

أَمَنْتُ بِاللَّهِ وَمَلَائِكَتِهِ وَكُتُبِهِ وَرُسُلِهِ وَالْيَوْمِ الْآخِرِ
وَالْقَدْرَ خَيْرِهِ وَشَرِّهِ

The Messenger of Allah ﷺ said: ".....It is to believe in Allah, His angels, His Books, His Messengers and the Last Day and that you believe in preordainment (destiny), its bad and good consequences....."
[Narrated by Umar رضي الله عنه & recorded by Sahih Muslim]

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العقيدة الإسلامية
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1. Why has Allah created us?

Allah has created us to worship Him Alone and to worship no other besides Him, as Allah says:

وَمَا خَلَقْتُ الْجِنَّ وَالْإِنْسَ إِلَّا لِيَعْبُدُونِ

“And I (Allah) created not the jinns and humans except they should worship me (Alone).” (Surah Zaariyat: 56)

2. What is Worship (Ibaadah)?

Worship is a comprehensive term which includes all sayings and actions which are appreciated by Allah; such as Dua'a (invocation), Salaat (prayer), humbling oneself in front of Him etc.

As Allah, the All-Mighty says:

قُلْ إِنَّ صَلَاتِي وَنُسُكِي وَمَحْيَايَ وَمَمَاتِي لِلَّهِ رَبِّ الْعَالَمِينَ

“Say (O Muhammad صلى الله عليه وسلم): Verily, my Salaat (prayer), my Sacrifice, my living and my dying are for Allah, the Lord of the 'Aalameen (mankind, jinns & all that exists).” (Surah An'aam: 162)

3. How do we worship Allah?

We worship Him as He and His Messenger صلى الله عليه وسلم have commanded us, as Allah says:

يَا أَيُّهَا الَّذِينَ آمَنُوا أَطِيعُوا اللَّهَ وَأَطِيعُوا الرَّسُولَ وَلَا تُبْطِلُوا أَعْمَالَكُمْ

“O you who believe! Obey Allah, and obey the Messenger (Muhammad صلى الله عليه وسلم) and render not vain your deeds.”

(Surah Muhammad صلى الله عليه وسلم : 33)

4. Why did Allah send the Prophets (Anbiyaa)?

Allah sent them to call mankind to His worship and to reject the worship of anything besides Him, as the All-Mighty says:

وَلَقَدْ بَعَثْنَا فِي كُلِّ أُمَّةٍ رَسُولًا أَنِ اعْبُدُوا اللَّهَ وَاجْتَنِبُوا الطَّاغُوتَ

“And verily, We have sent among every Ummah (community, nation) a Messenger (proclaiming): ‘Worship Allah (Alone), and avoid (or keep away from) Taaghut (all false deities etc. do not worship Taaghut besides Allah)’... (At-Taaghut is Shaitan) (Surah Nahl: 36)

5. What is the affirmation of Allah’s Oneness as Lord? (Tawheed-ur-Ruboobiyyah)

It is to affirm the uniqueness and exclusiveness of His works, creation and direction (of the universe) etc. As Allah, the All-Mighty says:

الْحَمْدُ لِلَّهِ رَبِّ الْعَالَمِينَ

“All the praises and thanks be to Allah, the Lord of the ‘Aalameen (mankind, jinns and all that exists).” (Surah Faatiha:1)

6. What is the affirmation of Allah’s Oneness as the Only One to be worshiped? (Tawheed-ul-Uloohiyyah / Tawheed-ul-Ibaadah)

It is to devote to Him exclusively all our worship like; supplications, invocations, sacrifice, vows, prayers, hope, fear, seeking help, trust etc.. As Allah says:

وَإِلَهُكُمْ إِلَهٌ وَاحِدٌ لَا إِلَهَ إِلَّا هُوَ الرَّحْمَنُ الرَّحِيمُ

“And your Ilaah (God) is One Ilaah (Allah) Laa Ilaaha Illaa Huwa (there is none who has the right to be worshiped but Him), the Most Beneficent, the Most Merciful.” (Surah Baqarah: 163)

7. What is the affirmation of Allah’s Names and Attributes? (Tawheed-ul-Asmaa-was-Sifaat)

It is to affirm Allah’s Attributes as He Himself described them in the Qur’an and as His Messenger صلى الله عليه وسلم described Him in authentic Ahaadees, that they are true without allegorizing them (Ta’weel), anthropomorphizing them (Tajseem), comparing them to the creation (Tamseel), or negating them (Ta’teel) or describing about their quality (Takyeef). Such as the matter of Allah’s establishment above the Throne (‘Arsh) or His descent to the first heaven or His Hand, which are appropriate to His (Allah) Perfection.

Allah Says: **لَيْسَ كَمِثْلِهِ شَيْءٌ وَهُوَ السَّمِيعُ الْبَصِيرُ**

“There is nothing like unto Him and He is the All-Hearer, the All-Seer”. (Surah Shuraa: 11)

The Prophet صلى الله عليه وسلم said: **يَنْزِلُ اللَّهُ فِي كُلِّ لَيْلَةٍ إِلَى سَمَاءِ الدُّنْيَا**

“Allah descends each night to the first heaven”.

(that is: He descends in a way befitting His Majesty, which is unlike the action of any of His creations). (Musnad Ahmad)

8. Where is Allah?

Allah is over the Arsh (Throne) which is above the seventh heaven. As Allah says:

الرَّحْمَنُ عَلَى الْعَرْشِ اسْتَوَى

“The Most Beneficent (Allah) Istawa (rose over) the (Mighty) Arsh (throne) (in a manner that suits His Majesty)” (Surah Taha:5)

9. What is Major Shirk? (Ash-Shirk-ul Akbar)

It is to devote any of the forms of worship to one other than Allah, such as supplications, invocations, sacrifice, etc. The proof-text is Allah's Saying:

وَلَا تَدْعُ مِنْ دُونِ اللَّهِ مَا لَا يَنْفَعُكَ وَلَا يَضُرُّكَ فَإِنْ فَعَلْتَ فَإِنَّكَ إِذَا مِنَ الظَّالِمِينَ

“And invoke not besides Allah, any that neither profit you, not hurt you, but if (in case) you did so, you shall certainly be one of the Zaalimeen (Polytheists and wrong-doers).” (Surah Yunus: 106)

10. What is Minor Shirk? (Ash-Shirk-ul Asghar)

Minor shirk is all the words & deeds that plead to Major Shirk like to worship Allah so as to be seen by others, As Allah says:

فَمَنْ كَانَ يَرْجُوا لِقَاءَ رَبِّهِ فَلْيَعْمَلْ عَمَلًا صَالِحًا وَلَا يُشْرِكْ بِعِبَادَةِ رَبِّهِ أَحَدًا

“So whoever hopes for the meeting with his Lord, let him work righteousness and associate none as a partner in the worship of his Lord.” (Surah Kahaf:110)

إِنَّ أَخَوْفَ مَا أَخَافُ عَلَيْكُمْ

The Prophet صلى الله عليه وسلم said: **الشِّرْكُ الْأَصْغَرُ: الرِّيَاءُ**

“What I fear most for you is Ash-Shirk-ul Asghar __ Ar-Riyaa (Worshiping to be seen by others).” (Musnad Ahmad)