in words or deeds, to Allah alone, and not worshipping anything or anyone other than Allah (swt).

إِيَّاكَ نَعْبُدُ وَإِيَّاكَ نَسْتَعِينُ (الفاتحة:4)

You alone we worship; and upon You, we call for help.

قُلْ إِنَّ صَلَاتِي وَنُسُكِي وَمَحْيَايَ وَمَمَاتِي لِلَّهِ رَبِّ الْعَالَمِينَ [الانعام:162]

Say! (o prophet) Verily, my Salah, my sacrifice, my living, and my dying are for Allah, the Lord of the all that exists.

Write down some effects and benefits of
Tawheed.

Effects or Benefits of Tauheed

- Acceptance of deeds

وَلَقَدْ أُوحِيَ إِلَيْكَ وَإِلَى الَّذِينَ مِنْ قَبْلِكَ لَئِنْ أَشْرَكْتَ لَيَحْبَطَنَّ عَمَلُكَ وَلَتَكُونَنَّ مِنَ الْخَاسِرِينَ (الزمر: 65)

It has already been revealed to you and to those before you (that): If you associate (partners with Allah), your deeds shall be rendered useless, and you shall be among the losers.

- Forgiveness of sins

مَا مِنْ نَفْسٍ تَمُوتُ وَهِيَ تَشْهَدُ أَنْ لَا إِلَهَ إِلَّا اللَّهُ وَأَنِّي رَسُولُ اللَّهِ، يَرْجِعُ ذَلِكَ إِلَى قَلْبٍ مُوقِنٍ، إِلَّا غَفَرَ اللَّهُ

Messenger of Allah (ﷺ) said: "There is no soul that died bearing witness to La ilaha illallah, and that I am the Messenger of Allah, from the heart with certainty, but Allah will forgive it."

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- Freedom from hell fire

يَخْرُجُ مِنَ النَّارِ مَنْ قَالَ: لَا إِلَهَ إِلَّا اللَّهُ، وَكَانَ فِي قَلْبِهِ مِثْقَالُ شَعِيرَةٍ مِنْ خَيْرٍ

Whoever said "None has the right to be worshipped but Allah and has in his heart good (faith) equal to the weight of a barley grain will be taken out of Hell.

- Attainment of paradise

مَنْ مَاتَ وَهُوَ يَعْلَمُ أَنَّهُ لَا إِلَهَ إِلَّا اللَّهُ دَخَلَ الْجَنَّةَ

Whoever dies knowing that there is no god but Allah will enter paradise.

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- Cause of Intercession of Prophet ﷺ

أَسْعَدُ النَّاسِ بِشَفَاعَتِي يَوْمَ الْقِيَامَةِ مَنْ قَالَ لَا إِلَهَ إِلَّا اللَّهُ، خَالِصًا مِنْ قَلْبِهِ أَوْ نَفْسِهِ

The luckiest person who will have my intercession on the Day of Resurrection will be the one who said sincerely from the bottom of his heart "None has the right to be worshipped but Allah."

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- Self Respect

When a believer believes that Allah SWT alone can benefit or harm a person. So he will never bow his head to anyone other than Allah SWT.

وہ ایک سجدہ جسے تو گراں سمجھتا ہے
ہزار سجدوں سے دیتا ہے آدمی کو نجات

- Humbleness

A believer never becomes proud of power, wealth and worth because he knows that everything is provided by Allah SWT and He can take it away.

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- Bravery

The Believer knows that life, properties and everything belong to Allah SWT alone, no can give life or take it except Allah SWT.

- Obeying

The Believer knows that Allah SWT is all aware of his every action. He even knows our thoughts and intentions, bad or good. So, he believes we can not hide anything from Allah SWT, or evade Allah's grip. So this concept makes him to observe Allah's laws.

Shirk (Polytheism)

Shirk/Polytheism

- Literal meaning of polytheism or Shirk is making a partner of someone.
- In religious sense Polytheism means ascribing any partner with Allah (swt) in his lordship, divinity and names & attributes.

Consequences of Polytheism

- Polytheism is the gravest sin of all sins and it is an unpardonable sin.

وَإِذْ قَالَ لُقْمَنُ لِبْنِهِ وَهُوَ يَعِظُهُ يَا بُنَيَّ لَا تُشْرِكْ بِاللَّهِ إِنَّ الشِّرْكَ لَظُلْمٌ عَظِيمٌ (لقمان: 13)

(Remember) when Luqman said to his son, while he was advising him, “My dear son, do not ascribe partners to Allah. Indeed, ascribing partners to Allah (shirk) is grave transgression.”

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- It is an unpardonable sin.

إِنَّ اللَّهَ لَا يَغْفِرُ أَنْ يُشْرَكَ بِهِ وَيَغْفِرُ مَا دُونَ ذَلِكَ لِمَنْ يَشَاءُ (النساء: 48)

Indeed, Allah does not forgive associating others with Him but forgives anything else of whoever He wills.

- The punishment of shirk is permanent hell fire.

إِنَّهُ مَنْ يُشْرِكْ بِاللَّهِ فَقَدْ حَرَّمَ اللَّهُ عَلَيْهِ الْجَنَّةَ وَمَأْوَاهُ النَّارُ وَمَا لِلظَّالِمِينَ مِنْ أَنْصَارٍ (المائدة: 72)

Indeed, he who associates others with Allah - Allah has forbidden him Paradise, and his refuge is the Fire. And there are not for the wrongdoers any helpers.

Shirk
(Polytheism)

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graph TD; A[Shirk (Polytheism)] --> B[Major (Al-akbar)]; A --> C[Minor (Al-asghar)]; B --> D[Lordship]; B --> E[Names & Attributes]; B --> F[Divinity]; C --> G[Showing Off];
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Major
(Al-akbar)

Minor
(Al-asghar)

Lordship

Names &
Attributes

Divinity

Showing Off

Minor Shirk

- **Ar-Riya (acts performed to show off):** Any act of worship or any religious deed done in order to gain praise, fame or for worldly benefit, falls under this category.

عن أبي سعيد الخدري رضي الله عنه مرفوعاً: "ألا أخبركم بما هو أخوف عليكم عندي من المسيح الدجال؟ قالوا: بلى يا رسول الله، قال: الشرك الخفي يقوم الرجل فيصلي فيزيّن صلاته لما يرى من نظر رجلٍ".

The Prophet ﷺ said: "Shall I tell you what I fear more for you than the Antichrist?" They said: "Yes, O Messenger of Allah." He said: "Hidden polytheism; when a man gets up to pray and improves his prayer because he sees another man watching him."

Questions

Q. If someone says, I don't believe in God because science has not proven it, how would you respond?

Q. How would you counter the claim that God's invisibility invalidates his existence?

Q. What is the literal meaning and definition of Tauheed?

Q. How many types of Shirk and What is minor shirk?