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*In the name of Allah,  
the Most Compassionate, the Most Merciful.*

The contents of this little booklet are the basic ideas of the Faith, which is the basic article of Islam. A brief reflection on the world around us makes it clear that the human race has been chosen for an abundance of Divine blessings. Indeed, human beings have the highest structure among all of creations of God.

I want to draw the kind attention to the new generations of the eastern and the western countries and all the readers and preachers to read the following books of the same author, which might be helpful for Dawah works Insha-Allah:

01. Dawate Iqamate Deen
02. The Qualities of a Preacher
03. Muhammad Preacher of the Truth in the Bible
04. Dawah towards the Truth
05. Jesus in the Holly Qur'an
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19. Prophet Abraham (Ibrahim)
20. Freedom of Choice for the human being
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23. Islam is for all Mankind
24. The Basic Article of Islam
25. Everything in Islam is built on Oneness of God





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the Most Compassionate, the Most Merciful.  
Praise be to Allah, Lord of the Universe, and Peace and Prayers be  
upon His Final Prophet and Messenger.*

# Oneness of God

## 1. Primitive Beliefs on Oneness of God

Humans are creation of God who is given a chance in the testing ground of life to accept or reject Him. (Qur'an, 16:9)

But, Who is God? What is He? How do we understand the One Who has the power to create a billion galaxies with a word? (Qur'an, 2:17, 16:40)

People have often wondered about their Creator. Many have even been tempted to draw fantastic pictures or make idols or statues, claiming that they were God. (Qur'an, 16:74)

Others have thought that there were many Gods, each with unique powers, running around in the spiritual world and meddling in the affairs of people in this world. (Qur'an, 16:73) The Jews say He is a wrathful, stern God while the Christians claim He is 'all love' and came to Earth to be killed by us to show us how much He loves us. (19:36-40)

The Aztecs had their Quetzecuatl, the Greeks had their Cronus, the Roman had their Jupiter and the Chinese had their Ti. Every culture that has ever existed has attempted to put a face on God.

The earliest archeological remains of ancient belief systems center on primitive earth-mother statues. (Qur'an 4:117)

## **2. Idol worship:**

### **A misinformation of the Creator:**

‘What would make a person create a false image, an idol, and say that it was their God? Humans, as we have seen, have an inner-nature that prompts them towards the higher power. If a person rejects God’s guidance, they somehow warp their fitrah and make it spiral into depraved directions.’(Qur’an 3:83). Therefore, such a person can pick up a piece of stone and start to ask it for blessings or favors.

‘Declare, ‘should we call on others besides Allah? On things, that can do any good or bad to us? We would then be turning back after receiving Allah’s guidance, like the ones who devils made into fools, wandering and confused through the Earth, while his friends try to call him back to the path pleading, ‘Come back’.’(Qur’an 6:71)

‘We destroyed generations before you when they practiced evil. Their Messengers came to them with clear signs, but they would not believe. This is how we deal with those who sin.’(Qur’an 10:13)

The dawn of glorious civilizations in Africa, China, Greece and Rome proved even more daunting to the fight against idol-worship and the proclamation of God’s true nature. (Qur’an 15:11-14)

With the decline of the last great empire, Rome came the creation of a new religion called Christianity. It was a mixture of some of the teachings of a true Prophet, Jesus, combined together with idol-worshipping ideas and Greek philosophy. (Qur’an 5:78) The result was a religion which portrayed the Creator as a creature, or man, like us with weakness and disunity. (Qur’an 3:55) Here was another Prophet’s teachings which were corrupted and lost. (Qur’an 4:171)

But God declare that every age will have access to His truth so people can know Who He is, what He is and why we must surrender our wills to Him. (Qur'an 10:37) The final message He sent to the world, the Qur'an, contains the only accurate picture of Allah for us. That is because He explained himself what we can know about His nature and qualities. (Qur'an 15:1) Therefore, all other descriptions of the Creator, whether they be from myths, legends, ancient religions or modern trends, must be put aside in favor of Allah's direct words. (Qur'an 5:103-104) Different cultures, even those who worshipped idols, have known the Supreme Being by different names: Jehovah, Orenda, Ti, Great spirit, Mott, Cronus, Elah, Monitou, Dios and God.

But each of these cultures had a mistaken idea about Who and What Allah was, so they portrayed Him as a man, as a spirit, as an image or even worse, and they attributed all kinds of falsehood and misinformation to their Creator. (Qur'an 16:62)

### **3. What are Allah's names?**

The name that God revealed to humanity in His last revelation is 'Allah'. This is a unique name in the Arabic language. It cannot be made plural, masculine, feminine or altered in any way. For example, the English word, 'God', can be changed into goddess, god-ling, demi-god and so forth. The word 'Allah' is not open to grammatical alteration.

The name 'Allah' is unique and sublime, and Allah clearly states that people have known Him by different names with past Prophets. Allah declares in the Qur'an, 'Declare, call upon Allah, call upon the Merciful. By whatever name you

call upon Him (it is well), for to Him belong the most beautiful names.’ (Qur’an 17:110, 7:180)

Our Creator has many names, Allah being chief among them. His other names, which he revealed to us in His last book, are known collectively as the Asma’-ul-Husna, or Most Beautiful Names. They are a group of adjectives, which describe what Allah is like. These are important to us because Allah has neither form we can see nor shape we can comprehend.

Any image, statue or painting that humans could produce can never be Allah. He declared, ‘Laysa Kamithli sha-ya’ He is not like anything you can imagine. (Qur’an 42:11) So by viewing His descriptions and attributes we can get a mental picture of what Allah is like in His qualities. (Qur’an 10:31-34)

We can never imagine exactly what Allah is or how He is so powerful; all we can manage is an understanding of how He operates. In a Hadith or saying of the Blessed Prophet Muhammad, we learn that people will keep asking who made things until they begin to ask who made Allah. At that point, the Prophet advised, we should stop questioning because we will never know the answer and may go into kufr. Instead we must say Glory to Allah.

The doctrine of Tawhid, as explained in the Qur’an, also overcomes other false ideas people have about Allah. In fact, there are so many ayah or verses that explain what Allah is and is not, that it would take pages to list them all! (Qur’an 3:2) Clearly Allah wants us to be free of all superstition and misinformation about our Creator. (Qur’an 6:56)

Perhaps the best-known Surah, which explains Islamic teachings, is Surat ul Ikhlas. It states, 'Declare; He is One God; Allah, the Eternal, the absolute. He neither begets nor was He begotten, and there is nothing comparable to him. (Qur'an 112:1-4)

Another often-quoted passage is the famous, 'Ayat-ul-kursi' found in the Qur'an at 2:255. It reads: 'Allah! There is no God but He-the Living, Eternal and Self-subsisting. No slumber takes Him nor does He rest. Everything in space and on Earth belongs to Him. Who can intercede in His presence without His permission? He knows what happens before, after and behind them. No one can gain anything of His knowledge except as he wills. His throne extends over space and the Earth. He does not tire in guarding and protecting them. He is the Most High, the Supreme.'

## **4. Obedience to Oneness of God**

Obedience to God is Islam. But this obedience cannot be fully practiced unless man knows certain basic facts of life and places firm faith in them. What are those facts? What are the essentials, which a man must know to fashion his life according to the Divine system?

First of all, one should have unshakable belief in the existence of God, for unless a man firmly believes in God's existence, how he can be obedient to Him?

One must know the attributes of God. It is the knowledge of the attributes of God, which enables man to cultivate within himself the noblest of human qualities and to mold his life in virtue and Godliness.

If a man does not know that there is One and only One God Who is the Creator, Ruler and Sustainer of the universe and

there is none else to share with Him even a shred of the divine power and authority, he may fall prey to false Gods.

He may even offer his homage to them to solicit their favor. But if he knows the divine attribute of the Oneness of God, there is not the least possibility of his falling prey to this delusion. If a man knows that God sees, hears and knows everything we do in public or in private-even our thoughts-then how can he afford to be defiant and disobedient to God?

He will feel he is under eternal watch, and will therefore behave in the most appropriate way. But he who is not aware of these attributes may be misled, because of his ignorance, into disobedience to God.

The qualities and attributes which a man must possess if he wants to pursue the way of Islam can be developed only by having a complete knowledge of the attributes of God.

There is countless manifestation of God all around us. All bear witness that there is One and only One Creator and Governor of this universe and that it is He Who controls and directs it. The evidence reflects the divine titles of the Creator; His great wisdom, His endless knowledge, His mercy, His limitless power. In short, His attributes can be traced everywhere in His works.

But man's intellect and his ability to attain knowledge have erred greatly in observing and understanding these obvious qualities. These all so clear and our eyes are open to read what is written large on creation. But here men have made serious errors. Some have declared that there are two Gods, and other professed belief in a trinity.

Some entered nature worship and others divided godhead into various deities; gods of rain, air, fire, life, death, etc. Even though the evidence of God's Oneness was quite clear, human reason has stumbled, meeting deception after deception and resulted in nothing but a confused state of mind.

## **5. Monotheism or Tawhid: What does it mean?**

The concept of monotheism in Arabic 'Tawhid' is the single most important concept in Islam. Monotheism points to the first of the Ten Commandments. In Islam everything is built upon the oneness of God. Islam calls humanity away from the worship of any part of creation to the worship of the The One and only True God. No act of worship or devotion has any meaning or value if the concept of monotheism is in any way compromised.

One of the most important qualities of Allah is that He is One. He has no partner, son, daughter, wife or helper of any kind. (Qur'an 16:22)

This doctrine, known as Tawhid, is one of the clearest lines of separation between Islam and all other ways of life. Previous Prophets all taught that we should depend on Allah, alone, but later generations mixed their own fables, whims and skewed understandings into their belief systems resulting in all kinds of chaos.(Qur'an 21:1-3)

Monotheism can be looked at from the following three perspectives:



## **5.1. The Oneness of God in His Lordship (Omnipotence)**

The Oneness of God in His Lordship means that God, The Originating Creator of the Heavens and the Earth, has absolute and perfect mastery over the universe. He alone is the Creator of all things. He alone causes everything to happen. He is the One who provides all sustenance and who determines all life and death. He is the Powerful, The omnipotent, absolutely perfect and free from any defect. No one shares in His dominion. None can resist His decree. He is The One who created each of us from a single cell and made us into what we are. He is The One who created a hundred billion galaxies and every electron, neutron, and quark contained within them, keeping all that exists and all the laws of nature in perfect measure. Not a leaf falls from a tree without His permission. Everything is kept in a precise record.

He is far greater than our imagination. He is so powerful that for anything to be created He simply says, 'Be' and it is. God says in the Qur'an,

- The only word We say to a thing when We decree it, is that We say to it 'Be' and 'it is'. (Qur'an, 16:40)

He created time, space, and all the known and unknown worlds, yet he is not part of any of them. Most faiths recognize the Creator of the Universe is one, without partner. Islam includes the knowledge that God is not a part of his creation and none of His creation shares in his power.

## **5.2. The Devotion of All Worship to The One God Alone**

Only God, The appreciative, is to be worshipped. This was proclaimed by all the Prophets and Messengers (pbuh) of Islam who were sent by God throughout the ages, and is the core belief of Islam. God tells us that the purpose of the creation of humanity is to Worship Him Alone. The purpose of Islam is to call people away from the worship of creation and to direct them toward the worship of The Creator alone.

All the Prophets and Messengers of God, from Adam (pbuh) to Muhammad (pbuh), called people to worship God alone, without partner or intermediary. This is the purest, simplest, most natural faith.

Islam rejects the notion held by cultural anthropologists that the early religion of human beings was polytheism-which gradually evolved into monotheism.

## **5.3. The Uniqueness And Oneness of God in His Names and attributes**

The Uniqueness and Oneness of God in His names and attributes indicates that God does not share in the attributes of created beings, nor do they share in any of His works. God is unique in every way. He cannot be limited in any way, for He is The Creator of everything. Allah told us to declare, 'Praise be to Allah Who begets no son and has no partner in His authority. He doesn't need anyone to protect Him from wrong, so magnify His greatness. (Qur'an 17:111)

- God, the Everlasting, the Sustainer of the whole Universe; there is no God but He. He does neither slumber nor sleep.

To Him belongs whatever is in the heavens and whatever is on the earth. Who is he that can intercede with Him except with His permission? He knows what happens to them [His creatures] in this world, and what will happen to them in the Hereafter. And they will never encompass anything of His knowledge except that which he wills. The pedestal of His throne extends over the heavens and the earth, and He feels no fatigue in guarding and preserving them. And he is The Most High, The Supreme (Qur'an 2:255).

In Islam it is forbidden to attribute to God characteristics of his creation. The only attributes that may be ascribed to God are the ones he revealed Himself in the Qur'an or those used by the Prophet (pbuh) to describe Him.

God, The Irresistible, has divine will. The human being also has a will. God's will always comes to pass. Like His divine knowledge, His will encompasses all things that God wants to come to pass in creation-past, present and future. Human will, on the other hand, is merely an intention, a desire. It can only come to pass if God wills it to happen.

Human attributes cannot be ascribed to God. All human attributes are limited. God has no gender, weakness, or deficiency. God is beyond the human and creation attribute of gender.

Here we have used the pronoun 'He' only because there is no gender-neutral pronoun in English/Semitic languages, and it follows the conventions of English usage. When the royal 'We' is used in the Qur'an to refer to God, it is for respect and in no way implies plurality.

- Blessed be the name of your Lord, full of majesty, bounty and honor. (Qur'an 55:78)

We Muslims believe in what Allah revealed about Himself in His last revelation, the Holy Qur'an 3:67-68.

He is neither a creature nor anything we can imagine. Although He is stern in punishment, he is also the most Loving and Merciful. He is never unfair to anyone and never does any injustice in the least to his creation. He has never born and never dies. He is the Lord of the Universe! (Qur'an 27:62)

- Certainly, those who you call on besides Allah are servants like you. Call upon them and let them hear your prayer if what you claim is true. Do (the idols) have feet to walk with, or eyes to see with or ears to hear with? Declare to them, 'Call your God-partners. Scheme your worst against me and don't give me any chance. Because my Protector is Allah, Who revealed the Book and He will choose and help the righteous. But those you call upon besides Him can't help you, nor can they help themselves. If you call on them for guidance, they don't hear. You will see them looking at you, but they don't see anything. (Qur'an 7:194-198)

## **6. The effects of Oneness of God on Human Life**

Let's take a look the effects which belief in 'There is no God but Almighty God' has on the life of man. Let's see why the one who accepts it will always be a success in life and the one who rejects it becomes a failure, both here and hereafter.

### **6.1. Concept of Oneness of God can never degenerate outlook:**

A person who believes in the concept of Oneness of God can never have a narrow-minded or degenerate outlook. He believes in god Who is the Creator of the heavens and the earth. He worships that God Who is the Master of the East and the West, and Who is the Sustainer of the entire

universe. With this belief, he does not regard anything in this world as a stranger to himself. He is not prejudiced in his thinking and his behavior. His sympathy, love and service do not remain confined to a particular sphere or group. His vision is enlarged, his intellectual horizons widened and his outlook becomes as liberal and as boundless as is the Kingdom of God.

## **6.2. It produces the highest degree of self-respect and self-esteem:**

This belief produces within man the highest degree of self-respect and self-esteem. The believer knows that God almighty alone is the possessor of all power. None besides Him can help or harm a person.

He knows that no one but he can provide for his needs, can give and take away life, or wield authority and influence. This conviction makes him indifferent to, and independent and fearless of, all powers other than those of God. He never bows his head in homage to any of God's creatures nor does he stretch his hand before anyone else.

These mental qualities cannot be produced by any other belief. For it is necessary that those who associate of God should bow in homage to some lower creatures. And it is these creatures, which they regard as able to help or hurt them, whom they fear and in whom they would put all their hopes.

## **6.3. This belief builds in man a sense of modesty and humbleness:**

Belief in Oneness of God builds in man a sense of modesty and humbleness. It makes him seek neither show nor glory nor attempt to present some false image. The boisterous

prides of power, wealth, and worth have no room in his heart. They have no room for he knows that whatever he owns has been given to him by God and that God can take away just as He can give.

#### **6.4. This belief makes man virtuous and upright:**

This belief makes man virtuous and upright. He becomes convinced that there is no other means of success and salvation except purity of soul and righteousness of behavior. He has perfect faith in the God Who is above and beyond all needs, and Who is absolutely just. He knows that none else has any hand or influence in the exercise of His godly powers. This belief creates in man the feeling that unless he lives rightly and acts justly, he cannot succeed. No influence or underhanded activity can save him from being ruined if he does not follow this way.

#### **6.5. The believer never become despondent and broken-hearted:**

The believer does not become despondent and broken-hearted under any circumstance. He has firm belief in God Who is Master of all the treasures of the heavens and earth, Whose kindness and bounty have no limit and Whose powers are infinite. This faith gives his heart extraordinary consolidation. Nothing in his life might serve his purpose. All means might, one after the other, desert him. But faith in Oneness of God, dependence on Him, never leaves him. Such profound confidence can result from no other belief than belief in One God.

## **6.6. This belief produces in man a strong degree of determination:**

This belief produces in man a strong degree of determination. A man with this belief works for, and trusts in, God. Committed to his belief, he can devote his energies to fulfill the Divine Commands, thereby gaining the pleasure of God. And he knows he has the support and backing of the Lord of the universe in this effort. This certainty makes him firm and strong as a mountain and no amount of difficulties, roadblocks, and hostile opposition can make him give up his commitment. 'Association', unbelief and atheism have no such effect.

## **6.7. Declaration of belief in Oneness of God inspires bravery in man:**

This declaration inspires bravery in man. There are two things which makes a man cowardly: (1) Fear of death and (2) Love for safety and the idea that there is someone else besides God who can take away life and that, by adopting certain strategies, man can ward off death. Belief in 'there is no God but Almighty God' purges the mind of both these ideas. The first concept is cleansed from his mind because he knows that his life, his property and everything else belong to God. Everything must return to Him. He rids himself of the second thought because he knows that no weapon, man or animal has the power of taking away his life; God alone has the power to do so. A time of death has been ordained for him, and all the forces in the world combined cannot take away one's life a moment before the appointed time. It is for this reason that no one is braver than the man who has faith in God. Nothing can intimidate him. Even the tempests of adversity, the storms of opposition, the mightiest enemies cannot overcome him.

## **6.8. This belief creates an attitude of peace and contentment:**

Belief in Oneness of God creates an attitude of peace and contentment. It purges the mind of the passions jealousy, envy, and greed. It prevents man from using cruel and unjust means for achieving success. The believers knows that wealth is in God's hands, and that he passes it out more or less as He likes.

He knows that honor, power, reputation and authority-everything are subjected to God's Will and he bestows these things as He wishes. The believer realizes that man's duty is only to work and to struggle fairly and that success or failure ultimately depends on God's grace. If He wills to give, no power can stop Him and if He does not so choose, no power can force Him to give.

## **6.9. It makes a man obey and observe God's Law:**

The most important effect of belief in One God is that it makes a man obey and observe God's Law. The man who believes in it is certain that God knows everything that is hidden or in the open. He is sure that god is close to him, closer to him than his own jugular vein. If he commits a sin in a secluded area in the darkness of the night, God knows about it. Almighty God even knows our unexpressed thoughts and intentions, whether they are good or bad. We can hide form everyone but cannot hide from God. We can evade everyone but cannot evade God's grip. He will shun what his Master has forbidden and will carry out His bequests even when he is alone and when no one can see him. This is so because he knows that God's 'police' kiraman katibin the honorable angels appointed to write down the all deeds and video never leave their presence and they dreads the court whose warrant the man can never avoid.

*God Bless All Mankind*





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