



# Belief in Allah (swt)

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# Outline

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

Does God Exist...!?



# God's Existence

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- 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.



## **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/>)

# How can we know Allah (swt)?

## Through his names & attributes

- All-knowing, All-seeing, etc.

## Through his signs

- Signs in the earth and the heavens

## Through the teaching of Prophets

- Prophets were sent to connect people with their creator.

## Through History

- History reflects Allah's guidance & warning



# Belief in Allah (*Tawheed*)

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- Literal meaning of Tawheed is **unification** (making something one) or **oneness**.
- **Definition:** To believe in the oneness of Allah (swt).
- Surah *Al-Ikhlās* is the simplest and most complete description of *Tawheed*.

## Importance of *Tawheed*

- *Tawheed* is the cornerstone of Islam. All the other beliefs in Islam revolve around Tawheed.



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- Without faith in *Tawheed*, one cannot be a Muslim.
- The message of every Prophet was *Tawheed*,

وَمَا أَرْسَلْنَا مِنْ قَبْلِكَ مِنْ رَّسُولٍ إِلَّا نُوحِي إِلَيْهِ أَنَّهُ لَا إِلَهَ إِلَّا أَنَا فَاعْبُدُونِ (الانبياء: 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.

# Types of *Tawheed*

1. Oneness of Allah's Essence (*Tawheed fi'l-Zaat*)
2. Oneness of Allah's Attributes (*Tawheed fi's-Sifaat*)
3. Oneness of Allah's Actions (*Tawheed fi'l-Af'aal*)
4. Oneness of Worship (*Tawheed fi'l-'Ibaadah*)
5. Oneness of Supplication (*Tawheed fi'd-Du'a*)

Shirk (Polytheism)



# Polytheism (*Shirk*)

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- Literal meaning of polytheism or Shirk is making a partner of someone.
- **Definition:** Associating partners with Allah (swt)).

## 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)

Major  
(Al-akbar)

Minor  
(Al-asghar)

Fiz-zaat

Fis-sifat

Fil-af'al

Fil-ibadat

Fid-du'a

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.

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# Effects or Benefits of Tawheed

- 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).

- **Obedience**

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.



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