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Seeds of **TAWHED**

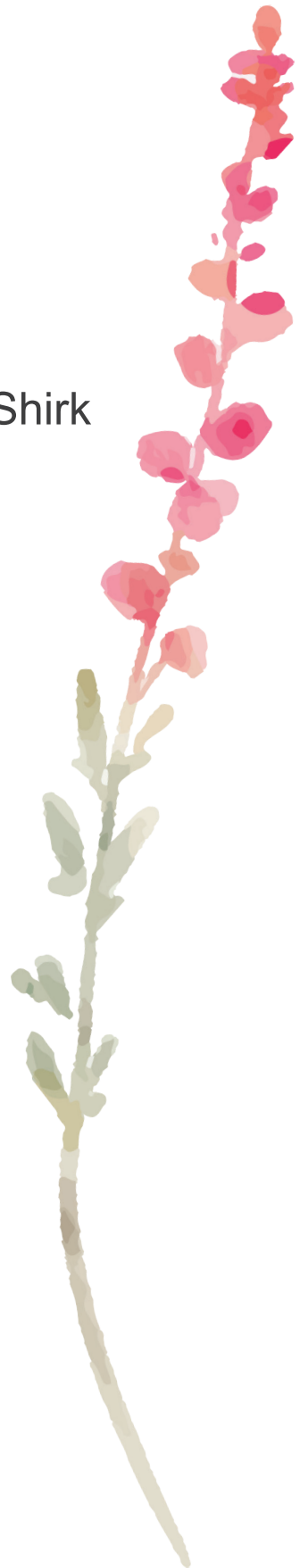
A complete book on Tawheed for children

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1. What is Tawheed?



“And your Ilaah (God) is One Ilaah [ilaahun waahidun] (God - Allah), Laa Ilaaha illa Huwa (there is none who has the right to be worshipped but He), the Most Gracious, the Most Merciful” [al-Baqarah 2:163]

Tawheed means knowing and believing that Allah is One, with no partners. It also means there is no one like Him and no one deserves our worship except Him. We ask for help from Him alone. We love Him the most, we fear Him the most, and we trust Him the most. We submit completely to Him and no one else. We obey Him in all matters. We do not obey anyone if obeying them involves disobeying Allah.

3. Reward for those upon Tawheed



Allah has promised Paradise for those who are upon Tawheed, who do not join partners with Allah nor worship anyone besides Him.

Mu'adh bin Jabal (radiAllahu anhu) said:

The Prophet (salAllahu alayhi wa sallam) said,
"O Mu'adh! Do you know what Allah's Right upon His slaves is?"
I said, "Allah and His Apostle know best." The Prophet said,
"To worship Him (Allah) Alone and to join none in worship with Him (Allah). Do you know what their right upon Him is?" I replied,
"Allah and His Apostle know best." The Prophet said, "Not to punish them (if they do so)." (Narrated in Sahih Bukhari)

4. Categories of Tawheed



For easy understanding, the scholars of Islam have divided Tawheed in three categories. All three categories of Tawheed overlap with each other.

1. Tawheed Ar-Ruboobiyyah

(Oneness of His lordship - He Alone is our Rabb)

2. Tawheed Al Asmaa wa As-Siffaat

(Oneness of His Names and Attributes)

3. Tawheed al 'Ibaadah or Uloohiyyah

(Oneness of worship or divinity)

2. What is Shirk?



Shirk is the opposite of Tawheed. Shirk is believing that Allah has a partner or a rival (competitor) in Lordship, worship or in His names and attributes. Allah says, **“Then do not set up rivals unto Allah (in worship) while you know (that He Alone has the right to be worshipped)”** [al-Baqarah 2:22]

One who does Shirk is called a Mushrik (polytheist). A Mushrik is not a Muslim. The worst sin in the sight of Allah is Shirk and He is displeased with those who commits it. Allah may forgive all the sins of a person but He will not forgive a person if he did shirk and died without repenting. Also, Allah will not accept and reward him for any good deeds he may have done in his life. Allah says, **“Verily, whosoever sets up partners (in worship) with Allah, then Allah has forbidden Paradise to him, and the Fire will be his abode. And for the Zaalimoon (polytheists and wrongdoers) there are no helpers”** [al-Maa'idah 5:72]

5. Tawheed Ar-Ruboobiyyah



Tawheed Ar-Ruboobiyyah means believing in Allah as One and Unique with regard to His actions such as creation, control, giving provision, life and death.

Allah alone is The Creator (Al Khaliq) of everything. Everything else is His creation. He created the vast sky, the sparkling stars, the brilliant sun, the radiant moon, the entire vast universe, the deep oceans, the magnificent mountains, the fragile and fragrant flowers, the elegant birds, the little bees, the peaceful night and the glowing day.

And most important of all...

He created you!



Allah alone has the power to create. Those who worship false gods besides Allah are not capable of creating even a fly.

Allah alone is in control of His creation. Not a leaf falls from the tree but with His permission!

Allah alone gives provision to His creation which is necessary for surviving. He gives food, water, air to breathe, eyes to see, ears to hear, as well as heart and mind. He feeds all of His creation. He takes care of them. He alone is the One who can fulfill their needs.

Allah alone is able to take life. Just as He gave us life after we were dead (did not exist) the first time He will bring us to life once again after we die. We see how He gives life to the dead earth by sending down the rain from the sky. The seeds in the soil begin to come to life and grow. In the same way, Allah will give us life after we die. This is called as resurrection. We all will return to Him. No one besides Allah is able to control life, death and resurrection.



Tawheed Ar-Ruboobiyyah means believing that none besides Allah creates, gives life, provides sustenance, takes life and resurrects.

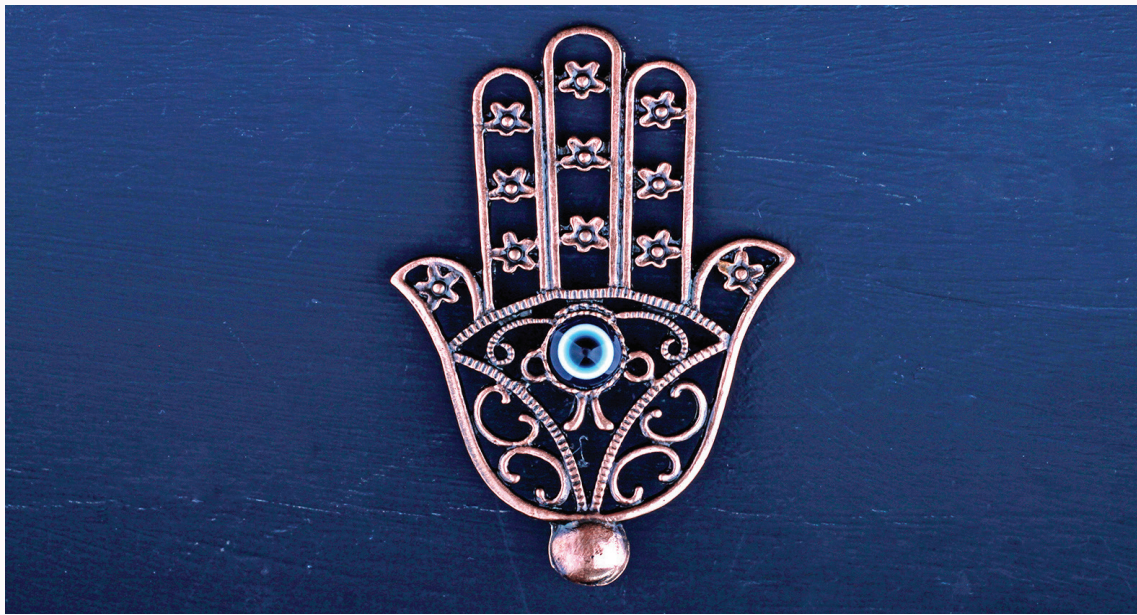
It also means that there is no one who helps or shares His control over His dominion. Allah alone is the owner and maintainer of His creation. He does not get tired or exhausted of taking care of His creation.

If one believes that someone or something other than Allah or along with Allah can do that which only Allah can do then such a person has done shirk.



The Arabs in the time of the Prophet (salAllahu alayhi wa sallam) believed that a certain star would cause rain. So, instead of thanking Allah for the rain they would deny and disbelieve in Him by saying that it is something other than Allah that has caused it to rain.

Today, we have something called cloud seeding. Cloud seeding is modifying a cloud's structure to increase the chance of precipitation (rainfall or snowfall). However, we as Muslims must believe that cloud seeding will only work if Allah wills. Just as when we plant seeds in the soil and wait for it to sprout. Not every seed grows into a plant. It is He who controls everything.



Tawheed Ar-Ruboobiyyah also means that we believe that no one or nothing is able to bring us benefit or avert harm from us besides Allah. Allah says, **“No one besides God can rescue a soul from hardship.”**[An-Najm, 53:58]

The Prophet (salAllahu alayhi wa salam) said,
“..If you ask, ask from Allah. If you seek help, seek help from Allah. Know that if the nations gathered together to benefit you, they will not benefit you unless Allah has decreed it for you. And if the nations gathered together to harm you, they will not harm you unless Allah has decreed it for you.”
(Recorded in Sunan al-Tirmidhi)

It is therefore Shirk to believe that some charms can bring good luck. People use various necklaces, bracelets, or objects such as horseshoe, rabbit foot, lucky hat and more thinking wrongly that good things will happen to them if they wore it or kept it in their homes as well as bad things will stay away from them. All these beliefs are false and superstitious.

A Muslim does not believe in these things.

6. Tawheed Al Asma wa As Siffaat



Tawheed al asma wa as siffaat means affirming the names and attributes of Allaah and believing that there is none like unto Allaah in His names and attributes. We believe in His beautiful names and noble attributes in a manner that suits the Majesty and Greatness of Allah. When we learn His Names, for example, The All Seeing (Al Baseer), we believe that He is able to see everything perfectly at all times without asking or discussing “how” He does that. His seeing is not like humans or His creation. He is free from any fault or shortcoming.

We should not compare or liken Allah with His creation, because He is perfect while His creation is not. For example, the Christians believe that Allah created the heavens and the earth in six days and He took rest on the seventh day as He got tired. However, that is not correct because Allah is not only Al Khaliq (The Creator) but also Al Azeez (The Almighty). Allah tells us, **“We created the heavens, the earth, and all that is between them in six days without experiencing any fatigue.”** (Qaaf, 50:38)



We must also believe that no one is like Allah. We do not give Names and Attributes of Allah to His creation. For example, it is not acceptable to say that my mother is just as merciful as Allah, because Allah is The Most Merciful.

Some people falsely believe that some righteous human beings who once lived can listen to them or see them at all times. However, this is not true. Only Allah is The All Seeing and The All Hearing. None besides Him is capable of doing so.

7. Tawheed Al 'Ibaadah



Tawheed al 'Ibaadah is directing all kinds of worship ('Ibaadah) to Allah Alone. That is because He is our Lord Who created us, provides for us, causes us to die and will give us life again. Every one needs Him but He needs no one. He is Every-living, Knower of everything. He is perfect without any fault. No one is like Him. His Names, qualities and actions are perfect. He showers His bounties or blessings on all of His creation, and shows mercy to them. Therefore, such a God deserves our worship.

All the messengers were sent by Allah to teach people and remind them of this category of Tawheed. Allah says, "And We have indeed sent a Messenger to every Ummah (community, nation) (saying): 'Worship Allah (Alone), and shun the Taghoot (all false gods).'" [Surah An-Nahl, 16:36]

Every good deed we do we must do it for Allah alone. We do not prostrate before anyone except Allah. We make du'aa (an act of worship) only to Allah for whatever good we want and seek His protection from whatever harm we are afraid of. Allah responds to the one when he calls on Him, "O Allah!" or by any of His other names.

Allah says, "And when My slaves ask you (O Muhammad) concerning Me, then (answer them), I am indeed near (to them by My Knowledge). I respond to the invocations of the caller when he calls on Me (without any mediator or intercessor). So let them obey Me and believe in Me, so that they may be led aright."

(Al Baqarah, 2:186)

Some people believe that if they make du'aa to the righteous people buried in the graves then these dead people will request Allah to accept their du'aa because Allah loves them as they were righteous. Or some believe that these dead people have been given some powers to help people. However, none of this is not true. Allah says, **"If you call upon them, they hear not your call, and if (in case) they were to hear, they could not grant it (your request) to you. And on the Day of Resurrection, they will disown your worshipping them."**

(Fatir, 35:14)

"And verily, if you ask them: 'Who created the heavens and the earth?' Surely, they will say: 'Allah (has created them).'

Say: 'Tell me then, the things that you invoke besides Allah, if Allah intended some harm for me, could they remove His harm, or if He (Allah) intended some mercy for me, could they withhold His Mercy?'" Say : 'Sufficient for me is Allah; in Him those who trust (i.e. believers) must put their trust.'" (Az-Zumar, 39:38)

8. Kalimat At-Tawheed



Kalimat at Tawheed is bearing witness “Laa ilaahah illa Allah” and “Muhammadun rasoolu Allah”. It is the first pillar of the five pillars of Islam.

In the first part of the kalimah “Laa ilaahah” we deny the worship of every thing that is worshipped (other than that of Allah).

In the second part of the kalimah “illa Allah” we affirm that only Allah Alone is deserving of worship (without partners).

Therefore, a person can only become a Muslim once he first rejects all false gods or objects of worship (Laa ilaahah) - he gives up Shirk, then declares that only Allah is worthy of worship (illa Allah).

As mentioned earlier, Some people believe that a righteous person (living or dead), an angel, a prophet are like smaller “gods” who are given powers by Allah. So they worship, make du’aa or do sacrifices for them to please them while believing that Allah is the Most Supreme God. So they worship both - the false gods and the True God. This is Shirk. Muslims should understand and believe in Kalimat At Tawheed correctly.

9. Tafseer of Surat At-Tawheed



Some sahaba called Surat al Ikhlāas as Surat at-Tawheed because in it there is description of Allah and it contains Tawheed Al Asma wa As-Sifaat.

قُلْ هُوَ اللَّهُ أَحَدٌ

Say: He, Allah, is One.

Explanation: Say with firm faith, believing in it and understanding its meanings that He is the One and Unique. Ahad is not the same as Wahid. Wahid means one. For example, you can have a pencil and your friend can have a pencil. You both have one, there is no uniqueness. However, Ahad means uniquely one. There is no similarity between Allah and anyone else. There is nothing like Him.

اللَّهُ الصَّمَدُ

Allah, the One sought by all.

Explanation: Allah meets the needs of all His creation. The inhabitants of both the upper and the lower world are in utmost need of Him. They ask Him for what they need and turn to Him for their concerns. Allah is the only One Who is perfect in His attributes. His knowledge is perfect, His power is perfect, His mercy is perfect, His justice is perfect. All of His attributes are perfect. He is not in need of anyone. He does not need the angels or the prophets or the worshippers or the Throne. He does not need anyone's help to control His dominion. No one feeds him or takes care of Him. He is the One Who feeds everyone and sustains them. He does not need food or drink or rest. When the idol worshippers come to worship their god they keep food in front of their idols for it to eat, they clean the dust on their god, and they even fix it if it's broken. What kind of god is that which needs to be fed and cleaned?

لَمْ يَلِدْ وَلَمْ يُولَدْ

He begets not nor was He begotten.

Explanation: He does not have a child, whether a son or a daughter. Every one and everything that exists is His creation and His slave. Those who say that Jesus (peace be upon him) is the son of God have made a terrible mistake. Because, if one says that He has a son then it means that the son is a "smaller god". Also, it would mean that God has a wife or a companion, SubhanAllah! There is no God but Allah Alone.

Neither does Allah have a father. There was no one before Him. He is not dependent on anyone. Everything has a beginning except Allah. He was not born, He always existed.

وَلَمْ يَكُنْ لَهُ كُفُوًا أَحَدٌ

And there is none comparable to Him.

Explanation: There is no one comparable to Allah; either in His Names, Attributes or actions.

10. Quiz

1. Tawheed means...

- A. Oneness of Allah in His Lordship
- B. Oneness of Allah in His Names and Attributes
- C. Oneness of Allah in worship and divinity
- D. All of them are correct

2. The opposite of Tawheed is...

- A. Islam
- B. Shirk
- C. Mushrik
- D. Muslim

3. Which of the following is Shirk?

- A. To believe and worship smaller gods with Allah
- B. To make sujood (prostration) to parents
- C. To make du'aa to Prophet Muhammad (salAllahu alayhi wa sallam)
- D. To call on the graves of the righteous people who once lived
- E. To wish upon a falling star
- F. All of the above

4. Allah may forgive Shirk if...

- A. A person repents before he dies
- B. A person has done many good deeds such as Hajj.
- C. A person makes du'aa to Prophet Muhammad (SalAllahu alayhi wa sallam) only and not any other idol or grave or person.
- D. Allah will forgive everyone even if they did Shirk

5. Write the three categories of Tawheed:

_____, _____, _____

6. Tawheed Ar-Ruboobiyyah means...

- A. Believing that only Allah can create, give life, death and resurrect
- B. Believing that only Allah can help us and protect us
- C. Believing that only Allah can provide for us what we need
- D. Believing that none other than Allah is able to do that which only God can do
- E. All above options are correct

7. Tawheed Al Asmaa wa as siffaat means...

- A. Allah has the best and perfect Names and Attributes
- B. He is not like His creation
- C. His creation is not like Him
- D. All above options are correct

8. Explain what is Tawheed al 'Ibaadah?

9. Tawheed al 'Ibaadah and Tawheed al Uloohiyyah are the same.

- A. True
- B. False

10. Why is Surat al Ikhlaas also called as Surat At-Tawheed?

11. What is Kalimat At-Tawheed?

- A. Surat al Ikhlaas
- B. First pillar of Islam
- C. Laa ilaahah illa Allah
- D. Options B and C

12. Wearing a lucky cap or a t-shirt is...

- A. Shirk
- B. Fun
- C. Actually helpful
- D. Allowed in Islam

13. If a black cat crosses our way...

- A. Something horrible will happen
- B. Is a very bad luck
- C. We should pay no attention as it is superstitious to believe that it is a bad luck. Muslims do not believe in bad omen.
- D. We should walk backwards and take another route

14. When it rains...

- A. We should be impressed with today's scientific advancement for inventing cloud seeding
- B. We should feel sad as we won't be able to play outdoors
- C. We should thank Allah for this great blessing as it is from Him Alone
- D. Thank angel Mika'eel as he is responsible for directing the rain

15. When we are sick...

- A. We should rush to the hospital as none other than doctors can help us
- B. We should only make du'aa to Allah and not eat medicines
- C. We should wear a special necklace or bracelet as it can cure us
- D. We can go to the doctor, eat medicine, make du'aa and hope from Allah that He will make the medicines beneficial for us and cure us of our sickness.

16. The promise of Allah for the one who does not join partners to Him and worships Him Alone is that

Identify the categories of Tawheed mentioned in the below ayahs.

17. “Did you not see that Allah makes the night enter into the day, and makes the day enter into the night, and He has subjugated the sun and the moon, each running towards an appointed time...” (31:29)

18. “So prostrate yourselves before Allah and worship him” (53:62)

19. “Say to them (O Prophet!): ‘Call upon Him as Allah or call upon Him as al-Rahmaan; call Him by whichever name you will, all His names are beautiful.’” (17:110) [★ This ayah has more than one category]

20. “He is Allah, the Creator, the Inventor, the Fashioner; to Him belong the best names. Whatever is in the heavens and earth is exalting Him. And He is the Exalted in Might, the Wise.” (59:2)

21. Or (ask them,) “Who created the heavens and the earth, and sends down rain for you from the sky, by which We cause delightful gardens to grow? You could never cause their trees to grow. Was it another god besides Allah?” Absolutely not! But they are a people who set up equals (to Allah)! (27:60)

Answer Key

1. D
2. B
3. F
4. A
5. Look for answer in the text
6. E
7. D
8. Look for answer in the text
9. A. True
10. Look for answer in the text
11. D. Options B and C
12. A
13. C
14. C
15. D
16. He will not punish them and admit them to Paradise.
17. Tawheed Ar-Ruboobiyyah
18. Tawheed al 'Ibaadah
19. Tawheed Al Asma Wa As-Siffaat and Tawheed al 'Ibaadah
20. Tawheed Al Asma Wa As-Siffaat
21. Tawheed Ar-Ruboobiyyah

Du'aa for protection from Shirk



اللَّهُمَّ إِنِّي أَعُوذُ بِكَ أَنْ أُشْرِكَ بِكَ وَأَنَا أَعْلَمُ،
وَأَسْتَغْفِرُكَ لِمَا لَا أَعْلَمُ

Allaahumma 'innee 'a'oothu bika 'an 'ushrika bika wa 'anaa
'a'lamu, wa 'astaghfiruka limaa laa 'a'lamu.

O Allah, I seek refuge in You lest I associate anything with You
knowingly, and I seek Your forgiveness for what I know not.