

بِسْمِ اللَّهِ الرَّحْمَنِ الرَّحِيمِ

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ثَلَاثَةُ أُصُولٍ

The Three Fundamental Principles

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Thalatha Usool (ثَلَاثَةُ أُصُولٍ) / Three Fundamental Principles is based upon the three (3) questions the Angels will ask in the grave after your death. These questions are:

1. **Who is Your Lord?** مَنْ رَبُّكَ؟
2. What is Your Religion? (Hadith #2 / Jibreel) مَنْ دِينُكَ؟
3. Who is Your Prophet? (Biography of the Prophet Muhammad (SAW)) مَنْ نَبِيُّكَ؟

1) What is Tawheed (تَوْحِيدٌ)?

Linguistic Definition (لُغَةً): To make something One. Ex: Putting a bunch of papers together.

Islamic Definition (إِصْطِلَاحًا): To make Allah One. Ex: Not say Allah is 3 or 5, in everything or in idols

Tawheed (تَوْحِيدٌ) is composed of three types

Tawheed Ruboobiyyah: is the lordship of Allah.

(١) تَوْحِيدُ رَبُوبِيَّةٍ

Three important things based upon the names of Allah are:

- (a) **Khalq / خَلْقٌ:** Allah created everything.

We can create but we can not create out of nothing. Ex: if we want to build a bench we have to go to Home Depot and get the materials. Allah creates out of nothing, saying كُنْ فَيَكُنْ "Be and it is".

- (b) **Mulk / مُلْكٌ:** Allah owns everything.

We can own but we do not actually own we are just buying it. Ex: when we die, we do not take anything with us in the grave except our deeds. From Allah we come and to him we return.

(c) **Tadbeer / تَدْبِيرٌ:** Allah Controls everything.

Any and everything that happens to us whether we like it or not is only because Allah decreed it to happen. For example, if we made all the plans and accommodations to go on a flight somewhere and it snowed and then the flight is canceled that is not in our control. The same can be said for anything that happens whether good or bad, it is Allah who runs everything. All religions believe in Ruboobiyyah (Lordship).

Tawheed Uloohiyyah: is to single Allah out in worship alone.

(٢) تَوْحِيدُ الْأُلُوهِيَّةِ

There is no intermediary between Muslims and Allah, we go straight to Allah not the Imam and even the Prophet (SAW). Islam is the only religion that does this. The Prophet's (SAW) words were wahy (revelation). Prophets were only sent with Uloohiyyah.

Tawheed Asma wa Sifaat: is Allah's names and attributes.

(٣) تَوْحِيدُ الْأَسْمَاءِ وَالصِّفَاتِ

Allah's names are perfect and they come only from the Qur'an and Sunnah. Allah has more than 99 names, one of the names that is not on the chart is Al-Mannaan (الْمَنَّانُ), gives you whatever you think of or what you want. Whoever memorizes Allah's 99 names will enter Jannah. An Asma (name) of Allah will be Ar-Rahman (الرَّحْمَنُ) and a sifaat (attribute or description) will be Rahmah (رَحْمَةٌ).

The Four (4) Things You CANNOT Do With The Names and Attributes of Allah

1. **Tahreef / تَحْرِيفٌ:** To change.

Ex: Kalamullahu, Allah speaks. The Jews change this and say that Moosa spoke to Allah instead of Allah spoke to Moosa.

2. **Ta'teel / تَعْطِيلٌ:** To deny.

Allah names or attributes can not be denied. If Allah says that he descends in last part of the night, you can not ask how? Similarly you can not say this about Allah's hand or foot, asking what it looks like.

3. **Takyeef / تَكْيِيفٌ:** To ask how.

We can not ask how because the Sahabas never asked how.

4. **Tamtheel / تَمْثِيلٌ**: To liken.

You can not compare Allah to this creation.

“There is nothing like unto Him... (42:11)”

«أَلَيْسَ كَمِثْلِهِ شَيْءٌ... (٤٢:١١)»

2) **What is إِسْلَامٌ?**

لُغَةً: To submit or yield (give up)

إِصْطِلَاحًا: To submit or give up oneself to Allah

Hadith Jibreel: The five (5) pillar of Islam.

Technical Meaning:

الإِسْلَامُ: هُوَ الإِسْتِسْلَامُ لِلَّهِ بِالتَّوْحِيدِ وَالْإِنْقِيَادُ لَهُ وَبِرَاءَةٌ مِنَ الشِّرْكِ وَأَهْلُهُ

Islam is surrendering to Allah with tawheed and Inqiyaad (totally complying yourself with obedience) and freeing yourself from shirk and all its components, everything with it.

Saying I bear witness in the shahadah instead of I believe. This is like witnessing an accident that you saw with your own eyes. The same is with Islam you believe with affirmations.

3) **Where is اللهُ?**

Allah is established above his throne **in a way befitting His Majesty**.

«الرَّحْمَنُ عَلَى الْعَرْشِ اسْتَوَى (٢٠:٥)»

“The Most Beneficent (Allah) Istawa (rose over) the (Mighty) Throne (in a manner that suits His Majesty)” (20:5)

Proof: Hadith of the slave girl that was slapped

4) **What are the 5 pillars of Islam?**

1) Shahadah / شَهَادَةٌ

2) Prayer / صَلَاةٌ

3) Charity / زَكَاةٌ

- 4) Fasting / صَوْمٌ
- 5) Hajj / حَجٌّ

5) What are the pillars of Emaan?

There are 6 pillars of Emaan (Hadith Jibreel):

- 1) Believing in Allah
- 2) Believing in the Angels
- 3) Believing in the Books
- 4) Believing in the Prophets and Messengers
- 5) Believing in the Last Day
- 6) Believing in Qadr

There are four (4) types of Qadr:

1. علم: Allah knows everything
2. خلق: Allah created everything
3. Allah wills everything
4. كتاب: Everything is written
 - a. He told the pen to write 50,000 years before
 - b. In the womb (good and bad deeds, how much wealth, hell or heaven)
 - c. Yearly writing on Laylatul Qadr
 - d. Daily writing

Emaan increases and decreases. Emaan is never stagnant, your not doing something right, your doing something wrong

الإيمان:

A statement on the tongue

١. قَوْلٌ عَلَى اللِّسَانِ

Emaan is belief in your Heart

٢. إِعْتِقَادٌ فِي الْقَلْبِ

Actions on the body parts

٣. عَمَلٌ عَلَى الْجَوَارِحِ

We say this to be different from the Murjaat. They say Emaan is only in the Heart and that it constant.

6) What is La illaha Illah لا إله إلا الله?

Nayfun: Negation

Itbath: Affirmation

The greatest thing Allah gave us is Tawheed! According to Shaykh Uthaymeen, the Whole Qur'an is Tawheed!