

# TAWHID

## INTRODUCTION

- ✓ In primitive times, men started to worship objects governing various part of nature like rivers, trees etc. Soon he learned that these objects were dependent than he himself was.
- ✓ After this stage, he started noticing that the cycle of entire world cannot go on its own it must be controlled by some supreme being.
- ✓ However, many believed that along with supreme God there are thousands of other Gods too who manage minor affairs on behalf of supreme God.
- ✓ Some thought that God has a human body settled on earth. Some believe his image should be worshipped and some followed the ideology that one could reach God through saints and spirits.
- ✓ Tawhid/unity or oneness of Allah is exactly against all these.
- ✓ Tawhid refutes the ideas of sharing power, transferring of power, associated of God, unity and God being philosophy etc.

## ABOUT TAWHID

- ✓ Believing in Tawhid is the foundation of Islam and most important primary teaching for Muslims.
- ✓ It was taught by all the Prophets i.e. Hazrat Ibrahim (A.S), Hazrat Nuh (A.S), Hazrat Musa (A.S), Hazrat Isa (A.S) and Hazrat Muhammad (PBUH).
- ✓ According to this belief Allah is the personality who truly exists and no being can deny his existence as he is not a mere abstract of philosophy. All the creatures testify his existence. In his existence he is the one. Surah Ikhlas explains it in concise yet perfect way it stated: **"Say! He is Allah The One and Only". (112:1)**
- ✓ Tawhid also teaches that this one being is also single which means he doesn't have any associate or partners at different places of Quran his singularity is discussed justified. This means that he has no relations like son, daughter, wife, etc. Allah has no son, daughter or family: **"Glory be to Him above having a son. To Him belong all things in the heavens and on earth ..." [4: 171]** We are asked: **"How can He have children, when He has no wife."** [6: 101] Quran also says, **"He begets not; nor is He begotten"**
- ✓ We also learn from belief in Tawhid that this one and single personality is also perfect in every way. Firstly, he is perfect in life which means that he

never dies and he is immortal whereas the entire universe is bound to an end. Not only is he perfect in life but is also perfect in his activities. Nobody has created Him. He exists of his own. **"Whoever is on it (the earth) will perish. And the face of your Lord full of Majesty and Honor will abide forever."** [55: 26 - 27]

- ✓ He controls the entire universe without any fatigue or trouble. In doing this he neither grows tired nor does he slow down. Quran says, **"No slumber can seize Him nor sleep"**
- ✓ Moreover, he has no match in his existence since there is no similar entity which can even get closer to be compared to him. All the creatures testify his existence and proclaim his oneness yet in comparable to him.
- ✓ Islam calls to the believe that the creator, the sustainer, the cherisher, and the Sovereign Lord of this immensely vast universe is only Allah. He is the creator of everything, it means that He creates things and brings them in existence from nothingness. **"Such is Allah! Your Lord! None has the right to be worshipped but He, the creator of all things..."** [6: 102].
- ✓ He is the one and only lord of this World and the hereafter. It is He, Who fashioned, designed and made this universe. Since he is the maker of all, therefore, he has the authority over all the things in the universe. He is The King and The Ruler and each and everything is owned by Him and is subservient to Him. Nothing can happen without His planning and permission: **"His throne extends over the heavens and the earth."** [2: 255]
- ✓ None of His actions lack wisdom, purpose and result. Every action of His has the highest degree of wisdom, prudence and purpose behind it. **"He is All Wise, Well Acquainted with all things."** [6: 18]
- ✓ He knows everything, every action and every movement. What has happened, what is happening and what will happen, everything is in His knowledge. **"He knows what happens to them (His creatures) in this world, and what will happen to them in the Hereafter."** [2: 255] **"He is the all knower of everything."** [2: 29] **"With Him is the knowledge of the unseen of the heavens and the earth. How clearly He sees and hears (everything)."** [18: 26] Quran also says, **"He knows what is open in speech and what you hide in your hearts"**
- ✓ He has the power to do everything. None of His intentions can be stopped from materialization. **"Verily, His command, when He intends a thing, is only that He says to it, Be!"** [37: 82]

- ✓ He created entire world for men and made him from an insignificant drop of germ cells. With life, he also gave him all the bounties and necessities in the world. Thus, becoming the sustainer and cherisher. He is also the maintainer of all His creations. **"All praises be to Allah The Cherisher and The Sustainer of the World."** [1: 1]
- ✓ He also promised men another life with greater reward and blessings if he pleases.
- ✓ So, Tawhid delivers the idea that when he is the soul creator, handler and sustainer of the world only He is to be worshipped and considered as God. This means that no other being besides him his worthy to be worshipped.
- ✓ For worship, gratitude, help, protection etc. men needs to bow before Allah only. Surah Fateha supports this and mentions that **"We do worship you and your aid We seek". (1:5) - Al-Fateha.**
- ✓ He is not the authority only in the world but He will be the only authority in the next world. Surah Fatiha says: **"Master of the Day of Judgment."** [1: 3] At another place we are told: **"There in nothing whatever like unto Him; and He is the One that hears and sees (all things). [42: 11]**
- ✓ All His decisions are consonant with justice. He rewards people according to their actions. He punishes them for their misdeeds and gives good rewards for their good deeds. **"...And they will be judge with justice, and no wrong will be done unto them. " [10: 54]"...The book will be placed (open) and the Prophets and the witnesses will be brought forward, and it will be judge between them with truth, and they will not be wronged."** [39: 69]
- ✓ Tawhid teaches that the attributes of Allah are unique as well like his existence and lordship he shared none of his attributes with any of his creatures. Like his existence He is also the one in his attributes and Power.
- ✓ He has the most beautiful name and the loftiest attributes. He shouldn't be names acceptance what he and his messenger named him. Since no one can possess the qualities that Allah possess hence none can be named or qualified with his names.
- ✓ Hence, Tawhid sums up the idea with the fact that one has to believe in all the qualities of Allah and attributes of Him without changing or twisting them.

## THREE MAIN KINDS OF TAWHID

### TAWHID UL RUBOOBIYAH (ONENESS IN LORDSHIP)

- ✓ It refers to the belief that Allah (swt) is Self - Existent; He is the Creator and the Sustainer of the Universe.
- ✓ He knows everything, sees everything and is able to do anything.
- ✓ As creator, He stands outside and beyond everything that He created.
- ✓ Allah is outside time whereas all created things are a part of time and the things which are part of time have beginnings and ends.
- ✓ Allah has no beginning, no end. Quran says; *"He is above the grip of space and time, He is the First and the Last, the evident and the hidden.."* [57: 3]
- ✓ It also refers to the belief that He is entirely immune to all forms of human weaknesses and needs such as hunger, thirst and the need to rest or sleep etc.
- ✓ He Himself says; *"No slumber can seize Him nor sleep.."* [2: 255]

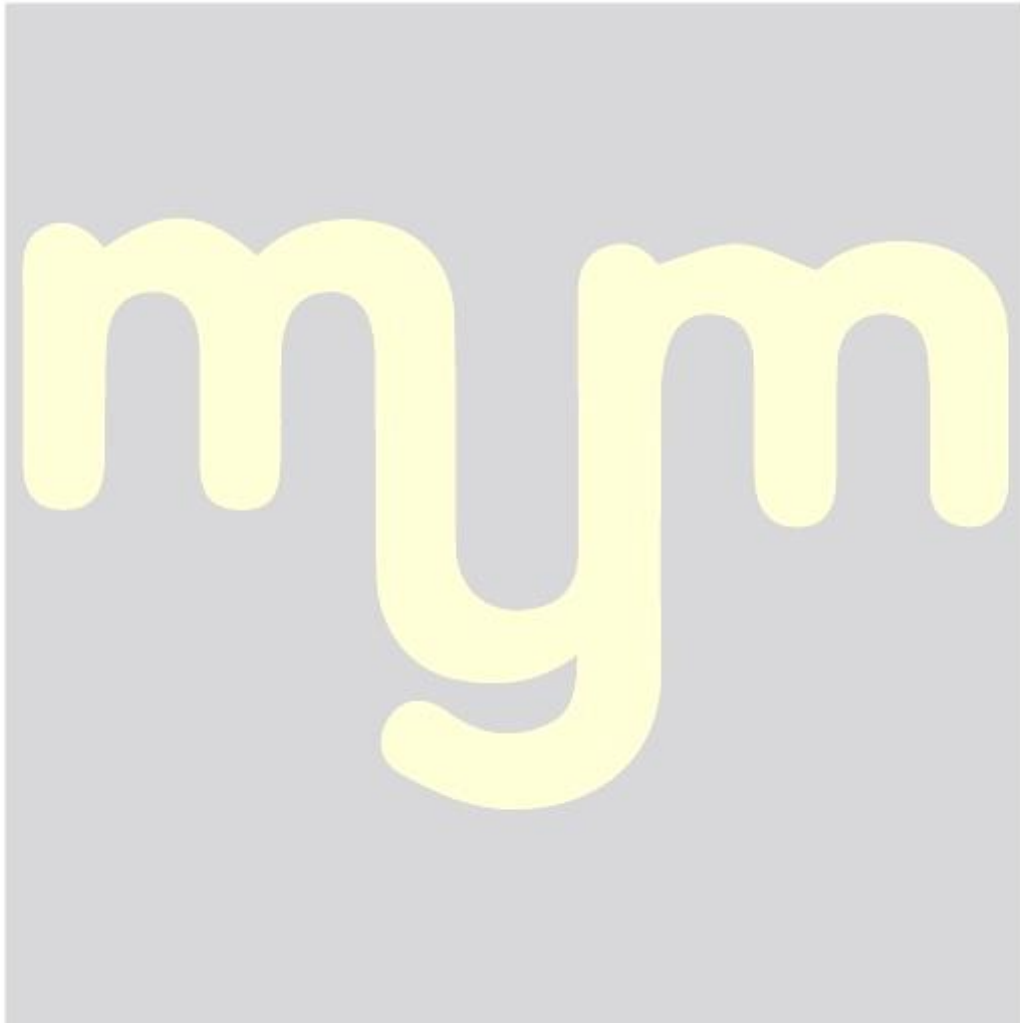
### TAWHID UL ULOOHIYAH (ONENESS IN WORSHIP)

- ✓ It refers to the belief that since Allah (swt) is the creator, He is the only one worthy of worship.
- ✓ All supplications, pleading and imploring (begging) are due only to Allah (swt) so we Muslims, must observe all the religious practices such as prayers, Hajj, fast and giving alms to poor etc. for His sake only.
- ✓ Quran teaches this important lesson to Muslims in the very first Surah as it says: *"You alone we worship and Your aid we seek."* [1: 4]

### TAWHID AL ASMA WAS SIFAT (ONENESS IN ATTRIBUTES)

- ✓ It refers to the belief that Allah (swt) is matchless not only His Essence but also in His names and Attributes.
- ✓ The belief include that we must not name or qualify Allah (swt) except with what He and His Messenger have named or qualified Him.
- ✓ None can be qualified with the names and qualifications of Allah (swt), for example Karim, Raheem, Rehman etc. He says in Quran; *"And there is none like unto Him"* [112: 5]

- ✓ We must believe in all the qualities of Allah (swt) which He has stated in His Book or mentioned through His messenger without changing, twisting or ignoring their meaning.



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# SHIRK

## ABOUT SHIRK

- ✓ The opposite of Oneness or unity of Allah in shirk which means associating partners with the support Lord in his existence, Lordship, attributes or powers.
- ✓ Any person who gets involved in Shirk can never attain religiousness or be a true Muslim because their faith would become weak from the foundation which is Tawhid.
- ✓ The Holy Quran considers Shirk to be an unpardonable sin and its doer will never dwell in paradise. Quran says, *"To ascribe partners unto Him is a tremendous wrong"* and Quran also says, *"Allah forgives not that partners should be setup with Him and He forgives anything else to He wills"*
- ✓ Different groups do shirk in his existence and attributes; the Christians and Jews believe that Allah as a son; the idolaters believe that besides Allah there are minor gods as well and the pantheist believed Allah is settled on earth within, his creature. All the ideologies are related with shirk because they contradict with the teaching of Tawhid.
- ✓ Such people are existence of Allah with other deities. They worshipped and other being than Allah, Tawhid says man is not to bow down to seek aid from any other creature except Allah only.
- ✓ He has to be worshipped and adding other gods to his glory destroy once faith. In the life hereafter those who created partners of Allah and worship them would have to encounter bitter consequences.
- ✓ Thus, one should not any one as to be as unique and perfect existence and attribute as Allah.

## TYPES OF SHIRK

### SHIRK UL RUBOOBIYAH (SHIRK IN LORDSHIP/EXISTENCE OF GOD)

- ✓ This category of Shirk refers to either the belief that others share Allah's Lordship over creation as His equal or near equal, or to the belief that there exists no Lord over creation at all.
- ✓ This type of shirk constitute assigning partners to God or by saying that there is more than one Creator or there are more gods than one.

- ✓ It could also be committed by declaring God to be the father or son of someone. Quran says, *"He begets not nor is he begotten" "How can he have a son when he has no wife"*
- ✓ This is the most unforgivable sin and should never be committed as Quran says, *"Allah forgives not that partners should be setup with Him and He forgives anything else to He wills"*

### **SHIRK UL ULOOLIYAH (SHIRK IN WORSHIP)**

- ✓ This form of shirk occurs when any form of act of worship is directed to someone else besides Allah.
- ✓ It represents the most obvious form of idolatry, against which the Prophets were specifically sent by Allah, calling the masses of mankind to give it up.
- ✓ Examples of this shirk are asking for forgiveness, admittance to Paradise, etc. that only Allah can provide, from others besides Allah.
- ✓ This shirk can be committed by offering sacrifice and slaughtering in the name of any other than God.
- ✓ He should only be worshipped as he is the sole Creator.

### **SHIRK AL ASMA WAS SIFAT (SHIRK IN ATTRIBUTES)**

- ✓ Shirk in this category includes both the non-believer practices of giving Allah the attributes of His creations as well as the act of giving created beings Allah's names and attributes.
- ✓ This can be committed by giving Allah's name to someone or the attributes of Allah to someone.
- ✓ If someone thinks that a certain creature also knows everything like Allah, it would be a shirk in attributes of Allah.

### **MAJOR SHIRK (SHIRK UL AKBAR)**

- ✓ This category includes Atheism (belief that Human beings have no Lord). Firaun denied the existence of Allah.
- ✓ This category also includes the belief that Allah share His rule and control over the creation.
- ✓ The ones who pray to dead.

- ✓ Making Allah like creation or making creation like Allah is the essence of shirk. Quran says, ***"There is nothing Like Him"***

### **MINOR SHIRK**

- ✓ Wearing charms, talismans and amulets for protection against evil eye.
- ✓ Swearing an oath in name of other than Allah. Prophet said, ***"The one who takes an oath in name of other than Allah commits disbelief or shirk"***
- ✓ By performing Riya (showing off). If someone pays more charity or pray namaz taking more time in order to just show off the people. So this will be considered as minor shirk as the person's main aim was to get praised by people.



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## BELIEF IN ANGELS

### INTRODUCTION

- ✓ The second article of faith is belief in angels. It is next to Faith in Allah.
- ✓ It is mentioned in Iman-e-Mufasssil.
- ✓ Disbelieving the existence of angels is said to be going away from righteousness by Quran in 4:136. The Quran says, *"O you who believed, believe in Allah and His Messenger and the Book that He sent down upon His Messenger and whoever disbelieves in Allah, His angels, His books, His Messengers, and the Last Day has certainly gone far astray."*
- ✓ Thus believing in angels is mandatory and essential to achieve righteousness.

### CHARACTERISTICS OF ANGELS

- ✓ Angels are of the unique creations of Allah who created the Divine Light. Usually they are not visible to man though they were seen at different occasions by men.
- ✓ They are gender free, innumerable and more powerful than Jinn.
- ✓ They are infinite. Prophet (saw) said: *"Seventy thousand angels enter it every day and never have the chance to reenter it again."* He also said, *"Hell, on the day of Resurrection will be dragged forth having 70,000 chains and every chain will be held by 70000 angels."*
- ✓ They are gender free and they don't eat, drink, sleep or grow tired.
- ✓ They are not the daughters of Allah as it was the belief of the Arab polytheists before the arrival of Islam. Thus, they are not made to be worshiped. They are neither males nor females and they have no relationship with each other. They do not have any physical relationship with Allah. The Holy Quran rejected the belief of Makkans who believed angels were the daughters of Allah. The Holy Quran says: *"And they make the angels themselves are the slaves of The Most Gracious (Allah) females. Did they witness their creation? Their testimony will be recorded, and they will be questioned!" [43: 191]*
- ✓ The purpose of their creation is to worship Allah 24x7 and carry on His commandments. All the angels have been granted separate tasks which they perfectly fulfill for Allah and never make mistakes in that. They are perfect in their way and testify Allah's perfection.

- ✓ They cannot act upon their own accord and will. They are created to obey and serve Allah. They also have limited knowledge which is taught to them by Allah.
- ✓ They are very obedient creations of Allah as they are not given free will. The Holy Quran says: **"... who disobey not (from executing) the commands they receive from Allah, but do that which they are commanded."** [66: 6]
- ✓ They are made inferior to man due to their lack of knowledge and absence of freewill. Angels do not possess the feelings and emotions that we humans have. They are also not gifted with the ability to think hence they cannot initiate things.
- ✓ To prove their inferiority before the supreme creature of Allah (that is man) they were asked to prostrate before Hazrat Adam (AS) after his creation. They are given limited knowledge according to their functions. When Allah asked questions from Adam and angels, so Adam gave the answers and angels said: **"Glorified are You, we have no knowledge except what you have taught us, Verily it is you, The All Knower, All Wise."** [2: 32]
- ✓ Angels are given wings and the number and size of their wings depend on their ranks. The Holy Quran says: **"Who (Allah) made the angels with wings, two or three or four."** [35: 1] Angels appear in different forms. The Holy Prophet (saw) saw Angel Jibriel sometime like being suspended in air, sometime in the shape of man and sometime like a being having wings.

## FUNCTIONS OF ANGELS

- ✓ Countless angels were created to worship Allah all the time. The Holy Quran says: **"If they are to be proud (to do prostration), then there are those who are with your Lord(angels) glorify Him night and day, and never they are tired."** [41: 38] and also: **"And we (angels) glorify You with praises and prostrate before you."** [2: 30]
- ✓ They are also used as a channel between Allah and man. Direct contact with Allah is not possible because Allah is beyond all physical perceptions. Dream and inspiration Ilham are also the source of communication but there remains the possibility of error, of judgment or of comprehension on the part of man. So the best way of communication between men and his Creator is called Wahi, in which angel is used as a channel of transmission of the message of God to His messenger. The Holy Quran says: **"It is not given to a human**

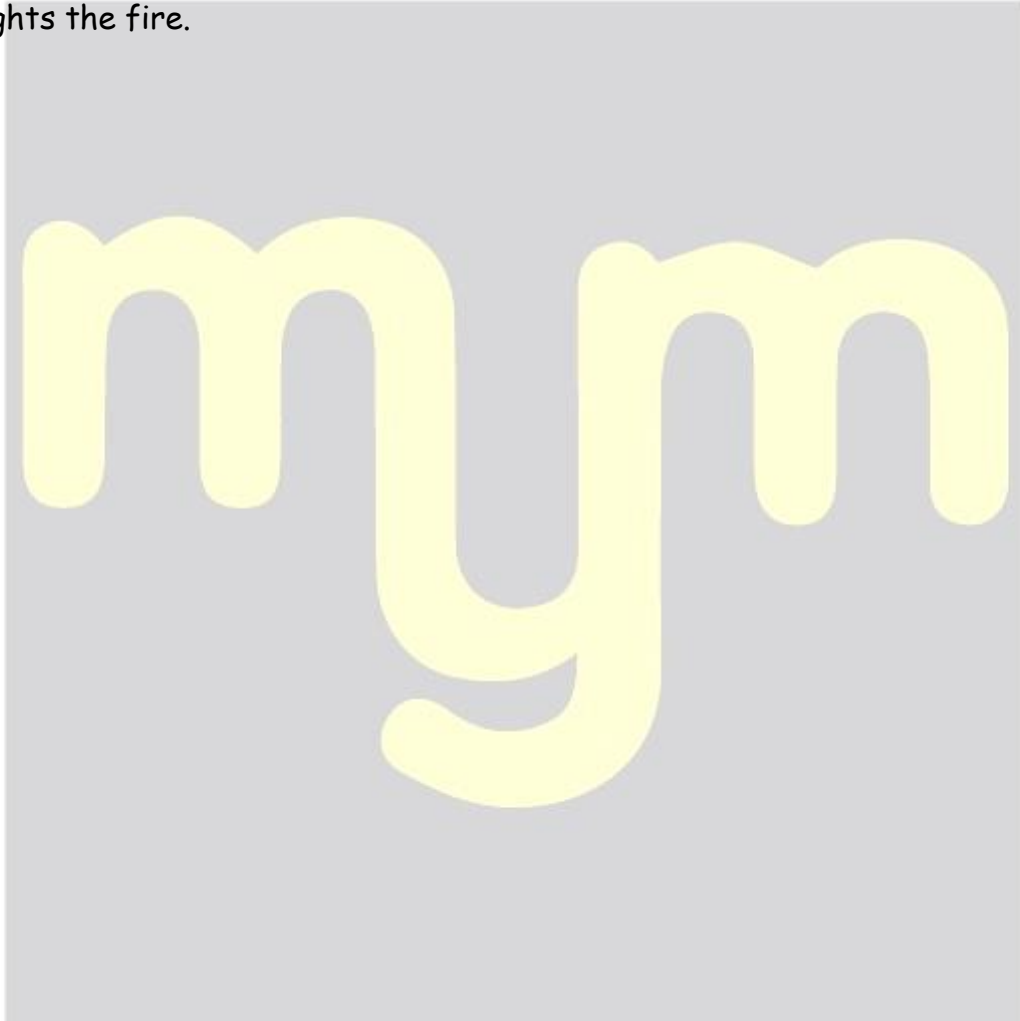
*being that Allah should speak to him unless (it be) by revelation, or from behind a screen, or He sends a messenger to reveal what He wills by His Leave. Verily, He is the Most High, Most Wise.” [42: 51]*

- ✓ They descended on earth with the will of Allah to shower His blessings like they descend every year in the night of power (Lailat-ul-Qadr).
- ✓ Sometimes they are sent to provide aid and assistance to those who fight for the cause of Allah. Arrival of 1000 angels in the combat of Badr is evident to this. The Holy Quran says: **“(Remember) when you sought help of your Lord and He answered you (saying): “I will help you with a thousands of the angels ranks on ranks.” [8: 9]**
- ✓ When a common man encountered them this meant he was chosen as the messenger of Allah. They appeared before different men who became the Messengers like Hazrat Nuh (A.S), Hazrat Ibrahim (A.S), Hazrat Lut (A.S), Hazrat Musa (A.S), Hazrat Isa (A.S) and Hazrat Muhammad (PBUH) etc.
- ✓ By the will of Allah and their connection to Messengers, miracles were performed on earth. Also, when any nation unanimously rejected the Apostles of Allah, wrath of Allah was sent down through the angels who caused destruction on that nation.
- ✓ They also protect common people from all sorts of evils when they recite AyatulKursi or any other protecting verse.

## DUTIES OF ANGELS

- ✓ Different duties have been assigned to different angels. For the task of bringing messages of Allah
- ✓ The archangel Hazrat Jibrael (A.S) came to the Messengers of Allah. He has the highest rank amongst angels and is also called Ruh-ul-Qudus and Ruh-ul-Amin. Other than bringing revelations to Mohammad (PBUH) and other Apostles of Allah, he also ascended to the heavens with Mohammad (PBUH) on Shab-e-Mairaj. **“And truly this (Quran) is a revelation from the Lord of the Worlds. Which the RuhulAmeen (Angel Jibrail) has brought down.” [26: 192-193]**
- ✓ Other senior angels are Hazrat Izrael who is also Malik-ul-Maut. His duty is to take souls of living creatures upon death. He takes souls of believers gently and violently of wicked people. Holy Quran. **“Say: The angel of death, who is set over you, will take your souls, then you shall be bought to your Lord.” [32: 11]**

- ✓ Hazrat Israfil will blow the trumpets on the final day. Hazrat Mikail is given the responsibilities of food, rain etc.
- ✓ Other Angels also reform different tasks such as Kiraman Katibeen. They are the Angels of recording who are assigned the task of recording the good or bad deeds of every individual.
- ✓ Munkar and Nakir inquire the dead in his grave.
- ✓ Rizwan the gatekeeper of Paradise and Malik the gatekeeper of Hell who lights the fire.



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# BELIEF IN PROPHETS

## INTRODUCTION

- ✓ Belief in Prophets is the fourth important article to believe.
- ✓ Allah has sent his messengers throughout the history to take His message to mankind. Thus, belief in Prophets and in their message is a must. This means we must believe in the arrival of all the messengers who were sent by Allah.
- ✓ Disbelieving in the prophets is said to be going away from righteousness by Quran in 4:136. The Quran says, ***"O you who believed, believe in Allah and His Messenger and the Book that He sent down upon His Messenger and whoever disbelieves in Allah, His angels, His books, His Messengers, and the Last Day has certainly gone far astray."***

## CHARACTERISTICS OF PROPHETS

- ✓ There are several evidences present in Quran and Hadith that tell us messengers have been sent throughout history; even the first human on earth was the messenger of Allah.
- ✓ ***"Every nation was sent a Rasool. Once their Rasool came, judgment was passed between them with all fairness and they were not wronged in the least" (10:47) – Al Yunus.***
- ✓ The Holy Quran says, ***"And there is not a nation, but a warner has passed among them." [35: 24]***
- ✓ According to the Islamic teachings, the messengers possessed similar nature like ordinary man.
- ✓ All the messengers were human beings. They received a natural birth like other humans. Similarly they were also dependent on different necessities of life for their survival which means they ate, they drank, they mingled with people and they walked on the streets. The Holy Quran says, ***"They ate food and walked in the market." [25: 20]***
- ✓ Moreover, they were also taught the language of their nation. Every Prophet was raised from that very nation onto whom he was sent as a messenger of Allah. Similarly the divine revelation was on the same language which was spoken by that people. ***"We never sent a messenger save with the language of his folk." [14: 4]***
- ✓ They led a simple life & lived normally. This is the commonality of all the messengers of Allah that they got married & had children. This means that like other human beings they also had families. The Holy Quran says, ***"And***



***Indeed We sent messengers before you and We appointed for them wives and offspring's." [13: 381]***

- ✓ They worked for their living. Before the grant of apostleship, for their survival they worked to earn livelihood. The common job performed by all messengers as per the Hadith was of shepherd. This was to train them for their future career and inculcate humility and patience in them. The Prophets never asked for any return of their preaching. They all said to their nations: "***O my people I do not ask of you any reward of it (preaching), my reward is from the Lord of the worlds.***" They had their own ways of income like Adam (AS) was a farmer and David (AS) made armors.
- ✓ All Prophets were men. Prophethood was not given to women as Prophets have to do public address, suffer persecutions, do Jihad etc. the Holy Quran says, "***And we sent not before you any messenger but men.***"
- ✓ They all were perfect in terms of their conduct and nature as well as their moral values. They were honest, truthful, and trustworthy and were considered reliable among the people they lived with.
- ✓ They never worshiped any other deity except Allah. Even before their apostleship none of the messenger got attracted to other false gods like shiny objects, stones, woods, ocean, fire and idols.
- ✓ They were all chosen by Allah as apostles. The Prophets were chosen by Allah. Prophethood is a gifted thing and no one can be a Prophet with his own efforts. The Holy Quran says, "***Allah knows better with whom to place his message.***" [6: 125]
- ✓ Allah granted them apostleship in different occasions by different ways. Some noticed miracles & some realized the existence of Allah through His creations.
- ✓ All Prophets were communicated by Allah through revelations. Some were given new scriptures and laws, they are known as **Rasool**. Like Moses was given Old Testament (Torah), David was given Psalms (Zabur) and Jesus was given New Testament (Injeel). Some of them were not given new books and they were supposed to preach the books of other Prophets like Haroon(AS) used to preach Torah. Such Prophets are known as **Nabi**.
- ✓ They were all guided by Angel Hazrat Jibrael (A.S) came to every messenger of Allah with the commandments and messages which were sent by Allah. Other than revelations, he also guided them for various things like he guided Hazrat Isa (A.S), Hazrat Musa (A.S) to perform miracles and Hazrat Mohammad (PBUH) in Mairaj etc.
- ✓ The Prophets were the role model for their people. They said and did everything under the divine guidance. The Holy Quran said, "***He does not speak***

*of (his own) desire. It is an inspiration that is inspired.” [53: 3 - 4]*

- ✓ They brought clear signs and evidence. Allah provided them with some prophetic signs for their protection and to prove them as Allah's apostles before their nation. Like the sign given to Hazrat Musa (A.S) which is mentioned in 28:31 of Quran that his staff (rod or stick) would turn into a moving snake as he put it down and signs given to Hazrat Isa (A.S) about his miraculous birth, putting life into the dead and curing diseases.
- ✓ They delivered the message and warnings from Allah. These messengers were sent for particular communities or tribes which means that they were commanded to preach a certain group or nation.
- ✓ Their message was for the guidance of mankind and was common. The message all the Prophets had received and conveyed to their nations was the common message of Unity and Oneness of Allah and mentioned responsibilities and duties for their nation to obey. The commandments were surely related to leading a righteous life, being pious and modest, caring for others as well as remaining busy in other acts of worship like praying and fasting.
- ✓ They were helped by Allah when they were rejected. Almost all the messengers of Allah received rejection and sufferings from their nation. But when these sufferings reached to the peak and the nations rejected their message unanimously, Allah helped them by sending His wrath on the nations for their disobedience. The verse of Surah Al-Anbiyaa is highlighting the same "... **Not one of the populations which we destroyed believed (in the Message)...**" (21:6) *Al-Anbiyaa*.
- ✓ In the process of delivering God's message some were also assassinated. The nation of Israel received maximum numbers of apostles and killed many of them. This signifies that the messengers also died like other humans and were mortals.
- ✓ According to Quran belief in all Prophets is equally important. By rejecting even a single Prophet a person becomes a disbeliever. For instance, concerning the nation of the Prophet Noah (AS) Allah says, "**And Noah's folks, when they denied the messengers, We drowned them.**" [25: 37]

## **NAMES OF MESSENGERS**

- ✓ According to the Hadith of Holy Prophet (PBUH), the line of messengers of Allah numbered about 124,000 out of which the Quran mentions the names and stories of 26.

- ✓ We are not definite about the prophethood and stories of those who haven't been mentioned in the Holy Quran. We are not allowed to say anything wrong about them but can comment on the system of belief and rituals of their religion.
- ✓ Few of the names written in Quran includes Hazrat Adam (A.S), Hazrat Nuh (A.S), Hazrat Daud (A.S), Hazrat Yunus (A.S), Hazrat Hud (A.S), Hazrat Lut (A.S), Hazrat Ibrahim (A.S), Hazrat Ismail (A.S), Hazrat Musa (A.S) and Hazrat Isa (A.S). The line ended at Mohammad (PBUH).
- ✓ Among the revelations they brought and mentioned in the Holy Book are Suhuf-e-Ibrahim, Torah, Zabur, Injeel and the Quran itself.
- ✓ Other than Quran which was brought by Prophet Mohammad (PBUH) all the previous messages were either corrupted or changed. The Holy Quran renewed the already lost messages and was secured against any corruption for all times to come. This means that the teachings contained in their original form in previous Scriptures have been combined in the Quran.
- ✓ Thus, Mohammad (PBUH) and his message sums up every preceding Prophet and their message.
- ✓ Holy Prophet is the last in the chain of prophets. The Quran says, ***"Mohammad is the messenger of Allah and seal of prophets"***

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# BELIEF IN REVEALED BOOKS

## INTRODUCTION

- ✓ Allah created everything on earth for man, so he could not have left man without guidance. For man's guidance He has revealed His Books.
- ✓ Belief in revealed Books is the third important article of faith. Believing in these books means that we must believe with certainty that Allah revealed Books to His worshipers with the clear truth.
- ✓ These books consist of Allah's speech in which He spoke to mankind the way He wanted to.
- ✓ These Books carried significant contents and were sent down for a purpose to mankind.
- ✓ Disbelieving in the revealed books is said to be going away from righteousness by Quran in 4:136. The Quran says, *"O you who believed, believe in Allah and His Messenger and the Book that He sent down upon His Messenger and whoever disbelieves in Allah, His angels, His books, His Messengers, and the Last Day has certainly gone far astray."*

## PURPOSE AND CONTENTS OF BOOKS

- ✓ Revelations is spiritual communication between Allah and His apostles.
- ✓ Revealed texts were given to every apostle of Allah who were around 124,000 in numbers. These revealed texts are also termed as the Divine Books of laws.
- ✓ Allah revealed them in different times to different nations in their languages so they are also a source of communication between Allah and man.
- ✓ The apostles of Allah received the Divine Books from different channels.
- ✓ Allah, in the Quran mentions various means of communicating to His apostles. It says that He communicated with them to send down His laws by means of inspiration, sounds or thru the archangel Jibrael.
- ✓ This is mentioned in verse number 51 of Surah Shura. *"It is not fitting for a man that Allah should speak to him except by inspiration, or from behind a veil or by sending a Messenger to reveal with Allah's permission what Allah wills "(42:51) Surah Sh'ura.*
- ✓ These Books were the major source and chief way in which humans know Allah's will for them. The messengers conveyed them to mankind in order to enlighten them for their spiritual nourishment by heavenly laws.
- ✓ By these books man recognized the Glory of Allah about which man was usually unaware and started worshiping other worthless self-made gods.



Moreover, they also mentioned about the laws of Allah for mankind which Allah willed them to follow. These were mainly the obligations upon man.

- ✓ Different books were meant for different communities just like different messengers were sent to different nations. The messengers on whom the particular books were revealed proclaimed the message of Allah to their nations.
- ✓ Though different books were sent on different communities yet the content of all was the same.
- ✓ They all invited man towards the belief in the sole existence of Allah and His Unity in all aspects.

### PREVIOUS SCRIPTURES AND QURAN

- ✓ Revealed texts were given to various apostles but Quran mentions the names of the following.
- ✓ These names are Suhuf-e-Ibrahim given to Hazrat Ibrahim (Abraham), Tawrait (Torah) which was revealed on Hazrat Musa (Moses), Zubur (Psalm) was sent to Hazrat Daud (David), Injeel (Gospel) was directed to Hazrat Isa (Jesus) and Quran which was sent on Hazrat Muhammad (PBUH).
- ✓ The Holy Quran says: ***"Nay you prefer the life of this world, although the Hereafter is the better and more lasting. Verily, this is in the former sculptures. The sculptures of Ibrahim and Musa."*** [87: 16-19]
- ✓ Allah says: ***"Verily, We did send down the Torah (to Moses), therein was the guidance and light."*** [5: 44]
- ✓ Allah mentioned: ***"... And to David We gave the Psalms"*** [4: 163]
- ✓ The Holy Quran says about it, ***"And in their footsteps, We sent Jesus, son of Mary confirming the Torah that had come before him, and we gave him the Gospel in which was guidance and light and confirmation of the Torah that had come before it, a guidance and an admonition for Al Mutaqqin (the pious)"*** [5: 46]
- ✓ All the books which were sent for different communities were destroyed, altered, changed or corrupted. The people who received the laws of Allah changed them as per their will and desires. For example the doctrine of trinity corrupted the original religion of Hazrat Isa (A.S) and content of Gospel that mainly highlighted the teachings about unity of Allah. Therefore, we believe that none of the previous texts is available in its true form except Holy Quran. The Holy Quran says: ***"Then woe to those who write***



*the book with their own hands and then say, "This is from Allah," to purchase with it a little price!" [2: 79]*

- ✓ The responsibility of preservation of Quran is taken by Allah Himself that He would protect the content of this book till the end of time. Thus, we believe that the Quran is perfectly in the form as it was revealed and is free from any corruption or changes. Quran says, **"We have sent this Quran and We will surely guard it from corruption."**
- ✓ The texts which were revealed before Holy Quran were limited in scope and commandments whereas, the Quran is universal in scope and is sent for the whole mankind. It is also a comprehensive and complete Book of guidance for all times unlike other books.
- ✓ The Holy Quran abrogated the previous scriptures and mankind in not need of them for guidance in the presence of Quran. Allah says: **"Verily, this Quran guides to that which is most just and right..." [17: 9]**
- ✓ Hence, the teachings of Quran actually sum up all the teachings in the previous books.
- ✓ We just need to have belief in old scriptures, but regarding Quran we need to believe in it, recite it regularly and properly, understand its message, implement its teachings in daily life and convey its message to mankind.
- ✓ The Quran is not only a blessed book but also a complete code of life. It is foundation of all Islamic teachings and fountain of wisdom. It provides the solution of all problems. It lays down moral and ethical principles to govern all aspects of human life, both individual and collective. We must therefore study it with the object of acting in all matters according to its teachings.

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## BELIEF IN LAST DAY

### INTRODUCTION

- ✓ Belief in the resurrection and the last day is the fifth article of belief.
- ✓ It is often mentioned immediately after belief in Allah in the Holy Quran. This is for the reason because denial of this belief makes other beliefs meaningless.
- ✓ Therefore for the attainment of Hidayah and Iman believing in the final day is vital.
- ✓ Disbelieving in the last day is said to be going away from righteousness by Quran in 4:136. The Quran says, *"O you who believed, believe in Allah and His Messenger and the Book that He sent down upon His Messenger and whoever disbelieves in Allah, His angels, His books, His Messengers, and the Last Day has certainly gone far astray."*

### RESURRECTION AND LAST DAY

- ✓ It is the universal truth that everything created will reach to its end and nothing is eternal. Similarly, we believe that our existence is also not everlasting and someday we will meet our end by the taste of death.
- ✓ The Holy Quran mentions this in the following words *"Every human being is bound to taste death; we test you through the bad and the good by way of trial and unto us you all must return". (21:35) Al-Ambiya.*
- ✓ Muslims believe that this world is temporary and the day will come when this world will come to an end. This will be the final day, known as Qiyamah. The Holy Quran says, *"The Calamity! What is the Calamity? What will make you know what the calamity is? That day mankind will be like scattered moths. And mountains will be like carded wool." [101: 1-5] and also, "When the heaven is cleft asunder. And when the stars have fallen and scattered. And when the seas are burst forth. And when the graves are turned upside down. A person will know what he has sent forward and left behind." [82: 1-5]*
- ✓ When death comes to a person, angels take out the soul from his body comfortably in the case of true believer and harshly in the case of disbeliever. The Holy Quran says, *"And if you could see when the angels take away the souls of those who disbelieve (at death); they smile their faces and backs (saying): "Taste the punishment of blazing fire." [8: 50]*

- ✓ When a person dies, he is buried and his grave is closed, Qayamat-e-Sughra or Lesser Judgment begins on him.
- ✓ The angels known as Munkar and Nakir visit the dead and ask him about his religion, prophet and his Qibla.
- ✓ In case of answering his grave widens and he receives the perfumes and winds from paradise and in case of not answering the grave crushes that person until one side of rib cage enters the other side and angels also punish him. The Holy Prophet said, **"Your grave is either a garden of paradise or a ditch of Hell."**
- ✓ Behind man is the barrier of death and after crossing this barrier in front of him is Barzakh, the partition.
- ✓ Thus, a man lies in a state of Barzakh until the Day of Judgment. This life in the belly of earth is known as A'lam-e-Barzakh.
- ✓ The Day of Judgment or bigger Judgment will take place after the occurrence of some signs mentioned in Ahadith of Holy Prophet (PBUH).
- ✓ Few of these signs are the arrival of Dajjal, the Gog and Magog, the rising of the Sun from the west, the descent of Hazrat Isa (A.S.) etc. We believe that the knowledge of the time of the Hour of Judgment is with Allah alone. It will be initiated with the orders of Allah to angel Israfil (A.S) who will blow the trumpet.
- ✓ At the first blast of trumpet all will get destroyed. There will be a great destruction in the universe. The earth will produce disastrous earthquakes and will be split asunder, mountains will be like carded wools, stars will be dim and they will fall, sun and moon will be joined together and oceans will boil over. After this a whole new world under a different sky will be created by the will of Allah.
- ✓ At second trumpet all will rise again. When angel Israfil will blow another trumpet all the dead will rise again for their accountability. This process is called the Resurrection or Hashr. The Holy Quran mentions this in Surah Hajj **"Allah will raise those who are in graves". (22:7) AI-Hajj.**
- ✓ These raised will then move towards the plain of Arafat for their final judgment. Everyone will be naked and men with beards will have only the opportunity to see Holy Prophet.

## JUDGMENT

- ✓ The Quran gives vivid details of the Judgment day. The people who will be

raised will await judgment in sorted groups.

- ✓ There then the Books of deeds will be opened. The body organs like tongue, hands, feet etc. will bear witness against their owners. Prophets will bear witness against their respective people and every ant's weight of good and bad will be judged there.
- ✓ No ransom or compensation will be accepted and no excuses will be accepted there during judgment. Parents, children, spouses and relatives will be of no help and every individual will be on its own and will experience the heat and fatigue of that day. On the Day of Judgment only the deeds will be helpful and nothing else. The Holy Quran says, **"O you who believe! Spend of that which we have provided for you, before a Day comes when there will be no bargaining, nor friendship, nor intercession."** [2: 254]
- ✓ The Day everyone will worry only about himself though they will recognize each other. **"That day shall a man flee from his brother and from his mother and his father and from his wife and children? Every man, that Day, will have enough to make him careless of others."** [80: 30-37]
- ✓ Everyone will be saying Ya Rabbi Nafsi (O Allah forgive me)
- ✓ Only Prophet will be asking for forgiveness of his ummat Ya Rabbi Ummati (O Allah forgive my Ummat)
- ✓ Then after the weighing of deeds those who have incurred Allah's pleasure will be given their records from the right side and those who have incurred Allah's displeasure will be given records from their left side or from behind.
- ✓ On the basis of this individuals will be sent to Heaven, or Hell. The decision that whether one should be sent to Heaven or Hell will rest with Allah alone since He will be the sole Judge there.
- ✓ The Day that Deeds will be balanced and the weight of the deeds will depend on the intentions. **"Then as for him whose balance (of good deeds) will be heavy. He will be in the life of bliss but as for him whose balance (of good deeds) will be light he will have his home in the bottomless pit."** [101: 6-9]



# BELIEF IN PREDESTINATION AND DECREE

## INTRODUCTION

- ✓ Belief in predestination and decree is vital for believer's faith. This is due to the reasons that it is mentioned in Iman-e-Mufassil and is an important article of faith.
- ✓ Disbelieving it is said to be going away from righteousness by Quran.
- ✓ Thus, believing it is mandatory & essential to achieve righteousness and for the preservation of faith.
- ✓ The provided statement 'There is no ability or power except through Allah' strengthens our belief in Predestination i.e. Qadr and Divine's decree i.e. Qadar.
- ✓ The Arabic word for Destiny is Qadr and for Decree is Qadar.
- ✓ Qadr is that which has been destined and Qadar is a destiny which is designed timely.

## PREDESTINATION

- ✓ We believe Allah is the Absolute controller and Regulator of the universe and everything He created in this universe has a pre-determined course which we call Al-Qadr.
- ✓ This relates to the fate of every individual which has already been destined by Allah in three stages.
- ✓ Firstly, 50,000 years prior to the creation of this world when Allah had recorded everything in Lauh-e-Mahfooz. It is mentioned in Tirmidhi and Abu Daud that Allah's apostle said **"Verily, the first thing Allah created was the pen. He said to it: 'Write.' It replied: 'My Lord, what should I write?' So He said: 'Write all that will occur and all that has occurred.' So in that hour, everything that will occur until the Day of Recompense was recorded."**
- ✓ Secondly, after the creation of Hazrat Adam (A.S). When Allah took out all the progeny of Hazrat Adam (A.S) and asked them **'Am I not your Lord'** and all of the humans responded **'We testify that You are our Lord.'** (7:172) **Al-Ara'f**. Then Allah decreed to them that who shall go to paradise and go to bell. This is due to the supreme knowledge of Allah that He already knew when all those souls would be sent down and given freewill and desires who would testify Him as his Lord and who would not.



- ✓ Thirdly, it is written when a fetus is in his mother's womb and Allah sends on an angel to put soul into a fetus and the angel after putting the soul also writes his destiny Allah has decided; his life span, gender, sustenance, life partner, death and whether he will be a dweller of paradise or hell.
- ✓ All these three stages are the times when the Divine's destiny had been recorded before its creation.
- ✓ Due to the recording of destinies by Allah, we believe that the destiny of every creature is already known to Allah and all the creatures of Allah move along their set proportion. The Quran says: **"It is not permitted to the sun to catch up the moon, nor can the night outstrip the day; each just swims along in its own orbit (according to the Divine Will)" (36:40) Al-Yasin.**
- ✓ But this doesn't mean that man has no freedom of will and is bound to move along the set proportion.

## DECREE

- ✓ Human beings are the superior creatures of Allah (Ashraf-ul-Makhlooqat). This is because they have been given knowledge to explore and free will to decide between right and wrong.
- ✓ Using our free will it is up to us to obey or disobey Allah, whether we obey or disobey Allah, it is already known to Him.
- ✓ The fact that everything is known to Him that whatever we do and whatever we are going to do, it doesn't affect our freedom of will. We can do anything and choose any way using our free will.
- ✓ But on the basis of our actions our timely destiny that is yearly or daily decree is decided.
- ✓ This is called Qadar which relates to the decree of one decided on daily, weekly and yearly basis.
- ✓ According to the Quran the planning of next year is given to the angels in the night of power and they accurately implement it. The Holy Quran says, **"Angels and the spirit descend in this night with the permission of their Lord with all decrees." [97: 4]**
- ✓ According to our belief, these timely destinies can only be altered by invocations and the performance of good or bad deeds
- ✓ The Prophet Mohammad (PBUH) said: **"A humble prayer (Du'a) can even alter your destinies"**

- ✓ The change happens in a way that it is possible that Allah sends daily/yearly decree dictating that a person will die this year. However, due to that person's good deeds Allah might send another decree extending that person's life.
- ✓ There are certain decisions of Allah which are suspended with some conditions. The Holy Prophet (saw) said: "**Charity repulses the calamity.**" Which means that something bad was going to happen with someone but he did a good deed like Charity and Allah changed His decision for him.
- ✓ We believe the reverse of two decrees is also known to Allah alone. The person himself knows nothing of his destiny.

### MAN IS RESPONSIBLE FOR HIS ACTIONS

- ✓ This means that the concept of taqdeer does not compromise on a person's free will. In fact Allah says, "**Man can have nothing but what he strives for.**" [53: 39].
- ✓ It is important to have a correct understanding regarding Taqdeer so that we do not blame destiny for the sins that we commit.
- ✓ As per Allah's knowledge, He has written all good and bad as they are to happen and as it was to be done.
- ✓ It is not so, that we have to do as He has written, but rather He has written as we would do.
- ✓ Thus, if Allah wrote bad for a certain person, than it was because that person was to do bad.
- ✓ If he was to do well, then Allah would have written well for him. His writing did not force any person to do anything.
- ✓ Though everything is pre decided by Allah but men is responsible of His actions.
- ✓ Otherwise there will be no justification of reward and punishment.
- ✓ There are lots of verses in the Quran which clearly prove that men is given the freedom of choice and he has to face consequences of his deeds in the next world.
- ✓ It says, "**Verily, We showed him the way, whether he be grateful or ungrateful**" [76: 31]

# JIHAD

## INTRODUCTION

- ✓ The word Jihad comes from the root word Jahada which means to strive or to struggle.
- ✓ Jihad literally means to strive with every gut for achievement of an objective and to use all energies for the achievement of an ideal.
- ✓ In Islamic terminology Jihad is an exhausting effort to remove all obstacles in the way of Islam. It is a collective duty of the Muslim society which aims to establish the truth of Allah and suppress evil.
- ✓ It may be internal i.e. the waging of war against evil within oneself (Spiritual Jihad), or external, the efforts to establish good and to stop evil in society/state (Mental Jihad or Physical Jihad).

## SPIRITUAL JIHAD

- ✓ Life of a religion depends on use of a force. The Holy Prophet (PBUH) said that corrupt elements have existed in the nations of all prophets and will also appear in his own. If these elements are not squeezed, they will develop their cancer throughout the Muslim community.
- ✓ For the elimination of internal corruption spiritual Jihad, which is done by heart, is performed.
- ✓ Man has been granted innumerable abilities and powers and is called superior creature and vicegerent of Allah on earth. The core reason of his superiority among all the other creatures is that man has been given the choice to decide between evil and good.
- ✓ With the choice man also has been given desires or Nafs and man's desires often develop evil ideas or temptations. The evil temptations and ideas come from Satan this man's desires are always exposed to satanic temptations.
- ✓ In order to be on straight path and to avoid evil temptations man's desires or Nafs demand continuous fight against his own self. This fighting of man with his own self is called Spiritual Jihad or Jihad bilNafs.
- ✓ The Holy Quran also asks us to purify our Nafs to attain success. It mentions in Surah Shams "**Successful is he who purified (his nafs) and lost is he who succumbed (to nafs)**" 91:9 *Al-Shams*.
- ✓ Man has to overcome his Nafs to drop down the evil suggestions which are often put into his heart unnoticeably.

- ✓ Surah Nas tells that these ideas come from different sources of whisperer which are man's own evil desires, satanic temptations and partners of satan. Now it is up to a person to struggle against his animal instincts produced within himself or follow them.
- ✓ To get rid of these temptations the Quran in the same Surah guides man to seek Allah's protection to counter it.
- ✓ Islam has designed different things to crush the power of **NafsAmmarah**. The most important one is fasting. When we keep ourselves thirsty and hungry it helps us a lot in the resistance of lower self. That was why the Holy Prophet (saw) said: **"Fasting is a shield."**
- ✓ There is also good force in us known as **NafsLawwamah (self-reproaching)**. It makes us guilty when we do something wrong. We should strengthen this force. Due to its importance The Holy Quran says: **"And I swear by the Self reproaching person (a believer)."**
- ✓ When a person gets full control over his lower self through spiritual Jihad his Nafs becomes **NafsMutaminnah**. At this level a person gets satisfaction only in Allah's obedience and does not like sinning.
- ✓ The devil withdraws when a man seeks protection with Allah. However, the satan tries again and again to whisper when he finds man forgetting Allah therefore a continuous struggle is required against it. The Holy Quran says: **"Indeed Satan is your obvious enemy."** It also says: **"Indeed Satan is your enemy, so treat him like an enemy."** He pours his evil ideas secretly into our heart and when we reject, he retreats for a while but he comes back again to put the same idea. We should seek Allah's refuge to get rid of his whispering as taught in Surah Nas.
- ✓ The Holy Prophet (PBUH) trained his followers to do this mode of Jihad for the purpose of attaining spiritual purity especially when they had plentiful worldly fortunes. Man normally follows his evil temptations when he gets life with incessant wealth and luxuries.
- ✓ To avoid the threat of becoming slave of his own desires, man should continuously involve himself in spiritual Jihad. Hence, by doing this man receives not only purity but also inner satisfaction.
- ✓ Since man's purity, inner satisfaction and success relate to Spiritual Jihad, this is why Prophet (PBUH) called it the greatest mode of Jihad. He (PBIJH) said: **"The greatest Jihad is to fight against the evil passion of oneself"**. (Tirmidhi).



- ✓ The Holy Prophet (saw) once said while returning from a battle: **"We are returning from a smaller Jihad to a bigger Jihad."** His companions inquired about the meaning of his words so he explained that the fight they will do against their desires is bigger Jihad.
- ✓ Thus, to sum up the idea of spiritual Jihad and its dimensions, it is a continuous battle to be fought against the evil which remains settled in the deep nook of our heart and mind.

### MENTAL JIHAD

- ✓ One of the external types of Jihad is mental Jihad. It involves intellectual and nasatal efforts in the pursuit of spreading Islam. In this Jihad, Mujahid needs to learn, implement and teach the Islamic ideologies which demands mental efforts. In this Jihad, Mujahid is armed with the weapons of intelligence, reasoning and the truth of Islam. Thus, due to its application with mental abilities it is called Mental Jihad.
- ✓ It is commonly known as Dawah as in this category of Jihad a Mujahid mainly enjoins good and forbids evil. The Quran states **"The believers, men and women, are protectors of each other, they enjoin what is good and forbid what is evil, they observe regular prayer, practice regular charity, and obey Allah and His Messenger..." (9:71) Al-Tawba.**
- ✓ In this form of Jihad Mujahid using his intellect resists evils in society physically, verbally and by scholarly efforts through pen or media resources to bring justice and peace in society.
- ✓ For this reason this Jihad is also known as Jihad bilYad, Jihad bilLisan and Jihad bilQalam.
- ✓ Sometime pen plays important role in changing the mind of the people than swords. That was why Holy Prophet (saw) said: **"The ink of a scholar's pen is purer than the blood of a martyr."**
- ✓ Mujahid shares beneficial knowledge that motivates to become responsible citizen and dutiful believer, he offers righteous deeds like doing charity and praying for humanity and struggles for the rights of oppressed against the oppressor.
- ✓ The Prophet (PBUH) said, **"Whosoever of you sees an evil action let him stop it with his hand, if he is not able to do so then with his tongue, and if he is not able to do so then with his heart and that is the weakest of faith."**



- ✓ Mental Jihad also includes answering any questions raised by infidels and non-Muslims about the relevance and genuineness of Islam. The Holy Prophet (PBUH) said: **"Wage war against the infidels with your wealth, your lives and your speech."**
- ✓ To guard the intellectual fronts of Islam this is perhaps the most important mode of Jihad.
- ✓ The Prophet (PBUH) himself remained engaged in this form of Jihad throughout his prophetic mission. Non-believers used to come to Mohammad (PBUH) with a great variety of challenging questions against the authenticity of Islam. The Prophet (PBUH) with the help of Allah used to silence them by convincing arguments.
- ✓ One such example of this is Prophet (PBUH)'s response of Surah Ikhlas to prove the uniqueness of Allah in contrast with all the other false gods.
- ✓ The Quran says about the mental Jihad performed by Holy Prophet (PBUH) in the following words, **"Therefore, do not yield to the unbelievers, and make Jihad against them with this Quran, a mighty Jihad (strenuous striving)." 25:52 - Al Furqan.**
- ✓ The Quran calls it laboring and tough because it may involve harsh and abusive reactions. In exchange of aggressive reactions the preacher has to be decent, polite and forgiving even under extreme torturous circumstances.
- ✓ The examples of Allah's apostles are evident to this that whenever they delivered the message of Allah, they received flat rejection, persecutions, hardships and severe sufferings. The Prophet Mohammad (PBUH)'s visit to Ta'if is one of the biggest examples of bitter consequences of this kind of Jihad.
- ✓ Other than the requirements of determination, patience and steadfastness there are three major factors required to achieve success in the performance of this type of Jihad.
- ✓ Firstly, the preacher has to be well versed in the teaching of Islam; Quran and Sunnah. Secondly, his own character should also be spotless and lastly, he should also be the rigid follower of what he preaches.

## CONDITIONS FOR PHYSICAL JIHAD

- ✓ Sometimes when religious ideologies of Muslims and their rights of worshiping and preaching suppressed or if anything from Muslims religion, life, possessions, home or country become under the threat of some external

force, the physical Jihad becomes obligatory (Fardh) in order to defend the values of Muslims.

- ✓ It becomes Fardh-e-Kifaya (obligatory on a group) or Fardh-e-Ain (Obligatory on all).
- ✓ It is Fardh-e-Kifaya when another Muslim state is attacked by the enemies and helping the state by sending a group/groups fulfills the obligations of all Muslims of a state.
- ✓ It is Fardh-e-Ain when one's own state is under an attack then it is a duty of every Muslim of that state to fight against the invaders/enemies.
- ✓ This Jihad involves physical fighting or killing in order to establish good over evil, this is why it is called Jihad bilSaif and Qital.
- ✓ This form of Jihad is practiced only when all the other methods, techniques and modes of Jihad fail.
- ✓ There are certain and well defined conditions on which the permission of Physical Jihad (Qit'al) is subjected. It cannot be waged by anyone at any time. In the absence of the following conditions Qital is forbidden in Islam.
- ✓ Muslims must be free and independent. If Muslims are not independent and live under the administration of Non-Islamic ruler they can't wage physical war in society. For this same reason Muslims who had been receiving tortures in Makkah were not given permission to fight, rather they were bound to bear persecution and to keep patience.
- ✓ Other conditions that must exist for the permission of Qital are that Muslims must have a social system of their own and a leader. This is for this reason that when Prophet (PBUH) had established a separate Islamic state and had become Muslims leader, then he received the permission of fighting against the Makkans when they threatened the possessions of Muslims. ***"To those against whom war is made, permission is given (to fight) because they are wronged and Verily Allah is most Powerful for their aid."*** (22:39) *Al-Hajj*.
- ✓ By this discussion, we get to know that Muslims are only allowed to wage even defensive war under the leadership of authorized leader. However, Muslims are allowed self-defense and are not to bow to aggression yet a state war cannot be initiated or fought by individuals.
- ✓ Other than these conditions their community should have sufficient force to counter the enemy.

- ✓ We find a lot of guidance from the life of the Prophet (PBUH) regarding his preparations for a fight.
- ✓ One such example is related to his preparations to fight against Quraish in the battle of Trench (Khandaq). Before facing enemy, the Prophet (PBUH) worked on war tactics. He also made every possible measure to meet the army with full strength and force.
- ✓ Other than the conditions of war, Prophet (PBUH) also laid down rules of conduct in war.

## RULES OF PHYSICAL JIHAD

- ✓ The rules, Prophet (PBUH) set for war, were strictly followed by his companions.
- ✓ The most important rule in terms of Qitaal is the set of instructions that Holy Prophet (PBUH) gave to Hazrat Ali (RZ) when he was being dispatched towards Khyber to invade it. The Prophet (PBUH) instructions to him are the very picture of the purpose of Qitaal. The Prophet (PBUH) said ***"Ali, try to invite them to Islam, then try to make a peace treaty with them. If they disagree to both these offers, then fight them."***
- ✓ This clearly signifies that the primary purpose of Jihad is to spread Islam and maintain peace. If it is, not established by means of verbal or mental agreement with others then we have to make peace by means of fighting.
- ✓ As the land belongs to Allah, so Allah's law has to be established on it. The true believers invited the people toward Islam peacefully in a knowledgeable way. If they accept it so that is the objective. If they refused they will not be forced to accept Islam as Quran says, ***"Let their be no compulsion in religion."*** [2: 256] Then they will be offered to pay Jizya and in return they will be given religious freedom and protection of life and property. If they reject this offer then Muslims will declare Jihad.
- ✓ Other than this basic rule of physical fighting Mohammad (PBUH) also instructed other rules which must be taken care while waging a physical war against the enemy. A review of them enlightens us about the piety and purity of action even during chaotic time of war.
- ✓ He (PBUH) instructed that Muslims must never initiate fighting. During war women, children, old, diseased and loner must not be harmed. Moreover, fruit bearing trees shouldn't be cut down and Halal animals shouldn't be killed.

- ✓ In case of having control or victory the same level of piety must be pictured by not demolishing the worshiping sites, by not mutilating the corpses, by treating the captives kindly, by respecting the ambassadors and by honoring the treaty/keeping promises.
- ✓ Examples of such have been sighted at different invasions by Muslims at the time of Prophet (PBUH) and during the ruling period of the rightly guided caliphs.
- ✓ After the battle of Badr Hazrat Mohammad (PBUH) ordered kind and humble treatment forbade kind and humble treatment with the war captives. After the battle of Uhad He (PBUH) forbade mutilation of corpses. He (PBUH) also honored the treaties He (PBUH) agreed with Quraish at Hudaibya and Jews at Khyber.
- ✓ After the capture of Jerusalem; Hazrat Umar (RZ) forbade demolishing of the churches or transforming them into mosques.

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