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 **QUESTIONS**

**QUESTION #1:-**

**What is shirk and what are the categories of shirk?**

**ANSWER #1:-**

**SHIRK:-**

**DEFINITION:-**

## ****Shirk**** means associating someone with Allah or you can say partnership. It is the opposite of Tawheed.

**And Tawheed is someone who believes in only one God, but on the other hand Shirk is someone who believes that there is more than one God.**

The literal meaning of shirk is ‘association’. It is the idea of associating anyone or anything with Allah or thinking that anyone or anything can be equal to Allah or is worthy of worship.

Shirk can also mean giving someone or something attributes of Allah as He can only have them and they are unique to Him only. One way of performing shirk can be idolatry (worshipping an idol). It is the worst sin a muslim can commit and will not be forgiven by Allah.

**CATEGORIES OF SHIRK**:-

There are three types of Shirk.

1. Shirk-Ur-Roboobiyyah
2. Shirk-Ul-Ibadah
3. Shirk-Ul-Asmaa

**EXPLANATION:-**

1. **SHIRK-UR-ROBOOBIYYAH:-**

## This category of shirk refers to either the belief that other shares God Lordship over creation as His equal or near equal, or to the belief that there exists no Lord over creation at all. When a person believes that other people or things also have apart in creating the world this is called Shirk-Ur-Roboobiyyah.

## EXAMPLE:-

For example many Christians believe that God has three parts.

1. God the father

2. God the son or Jesus

3. God the Holy Spirit

**2. SHIRK-AL-IBADAH:-**

**This form of shirk occurs when any act of worship is directed to someone else besides Allah.**

There are few categories in Shirk-Ul-Ibadah, or worship.

Worshipping humans, animals, idols is forbidden in islam.

Some muslims worship saints or travel to graves to ask for help.

They make tawaaf around these graves and they sacrifice in the name of the dead people.

**3.SHIRK-AL-ASMAA:-**

**In this category of shirk, acts of worship are directed to others and not to Allah and the reward for worship is sought from the creation instead of the creator.**

An-Nafi- Some people deny that Allah has the greatest qualities and attributes. They say the names of God like Ar Rahman and Al Kareem have no meaning.

At Tashbeeh- Some people give God human qualities, like getting sick, tired, and jealous.

At-Tahreef- Some people understand the meaning of God’s name or attributes is an incorrect manner.

**DANGERS OF SHIRK:-**

Shirk is the only unforgiveable sin in the sight of Allah.

A person who commits shirk will never enter Jannah.

Shirk prohibits a person from entering Paradise, obligates abode in Hell.

Shirk is so evil that it destroys all of a person’s good deeds.

**SHIRK IN KNOWLEDGE:-**

The first thing is that Allah is present everywhere by His Knowledge which means that His Knowledge encompass.

A shirk in knowledge means when one is trying to prove that someone other than Allah possesses a similar kind of knowledge which is only the prerogative of Allah.

**MINOR SHIRK:-**

There is a minor shirk. There are other types of shirk and they are described as Ash-Shirk-Ul-Asghar.

These acts do not necessarily take the person away from Islam, but they are serious sins.

Ar Riyaa is having insincere intention by performing a worship in order to show off to other people.

**EXAMPLE:-**

For example someone prays infront of people just so the people can think that he or she is a very good muslim.

You shouldn’t do this, it is very important for a person to make sure that they have a pure heart for Allah and nobody else.

**SWEARING BY OTHER THAN ALLAH:-**

Swearing by other than Allah is a form of minor shirk.

**EXAMPLE:-**

For example Abdullah Ibn Omar saw a man swearing by his father and another swearing by Al-Ka’bah, Prophet Muhammed once saying: Whoever swears by other than Allah he would be committing an act of shirk.

**FOLLOWING ONE’S DESIRES WHILE NOT OBEYING ALLAH AND HIS PROPHET:-**

Some people love money, games, fame and other worldly things more than loving Allah.

They will do sins to have fun.

**EXAMPLE:-**

Some people don’t pray because they are too lazy or watching TV.

To them, their desires are more important than Allah.

Always obey Allah first and avoid disobeying Him.

**WEARING CHARMS AND FORTUNE TELLING:-**

Some wear charms and use spells to protect themselves from Jin.

They think it will make the Jin from harming them.

Fortune tellers are also a minor shirk.

For example reading horoscopes is a type of fortune telling. This is all minor shirk.

Shirk is the most dangerous of all sins, the wickedest and the most severely punished because of the dishonour and belittling of Allah, the Most High.

**SHIRK IN ONE'S DAILY ROUTINE CHORES:-**

1. Vowing His Name for His blessing whenever commencing an assignment;
2. Slaughtering animals to express one's gratitude to Allah in the case of having been blessed with a child;
3. Giving one's children such names as 'Abdullah, 'Abdur-Rahman, Ilahi Bakhsh, Allah Diya, Amatullah, Allah Di etc.;
4. Taking out a small portion of the crop produce and giving it away in the Name of Allah;
5. considering that all the different conditions and situations which one comes across in this world, like expensive and inexpensive rates and prices, health and sickness, victory and defeat, succeeding and preceding, sadness and happiness, are all commanded by Allah.

 **Allah says,**

**“Verily, Allah forgives not that partners not be set up with Him (in worship) but He forgives other than that to whom He pleases; and whoever sets up partners with Allah (in worship), he has indeed invented an enormous wrong”. (Qur’an 4:48)**

# QUESTION #2:-

**In the light of Quran explain what the Day of Judgment is and what are the signs of Day of Judgment?**

**ANSWER #2:-**

**DAY OF JUDGEMENT:-**

**This life is a test for each individual for the life after death. A day will come when the whole universe will be destroyed and the dead will be resurrected for judgment by God. This day will be the beginning of a life that will never end.  This day is the Day of Judgment.**

Muslims believe that at the end of time, all human beings will have to face God and account for their deeds, good and bad.

God will judge them accordingly, assigning reward or punishment.

The time of the Day of Judgment is not specified in the *Quran* but is understood to be near.

**EXPLANATION:-**

**SIGNS OF DAY OF JUDGEMENT:-**

There are many signs of the day of judgement in Islam; major and minor but all these signs show how and when the time will come. Though the exact date of the time is known only to Allah.

**THE 10 MAJOR SIGNS OF THE DAY OFJUDGEMENT IN ISLAM:-**

[1) The Arrival of Imam Mehdi](https://blog.salamplanet.com/signs-of-the-day-of-judgement-in-islam/#1_The_Arrival_of_Imam_Mehdi)

[2) Dajjal Will Come](https://blog.salamplanet.com/signs-of-the-day-of-judgement-in-islam/#2_Dajjal_Will_Come)

[3) The Descent Of Jesus](https://blog.salamplanet.com/signs-of-the-day-of-judgement-in-islam/#3_The_Descent_Of_Jesus)

[4) The Emergence Of Yajooj And Majooj](https://blog.salamplanet.com/signs-of-the-day-of-judgement-in-islam/#4_The_Emergence_Of_Yajooj_And_Majooj)

[5) The Smoke Will Appear](https://blog.salamplanet.com/signs-of-the-day-of-judgement-in-islam/#5_The_Smoke_Will_Appear)

[6) The Emergence Of Beast](https://blog.salamplanet.com/signs-of-the-day-of-judgement-in-islam/#6_The_Emergence_Of_Beast)

[7) The Sun Will Rise From The West](https://blog.salamplanet.com/signs-of-the-day-of-judgement-in-islam/#7_The_Sun_Will_Rise_From_The_West)

[8) Landslides](https://blog.salamplanet.com/signs-of-the-day-of-judgement-in-islam/#8_Landslides)

[9) The Fire Will Begin](https://blog.salamplanet.com/signs-of-the-day-of-judgement-in-islam/#9_The_Fire_Will_Begin)

[10) The Kaabah Will Be Destroyed](https://blog.salamplanet.com/signs-of-the-day-of-judgement-in-islam/#10_The_Kaabah_Will_Be_Destroyed)

**DAJJAL WILL COME:-**

The most obvious and common signs that most people are told is the arrival of Dajjal.

When he will arrive, he will proclaim himself as God.

Anyone who trusts him will be an infidel. Dajjal will have powers that he could order the clouds to rain and the earth to grow vegetation, these powers will make people believe he is God, which in reality would be false signals.

**THE DESCENT OF JESUS:-**

When Dajjal has arrived and he is claiming to be God, the descent of Prophet Jesus will happen. He would then fight with Dajjal and kill him. Also, he will destroy the cross, rescue Muslims from the Yajooj and Majooj and take them to the Mountain of Tur.

According to Jews, the Prophet was killed but it did not happen as Allah saved him and raised him to the heavens. His arrival will be shocking for all those who had been believing lies and wrong perceptions.

**THE EMERGENCE OF YAJOOJ AND MAJOOJ:-**

They are locked inside a wall. There is a story related to their existence that at the time of Hazrat Ibrahim (a.s), there was a king named Zulqarnain.

He would travel around the globe and conquer many countries, on his visit to the North, people told him about two hostile tribes Gog and Magog and requested him to protect them from these tribes. Zulqarnain built up an iron wall that they couldn’t penetrate until the doomsday.
So, on doomsday, they will be able to break the wall and come after the people. Hazrat Issa will appear on the Earth and save people from their wrath and danger.

**THE SMOKE WILL APPEAR:-**

The Quran says ‘Wait for the day when smoke appears from the sky’. According to Hadith ‘The smoke will come from the Sky and will cover all the world for the 40 days’. It is said that smoke will be like a chill for the believers but will give a hard time to non-believers. It will be one of the signs of the day of judgement in Islam.

**ALLAH HAS SAID IN THE HOLY QURAN:-**

**Those who die while believing that** “There is no God but Allah, and Muhammad is His Messenger."  are Muslims, that will be rewarded on that day and will be admitted to Paradise forever, as Allah has said;

**And those who believe and do good deeds, they are dwellers of Paradise, they dwell therein forever.  (Quran, 2:82)**

**But those who die while not believing that** “There is no God but Allah, and Muhammad is His Messenger." are not Muslims, that will lose Paradise forever and will be sent to Hellfire, as Allah has said:

**And whoever seeks a religion other than Islam, it will not be accepted from him and he will be one of the losers in the Hereafter. (Quran, 3:85**

After having sent the Prophet Muhammad (Peace Be Upon Him)  to call people to Islam, God does not accept adherence to any religion other than Islam.

God is our Creator and Sustainer.  He created for us whatever is in the earth.

All the blessings and good things we have are from Him.  So after all this, when someone rejects belief in God, His Prophet Muhammad (Peace Be Upon Him), or His religion of Islam, it is just that he or she be shall be punished in the Hereafter.

Actually, the main purpose of our creation is to worship God alone and to obey Him, as God has said in the Holy Quran.

This life we live today is a very short life.  The unbelievers on the Day of Judgment will think that the life they lived on earth was only a day or part of a day.

**WARNINGS FOR THE DAY OF JUDGEMENT:-**

1. Camels will no longer be used as a means of transport.

2. The distance on earth will become short.

3. Horses will not be used in wars.

4. Very tall buildings will be built.

5. The disappearance of knowledge and the appearance of ignorance, with much killing.

6. Adultery will become widespread, and the drinking of wine will become common.

7. The number of men will decrease and the number of women will increase.

8. Allah will send a disease to fornicators that will have no cure.

9. Two large groups of people will fight one another, and there will be many casualties; they will both be following the same religion (World War II).

10. Approximately 30 DAJJALS will appear, each one claiming to be the messenger of Allah.

11. Earthquakes will increase.

12. Time will pass quickly.

13. Afflictions will appear.

14. Killing will increase.

15. Wealth will increase.

16. When any gain is shared out only among the rich, with no benefit to the poor.

17. When a trust becomes a means of making profit.

18. When paying ZAKKAT becomes a burden.

19. When voices are raised in the mosque.

20. When the leader of a people is the worst of them.

21. When much wine is drunk; red wind or the earth swallow them, or to be transformed into animals."

22. The appearance of the MAHDI.

23. The appearance of the DAJJAL.

24. The appearance of Yajooj and Majooj (biblical Gog and Magog);

25. Isa (Jesus) will come during the time of Dajjal.

26. The rising of the sun from the west.

27. The destruction of the Ka'ba and the recovery of its treasures.

28. The smoke.

**FIVE THINGS ON THE DAY OF JUDGEMENT:-**

The Prophet Muhammad (PBUH) said the son of Adam will not pass away from Allah until he is asked about five things:-

1. How he lived his life,
2. How he utilized his youth,
3. With what means did he earn his wealth,
4. How did he spend his wealth,
5. And what did he do with his knowledge.

 **THE GATEWAYS INTO JANNAH:-**

Of the gateways into Jannah, the Messenger of Allah (saw) said,

1. The people of prayer will be called from the gate of prayer,
2. The people of jihad will be called from the gate of jihad,
3. The people of fasting will be called from the gate of al- Rayyan,
4. And the people of charity will be called from the gate of charity.

**QUESTION #3:-**

**What is Tawheed and what are the effects of Tawheed on Human Lives?**

**ANSWER #3:-**

**TAWHEED:-**

**DEFINITION:-**

**Tawheed means oneness and uniqueness.**

**It means that there is absolutely no one worthy of worship other than Allah.**

**THE EFFECTS OF TAWHEED ON HUMAN LIVES:-**

1. All things are created by Allah.
2. A believer of Tawheed can never be narrow minded.
3. This belief produces in man the highest degree of self-respect and self-esteem.
4. This belief also generates in man a sense of modesty and humbleness, because he knows that whatever he possesses has been given to him by God.
5. This belief makes man virtuous and upright.
6. The believer knows that Allah alone is the possessor of all power and that none besides Him can benefit or harm a person, or provide for his need or give and take away life.

**EXPLANATION:-**

Tawheed is the special belief of islam.

No followers of any other religion truly believe in complete Tawheed except muslims.

It is the belief that Allah that is (the Creator) is unique in His Lordship, and that He is the only one that acts of worship should be devoted to.

It means that you worship Allah alone and do not worship anything along with Him nor any of the creation.

Tawheed is the highest conception of deity, the knowledge of which God has sent to mankind in all ages through His Prophets.

 The prophet began his day with tawheed by reciting surah al kafiroon and ikhlas in the sunat of fajr and end with reciting these two surahs in the witr prayer.

Tawheed tells man that Allah is not born, nor is anyone born of Him. He has no son or daughter. Human beings are His subjects.

 It implies that everything in existence originates from the one and only Creator, who is also the Sustainer and the sole Source of Guidance.

This belief should govern all aspects of human life.

**THE DIVISIONS OF TAWHEED:-**

Tawheed had been divided into three categories;

1. **Tawheed-ar-Ruboobeeyah (maintaining the unity of Lordship)**
2. **Tawheed- al-Asmaa-was-sifaat (maintaining the unity of Allah's name and attributes).**
3. **Tawheed-al-Ibaadah (maintaining the unity of worship).**

 **THREE ASPECTS OF TAWHEED:-**

1. **Tawheed-ar-Ruboobeeyah (Oneness of the Lorship of Allah):-**

To believe that there is only one Lord for all the universe, its Creator, Organiser, Planner, Sustainer, and the Giver of security etc and that is Allah.

1. **Tawheed-al-Uluhiya (Oneness of the worship of Allah):-**

To believe that none has the right to be worshipped for example praying, invoking, asking for help (from the unseen) slaughtering sacrifices etc but Allah.

1. **Tawheed- al-Asmaa-was-sifaat (Oneness of the Names and Qualities of Allah):-**

To believe that we must not name or qualify Allah except which what He or His Messenger (PBUH) has named or qualified Him.

None can named or qualified with His name or qualifications of Allah for example Al-Karim.

We must confirm all of Allah’s Qualifications which Allah has in His book (Quran) or mentioned through His Messenger (PBUH) without changing them or ignoring them completely or giving resemblance to any of the created things.

**CONCEPT OF TAWHEED:-**

Tawheed is the most fundamental concept of Islam as a religion and one that each and every muslim should subscribe to.

 Every Muslim should believe in the one true God alone and should not worship any deity other than Him.

For one to identify as a muslim, they should have a real understanding of Allah and should possess knowledge of what makes him unique and why He is the only one worthy of worship.

Islam teaches that Allah has among others, the following qualities that distinguish Him from all other beings:

1. Allah knows all things.
2. Allah has power over all things.
3. Allah is the Creator and Was never Created.

For one to identify as a muslim, he or she should believe in the oneness of God and should not ascribe any partners to him whatsoever.

**SHAHADA: PROCLAMALATION OF FAITH:-**

The concept of Tawheed is a central part of the first pillar of Islam which is to proclaim the Shahada.

 The Shahada is a declaration of faith and is the very first statement that one should utter when converting to Islam.

The Shahada should be memorised by every muslim in the arabic language and should be uttered at least once in a lifetime with a full understanding of its meaning.

The Shahada should be well known to every muslim by heart.

Islam teaches that whoever utters the Shahadah as their last words will be admitted to paradise according to a famous saying by the Prophet Muhammad (PBUH):

“If a person’s last words are Laa ilaaha ill-Allaah, Paradise will be guaranteed for him.”

**99 NAMES OF ALLAH:-**

Throughout the Quran, Allah is described with a number of names which total up to 99 in number.

The names of Allah help muslims understand the concept of Allah’s uniques and help understand the different qualities that He possesses.

**FEW OF THE NAMES OF ALLAH INCLUDES:-**

**Al-Rahman:** The All Merciful

**Al Raheem:** The most merciful

**Al Malik:** The King

**Al Quddus:** The most Holy

Islam as a religion revolves around the concept of Tawheed.

Tawheed is the single most important aspect of Islam.

 Islam as a religion is defined as complete submission to the will of the one true God and one can only submit to the One true God only if they understand His uniqueness.

**PLACE IN ISLAM:-**

Tawheed is regarded as the most important characteristic teaching of Islam.

Tawheed is emphasized in the Qur'an in various words and expressions.

Its great emphasis in the Qur’an. The Qur’an begins with tawheed (al fatihah) and ends with Tawheed (al ikhlas) likewise the greatest ayat in the Qur’an describes tawheed (of knowledge).

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