

SEEK UNITY OF ALLAH THROUGH THE PROPHET (SAW)



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Summary

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The real objective and purpose of the teachings of the Holy Qur'an is to understand God Almighty as the One.

Unity of God means that one becomes totally convinced of the absolute Greatness of one God and nothing else should matter.

Therefore, it is imperative to understand that if something is beneficial, it is so because Allah Almighty made it beneficial.

We can achieve nothing on this earth till God in the Heavens decides this for us.

Those who give up this world for the cause of God, are granted worldly benefits as well.

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Today Huzoor presented some extracts of the Promised Messiah (on whom be peace) about Unity of God and how could one be truly called (a believer of One God).

Unity of God is the most fundamental belief of Islam and is explained in the Holy Quran.

This Quranic concept can not be understood without devotion to the Holy Prophet (pbuh).

Indeed, the Holy Prophet (pbuh) is the true personification of the concept 'There is no God but Allah'.

In this day and age, the Promised Messiah (on whom be peace) was granted the understanding of the Holy Qur'an, Quranic commandments and Unity of God because of his completely devoting to the Holy Prophet (pbuh).

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Explaining the progressive understanding of the concept of God, as given in Surah an-Nas, the Promised Messiah (on whom be peace) wrote:

Firstly, God is comprehended as **'The Lord of mankind'**

and then **'The King of mankind'**

and in ultimately **'The God of mankind'**

This, indeed is the real objective of man and what he must seek.



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'Muslims were granted grace of God through Islam as brought by the Holy Prophet (pbuh). Whichever perspective one may take, Muslims have every reason to be proud and gratified.

The God of Muslims is not stone, tree, animal, star or a dead person, on the contrary it is the All-Powerful God Who created the heavens and the earth and all that is between them; Who is Living, the Self-Subsisting and All-Sustaining.

The Prophet of Muslims is the Holy Prophet (pbuh) ... His Prophethood is not lifeless, rather, its fruits and blessings are fresh and can be found in every age

....

'Therefore, God .. in the current age has send the Promised Messiah and his message is for the entire world. ...

The Book granted to Muslims was .. conclusive and definitive ...

Thus, the religion of Muslims is perfect and complete in every way '

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The real objective and purpose of the teachings of the Holy Qur'an is to understand God Almighty as the One, without any partner and develop love for Him.



This has indeed been the goal of the teaching of every Prophet of God (may peace be on them all)



The concept 'there is no God but Allah' teaches us to attain the highest point of love and Unity of God.



The Arabic word (*Illaha*) means a Beloved Who is worshipped. Thus the reality of Islam perfectly fulfills the concept of love.



Remember, Unity of God without the element of love is flawed and incomplete.

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The Promised Messiah (on whom be peace) explained the standard of a believer regarding the reality of Unity of God:

Seeking rewards, titles and other benefits from human beings and seeking to please them is in contradiction to the concept of Unity of God.



The Prophets teach that God alone is the Provider of all honour, comforts and needs.



One need to comprehend that all profit and loss is in the hands of God, He is the true Benefactor; He has all the powers.



Worldly means should be utilised but should not be considered as the be all and end all.

When man attains this pure stage, he is called a believer of One God.

A believer of One God; three stages

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The first stage of appreciating Unity of God is that man does not make gods of stones, men or anything else and loathes the very idea.

The second stage is that man does not rely too much on worldly means.

The third stage is when the wishes and the desires of man become synonymous with Divine commandments.

A man becomes a true believer in One God, when he recognises that God is the source of everything including his own capacities, efforts and achievements.

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The crux of the matter is that one expresses the Unity of God by one's tongue and reflect this belief in one's actions.

One proves through one's practice that for him there is none other than Allah Who is worthy of worship or worthy of being sought, pleased or intended.

Borne of one's faith, all material things and relationships become unimportant, if they block the path to God.

Allah sends prophets (peace be on them all) as examples because concepts become clearer with example and illustration.

The Holy Prophet (pbuh) was the most perfect example of all excellences

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**Once a question
was raised in an
assembly of the
Promised
Messiah (on
whom be peace)
that since
Judaism also
taught Unity of
God, what more
did Islam have
to offer?**

The fundamental aspect of Unity of God is that man does not do anything against the Word of God and no act of his should be contradictory to love of Allah the Exalted.

That is, he should be completely devoted and absorbed in the love of Allah the Exalted.

This means that save Allah the Exalted one does not worship anyone, does not have any Beloved and does not consider anyone worthy of obedience.

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It should be remembered that shirk (associating partners with Allah) is of many kinds. It can be obvious and it can be hidden.



Obvious shirk would be idolatry like worshipping idols, trees or other things



Hidden shirk is when man reveres something as he reveres Allah the Exalted or as he should revere Him. Or loves something like love of Allah the Exalted or fears it or relies on it.



Only Holy Qur'an can affect the human heart, providing it is followed in its letter and spirit.

And its models can be seen in every age as they are even today. The Holy Qur'an has stated: '**...If you love Allah, follow me: then will Allah love you...**' (3:32).

Perfect obedience of the Holy Prophet (pbuh) takes one to the stage of being beloved of God and make one believe in one God.

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Unity of God is not simply saying, 'There is no God but Allah and Muhammad is his messenger'.

Rather, Unity of God means that one becomes totally convinced of the absolute Greatness of one God and nothing else matters.

Unity of God means that every act, gesture and quietude should be for Allah the Exalted and in every way one must rely on Allah alone.

Unity of God also means that one depends on no one as the source of help, one put one's faith in no one except Allah ...

... and thus regard no one as an associate in the Beings and attributes of Allah.

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Indeed, too much reliance on worldly means is a kind of shirk that many people do not understand.

For example a farmer may consider that the sole source of his livelihood is his field.

This is attributing too much reliance on worldly means.

This happens because we fail to appreciate the true power of God Almighty.

Therefore, it is imperative to understand that if something is beneficial, it is because Allah Almighty has made it so; nothing could be beneficial if God Almighty does not so will.

For example, water is beneficial with the will of God Almighty and when God Almighty wills the very same water can turn harmful.

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No task or action could be auspicious unless it is blessed from the heavens.

Perfect belief in powers of Allah the Exalted commands us to believe that all matters are first decided in the heavens and then come to pass on earth.

We can achieve nothing on this earth till God in the Heavens decides this for us.

The belief in Unity of God leaves no room for boasting.

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‘A true believer is carefree; he only wants to please God Almighty and is ever mindful of obeying Him. No other gain or loss matters to him.

When a person associates anyone besides God Almighty, he is caught up in sins of hypocrisy and arrogance etc. Remember this kind of association is a toxin ...’

When someone does not act upon a commandment of God for the sake of another person, this is because he associates that person with the status of God. This is what stops him from following the Divine commandment...

In short there are many such hidden sins which ruin one’s practices. The rich are arrogant and haughty which ruin their practices. .. because arrogance and haughtiness makes one distant from Unity of God.

The example of hypocrisy etc. is like a rodent which eats up all the good works..’

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**God Almighty is Most
Bountiful but humility is
needed to go towards Him.
An egotistic person who gives
himself airs and graces be it
due to his knowledge, or
property or lineage, will be left
behind. ...these kinds of
barriers make man end up
unfortunate and deprived
and very few are able to get
rid of this. Wealth is also a
barrier.'**

Sometime, one becomes
less focussed on his
religion because of wealth.

This hinders one from
following Divine
commandments.

This ultimately takes one
away from the belief in the
Unity of God.

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Once the Promised Messiah (on whom be peace) was asked about his revelation '...You are from Me and I am from you' and people's objection that it was contrary to Unity of God.

'...this means that I came to being with the grace of Allah the Exalted alone and from Him. It should be remembered as Allah the Exalted has stated repetitively in the Holy Qur'an that He is One and without any partner. He has no equal in His person, His attributes and His works. ... Belief in Unity of God is complete when one believes that Allah the Exalted is Incomparable by virtue of His Being, by virtue of His attributes and by virtues of His works. .

... the reality of Unity of God is that we must not depend on anything other than God for even a second or an iota.

'It should never be considered that qualities of various things are inherent in them of their own accord, in fact it should be accepted that Allah the Exalted has placed those qualities in things.'

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Divine characteristics
which are exclusive to
Allah the Exalted
should not be
attributed to a person
even if he is a Prophet
..., Some people begin
to rely so much on
worldly means that
they forget Allah the
Exalted ...

In short, ..no one should be associated
with Divine qualities and tasks...

There are many people who cannot
distinguish between Unity of God and
shirk. ... For example they say, if so and
so was not around we would have died
or something would not have gone
right.

Man should not rely on means beyond
moderation and not associate anyone
in Divine qualities and works.'

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**This world is just a past
time; the next world is
everlasting. All the blessings
of this world will end here.**

**Death is an undeniable
reality. To adhere to the
belief of Unity of God is a
kind of death that brings
eternal life to the believer.**

**Only partial commitment to
God is not the desired
objective.**

**It is truth that when someone
totally dedicates himself to God,
then God becomes his. God never
leaves him alone.**

**Do not think, your God is cruel.
Those who lose something in the
cause of Allah are always very well
compensated.**

**Stay focussed on one aim (Unity of
God) only and you will achieve
everything.**

**Those who give up this world for
the cause of God, are granted
worldly benefits as well;**

**you are required to make a concerted effort to develop a pure
belief in the Unity of God and don't get carried away with the
desires of the material world.**

Huzoor announced that he would lead funeral Prayer in absentia of Abdul Karim Abbas Sahib of Syria who passed away on 5 May.

He took his Bai'at in 2005 but had joined those at the forefront. He was the only Ahmadi in his family.

He was a very devoted, hard working, committed and dedicated Ahmadi.