

Chapter 3 PILLARS OF IMAN

1. State Articles of *Iman*

- i. To believe in Allah
- ii. To believe in His angels
- iii. To believe in His books
- iv. To believe in His messengers
- v. To believe in the last day
- vi. To believe in divine destiny.

TAWHEED

2. Define Tawheed ?

Tawheed means: to believe that Allah is the one and only God.

3. Discuss the Types of Tawheed

- i. Tawheed ar- Rububiyyah: maintaining the unity of the lordship.
- ii. Tawheed al-Asmaa was-swifaat: maintaining the unity of Allah's names and attributes.
- iii. Tawheed al-Uluhiyyah :maintaining the unity of Allah's worship.

4. State the significance of Tawheed

- i. It assures the creatures that the creator is near to them and is ready to answer their request.
- ii. It distance mankind from worshipping other than Allah
- iii. It gives man tranquility and peace of mind
- iv. It increases *Taqwa* since one is aware that Allah sees him wherever he may be and is aware of an even who is hidden in one's heart and mind
- v. It leads one to ensure his respect and maintain his dignity as a sign of respect to creature.
- vi. It leads to satisfaction with what one has as he accepts whatever which Allah has portioned for him
- vii. It removes from mankind pride.

- viii. Justice becomes part and parcel of his way of life as he strongly believes that Allah is just and loves to see the same among His creatures who yearn for success.
- ix. It removes the fear of people sin
- x. he strongly believes that not only his life but everything is in the hands of Allah.

5. Mention The Attributes of Allah

- i. *Allah* ----- God All- Mighty
- ii. *Ar- Rabu*-----The lord, Sustainer, Cherisher
- iii. *Al-Wahid*-----The One
- iv. *Arahman*----- The Entirely Merciful
- v. *Ar-Rahim*----- The Especially Merciful
- vi. *Al-Mallk*----- The King

SHIRK

6. State the meaning of shirk

- i. Shirk means: partnership, sharing or partners or rivals unto Allah.

7. Explain the three types of Shirk.

i. Shirk al-Akbar

This is the act of making something or someone a god alongside Allah Different

ii. Shirk al- Asghar

This involve doing actions of righteousness for showing off or doing things for the sake of created beings and not performing act of worship purely for the sake of Allah.

iii. Shirkul –Khafi

This implies not being satisfied with what Allah has decreed/ordained for a pperson

8. Explain the manifestation of shirk-Al-Akbar

- i. Worshipping other beings besides Allah
- ii. making or selling Idols
- iii. Showing off (*riyaa*)

- iv. Supplication to other being other than Allah
- v. Visiting grave for the purpose of worshipping
- vi. Equating the power of human beings with that of Allah

9. State the common forms of shirk al-Akbar

- i. Worshipping others beside or alongside Allah (SAW)
- ii. *Shirk al-Mahabba*: Loving a creature as one should love Allah.
- iii. *Shirk al-Dua 'a* : The act of supplicating to others than Allah
- iv. *Shirk al-Hakamiyyah*: Ruling by other than Allah's laws
- v. *Shirk Twa 'a*: When one commits the excess of respect to an individual i.e. when one takes his fellow human being to be very pure as the catholic church regards the pope

10. Define *Shirk al- Asghar*

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11. Define *Shirkul –Khafi*

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12. Mention the Quranic condemnation of *shirk*

- i. The supplication of those who practice shirk is not answered
- ii. Those who practices it are punished in this world and in the Hereafter another punishment waiting for them
- iii. They end up losers since all their good work in this life will be useless because of practicing shirk
- iv. His work is unacceptable by Allah
- v. It distance one from paradise
- vi. Can easily take one to hell fire
- vii. Shirk makes them in fear and terror
- viii. Shirk removes blessing in work,

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