

## What Is Tawhīd?

Tawhīd is to single out Allah alone in what is unique to Him. It is to affirm His absolute oneness in His Lordship, His Names and Attributes, and His right to be worshipped — without partner, rival, or intermediary.

Allah alone is the Creator, the Owner, and the One who manages every affair. He alone possesses the Most Beautiful Names and the Most Perfect Attributes. And He alone is truly worthy of every act of worship — outward and inward.

Tawhīd is the very foundation of Islam, the essence of īmān (faith), and the purpose for which humanity was created — without it, no deed has value and no salvation is attained.” Allah said: “And I did not create the jinn and mankind except to worship Me.” (51:56)

Every Prophet, from Nūh to Muhammad ﷺ, called to this single truth. No message preceded it, and no salvation exists without it.

## Why Were We Created?

Every human being asks, at some point: Why am I here? The answer is not found in wealth, status, or pleasure — but in knowing and worshipping the One who created us.

We were not created randomly, nor left without guidance. We were created to recognize Allah, submit to Him, and devote our lives to His worship alone. Allah said: “O mankind, worship your Lord, who created you and those before you, that you may become righteous.” (2:21)

When Tawhīd is understood, life enters the heart. When it is neglected, confusion, anxiety, and spiritual emptiness take its place.

## Will You Answer the Call of Your Creator?

Whether you are a Muslim seeking to renew your faith or a non-Muslim searching for truth, the message of Tawhīd is for you. It is a call to know your Lord, to free yourself from worshipping creation, and to devote your heart and actions to the One who alone deserves them.

The door to forgiveness, guidance, and Paradise remains open to all who sincerely turn to Allah alone, repent from shirk, and follow the way of His Messenger ﷺ. No matter how far a person may have strayed, Allah’s mercy is vast for those who return to Him with sincerity and humility.

There is nothing greater than worshipping the One who created you, owns you, and manages every affair of your life — alone, without partner or rival. True freedom, inner peace, and purpose are found only in submission to Allah.

Allah said: “And turn to your Lord in repentance and submit to Him before the punishment comes upon you; then you will not be helped.” (39:54)

Whoever turns sincerely to Allah, abandons all forms of shirk, and worships Him alone upon the way of the Prophets and the pious and righteous predecessors (the Salaf) will find tranquility in this life and everlasting happiness in the Hereafter.

The call of Tawhīd is not merely to be heard — it is to be answered.



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## The Call of Every Prophet The Key to Salvation

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## The Foundations of Tawhīd

The scholars of Ahl al-Sunnah wal-Jamā'ah have clarified that Tawhīd is built upon three inseparable foundations. Together, they form the complete and correct understanding of worshipping Allah alone. Whoever fulfills them has realized Tawhīd, and whoever neglects any of them has fallen short even if he claims belief.

These foundations were affirmed by the Prophets, understood by the Companions, and explained clearly by the scholars of the Salaf (the pious and righteous predecessors).

### 1. Tawhīd of Lordship (Ruboobiyyah)

This is the belief that Allah alone is the Creator, Provider, Owner, Controller and Manager of all affairs. Nothing exists except by His will, and nothing occurs except by His decree.

Allah said: “Allah is the Creator of all things, and He is, over all things, Disposer of affairs.” (39:62) Even the non-Muslims acknowledged this truth. Yet affirmation alone did not save them, because Tawhīd is not completed by Lordship alone.

### 2. Tawhīd of Names and Attributes (al-Asmā' was-Sifāt)

Allah is described only as He described Himself, and as His Messenger ﷺ described Him — without distortion, denial, questioning how, or likening Him to His creation. Allah said: “There is nothing like unto Him, and He is the All-Hearing, the All-Seeing.” (42:11) Knowing Allah through His Names and Attributes cultivates love, fear, hope, humility, reliance — all of which lead directly to His true worship alone.

## 3. Tawhīd of Worship (Ulūhiyyah) The Essence of True Worship

This is the essence of Tawhīd and the central message of every Prophet. Tawhīd of Worship means that all acts of worship — prayer, supplication, reliance, fear, hope, love, sacrifice, obedience, humility — must be directed to Allah alone, without any partner or intermediary. Allah said: “And worship Allah and do not associate anything with Him.” (4:36)

And: “We certainly sent into every nation a messenger, saying: Worship Allah and avoid false deities.” (16:36) Many people affirmed that Allah is the Creator and Controller, yet they were destroyed because they called upon others besides Him, sought intercession through created beings, or devoted acts of worship to other than Allah. Such worship nullifies Tawhīd, even if one claims belief in Allah or affirms His Lordship.

### The Key to Salvation & Paradise

Tawhīd is the foundation upon which every deed stands. Without it, no action is accepted, no repentance is valid, and no salvation is attained.

Allah said: “Indeed, whoever associates partners with Allah — Allah has forbidden him Paradise, and his refuge is the Fire.” (5:72) And the Messenger of Allah ﷺ said: “Whoever dies while knowing that there is none worthy of worship in truth except Allah shall enter Paradise.” (Muslim)

Tawhīd distinguishes the believers from the disbelievers, grants security in the Hereafter, and brings peace to the heart in this life. True success is not measured by worldly achievements, but by meeting Allah while worshipping Him alone with a submitted, sincere, sound, and accepted heart.

## What Nullifies Tawhīd?

Tawhīd is nullified by shirk — associating partners with Allah in worship, devotion, or reliance. This includes praying to others besides Allah — whether directly or through intermediaries. seeking supernatural aid from the dead, sacrificing for anyone besides Him, or placing ultimate trust in created beings.

Allah said: “Indeed, Allah does not forgive associating partners with Him, but He forgives what is less than that for whom He wills.” (4:48) Even minor forms of shirk threaten sincerity and corrupt deeds.

### Major Shirk

Major shirk is to direct any act of worship to other than Allah — such as supplication, prayer, sacrifice, vows, reliance, or fear.

Allah said: “And whoever invokes besides Allah another deity for which he has no proof — his reckoning is only with his Lord.” (23:117)

Major shirk expels a person from Islam unless sincerely repented from before death.

### Minor Shirk

Minor shirk includes actions that corrupt sincerity, such as showing off in worship, seeking praise from people, or performing acts of devotion for other than Allah's pleasure.

The Messenger of Allah ﷺ said: “What I fear most for you is minor shirk.” They asked, “What is minor shirk, O Messenger of Allah?” He said: “Showing off.” (Ahmad)

Though it does not expel one from Islam, it endangers acceptance and earns Allah's displeasure.