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Categories of Tawheed

To single out Allah with what is specific to Him through Lordship, Worship, and Names and Attributes

It is of three types

Tawhīd al-Asmā' wa'-Ṣifāt (to single out Allāh in all His names & attributes)

To single out Allah with what He has Named or Described Himself in His Book (the Quran) or by the speech of His Messenger ﷺ, and that is to affirm what He has affirmed to Himself and negate what He has Negated from Himself without distortion, rejection, questioning the howness, or falling in resemblance.

Tawhīd al-Ulūhiyyah, (Worship)

To single out Allah in worship – by the actions of His servants

Tawhīd al-Rubūbiyyah (Lordship)

To single out Allah in His Actions, Creation, Ownership, and Sovereignty

The three levels of Islam

Ihsan

It is to worship Allāh as if you see Him and if you do not see him, then He sees you.

One pillar and under it is two levels

- 1- Watchful worship; mushaahadah (to worship Allāh as if you see Him)
- 2- Watched worship; muraaqabah (if you do not see him, then He sees you)

Iman

It is speech of the tongue, belief of the heart, actions of the limbs, and it increases and decreases

Pillars of Iman 6

- 1- Allāh
- 2- His Angels
- 3- His Books
- 4- His Messengers
- 5- The Last Day
- 6- The Decree - the good and bad of it

Islam

It is to 'submit to Allāh with Tawhīd, being consistent in His obedience as well as disassociating oneself from Shirk and its people.

Pillars of Islam 5

- 1- The testimonies of faith
- 2- Establishing Ṣalāh
- 3- Paying Zakāt
- 4- Fasting Ramaḍān
- 5- Making Hajj (pilgrimage) to those capable

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Categories of Prohibitions

Minor Sins

It is less than the major sins. The major sin can be erased with repentance, and the minor sin can become major if one is persistent on it. The Prophet ﷺ said, "Beware of the sins that are considered insignificant, for they can pile up on the man and destroy him."

Major Sins

Everything that has a specific punishment set. Examples: Magic (sorcery), disobedience to parents, riba (usury), fornication, homosexuality, lying, consuming alcohol and intoxicants, theft, backbiting, killing a soul that Allah has forbidden killing, consuming the orphan's money

Minor Shirk

It does not make the person leave the fold of Islam, and is bigger than the major sins. Examples: Saying Allah wills and so and so wills, swearing by other than Allah, showing off, amulets, omens, pessimism, hanging talismans and symbols like the hand, beads, and the like as a means for protection or to push away the evil eye

Major Shirk

It makes the person leave the fold of Islam, and he shall not be forgiven if he dies upon it. Examples: Making a rival or equal to Allah, calling, fearing, loving him instead of Allah, or directing to him any form of worship