

## ISLAMIC FUNDAMENTAL BELIEFS

(عقائد)

### WHAT IS MEANT BY "AQIDA" (عقیده)?

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## AQIDA, (PLURAL "AQA'ID")

### AQIDA

- Derived/ originated from an Arabic consonantal root (أ ق د)

- LITERAL MEANING:**

"To tie a knot"

- DEFINITION:**

"The **firm** and **unchangeable creed** that one's heart is fixed upon without any wavering or doubt"

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## DIFFERENCE BETWEEN AQEEDA & IDEA or THOUGHT

- IDEA or THOUGHT= **Initial Stage**

- Aqeeda= **Last and Highest Stage**

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## IMPORTANT TO KNOW

- Islamic beliefs are **NUMBERLESS**, yet fundamental Islamic Beliefs are **SIX**

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## FUNDAMENTAL ISLAMIC BELIEFS (AQA'ID)

- Belief in:

- (1) Oneness of Allah (At-Tauheed)
- (2) Prophet hood (Ar-Risalah)
- (3) Angels (Al-Malaikah)
- (4) Revealed Books (Al-Kutub)
- (5) Day of Judgment (Al-Aakhirah)
- (6) Destiny (Al-Qadr)

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## QURANIC REFERENCE

- (1) "But Al-Birr is the one who believes in Allah, the Last Day, the Angels, the Book"

(Surah Al-Baqarah, Ayah 176)

- (2) "O you who believe! Believe in Allah and His Messenger (Muhammad), and the Book (the Qur'an) which He has sent down to His Messenger, and the Scripture which He sent down to those before (him). And whosoever disbelieves in Allah, His Angels, His Books, His Messengers, and the Last Day, then indeed he has strayed far away"

(Surah An-Nisa, Ayah 136)

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## "HADITH-E-JIBRAIL"

قَالَ: فَأَخْبَرَنِي عَنْ الْإِيمَانِ، قَالَ: أَنْ تُؤْمِنَ بِاللَّهِ، وَمَلَائِكَتِهِ، وَكُتُبِهِ، وَرُسُلِهِ، وَالْيَوْمِ الْآخِرِ، وَتُؤْمِنَ بِالْقَدَرِ خَيْرِهِ وَشَرِّهِ

"Iman is that You believe in"

- (1) Allah
- (2) His angels
- (3) His Books
- (4) His Messengers
- (5) The Last Day
- (6) Fate (*Qadar*), both in its good and in its evil aspects."

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## ONENESS OF ALLAH (TAUHEED)

### **TAUHEED**

- Derived from an Arabic root (و ح د)

### **LITERAL MEANING:**

"To consider something or someone one or alone"

### **DEFINITION:**

"To consider Allah, the Almighty one and alone in following ALL THREE areas :

- (i) In His **Entity** (being; personality; existence)
- (ii) In His **Attributes**
- (iii) In the **Demands of the Attributes** (i.e. obedience and worship)

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## Names of Tauheed

- Oneness of God
- Islamic Monotheism

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## CONTENTS OF TAUHEED

- (1) Existence of Allah as Creator, Master, Omnipotent, Omnipresent, Sustainer etc.
- (2) Oneness in Entity (No Offspring)
- (3) Oneness in Unique Attributes
- (4) Free of all evils qualities
- (5) Only one worthy to be worshipped

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## TYPES OF TAUHEED

### **Three Types**

- (i) Tauheed in the **Entity** of Allah
- (ii) Tauheed in the **Attributes** of Allah
- (iii) Tauheed in the **Demand of the attributes** (i.e. worship)

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## History of Tauheed

- First man on the i.e. Hazrat Adam was the first Monotheist as well

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## Importance of Tauheed

- First belief of mankind
- Foremost Islamic belief
- Centre of Islamic
- Islamic revolves around Tauheed

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## Effects of Tauheed on Human Life

- Broadmindedness
- Self Esteem
- Humbleness
- Bravery
- Piety
- Patience
- Satisfaction
- Happiness of Allah
- Freedom from human slavery

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## POLYTHEISM (SHIRK)

- Derived from an Arabic consonantal root (ش ر ك)

### SHIRK

### LITERAL MEANING:

“To have partnership ”

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## DEFINITION OF SHIRK

“To associate a partner or partners with Allah in anyone of following areas:

in His entity

OR

in His attributes

OR

in the demands of the attributes (right of obedience and worship)”

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## TYPES OF SHIRK

### TWO TYPES

- (1) Open Shirk
- (2) Hidden Shirk e.g. Riya (ostentation)

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## TYPES OF OPEN SHIRK

### Three Types

- Shirk in the **Entity** of Allah
- Shirk in the **Attributes** of Allah
- Shirk in the **Demand** of the **attributes**

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## History of Shirk

- First nation polluted their belief with Shirk was the nation of **Hazrat Noah** (A.H.) who worshipped the idols of Five deceased sons of **Hazrat Idrees** (A.H.)
- Their names were Wadd, Suwa', Yaghoth, Ya'oq and Nasr

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## Status

- Major Shirk is Greatest and unpardonable sin
  - Minor sin is great sin
- Whereas

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## Shirk of the pagans of the Arab

- Idol worship
- Ancestor worship
- Angels worship
- Jinn worship
- Natural objects worship
- Self worship

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## Effects of Shirk on Human Life

- Narrow-mindedness
- Cowardice
- Miserable / centre less life
- Impatience
- Lack of Satisfaction
- Human slavery
- Angriiness of Allah

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