

Kalimah at-Tawheed

لَا إِلَهَ إِلَّا اللَّهُ

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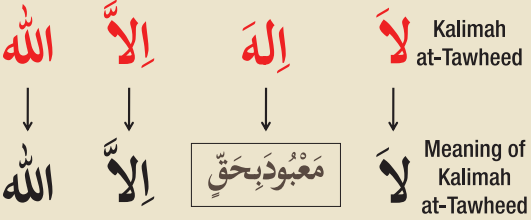


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بِسْمِ اللَّهِ الرَّحْمَنِ الرَّحِيمِ

All Praise belongs to Allaah, the Lord of the Universe. And may the peace and blessings be upon the Last of the Prophets and Messengers, our Prophet Muhammad, upon his family and all his Companions. To proceed,

The meaning and translation of Kalimah at-Tawheed



Translation of Kalimah at-Tawheed

There is no deity worthy of worship in truth except Allah.

In Truth (Surah Al Hajj: 62) + Deity worthy of worship (Surah Hood: 26) = **إِلَهَ**

Evidences :

أَنْ لَا تَعْبُدُوا إِلَّا اللَّهَ ۖ إِنَِّّي أَخَافُ عَلَيْكُمْ عَذَابَ يَوْمِ إِلِيمٍ ﴿٣٣﴾

“That you worship none but Allaah, surely, I fear for you the torment of a painful day” (Surah Hood: 26)



ذَلِكَ بِأَنَّ اللَّهَ هُوَ الْحَقُّ وَأَنْ مَا يَدْعُونَ مِنْ دُونِهِ هُوَ الْبَاطِلُ وَأَنَّ

اللَّهُ هُوَ الْعَلِيُّ الْكَبِيرُ ﴿٦٢﴾

That is because Allaah, He is the Truth (the only true God of all that exists, Who has no partners or rivals with Him), and what they (the polytheists) invoke besides Him, it is Batil (falsehood) And verily, Allaah, He is the Most High, the Most Great (Surah Al Hajj: 62)



The importance, excellence and ruling of Kalimah at-Tawheed

Importance:

1. It is the first pillar of Islaam (Sahih Muslim)
2. All the Messengers called to this message (Surah An Nahl: 36)

Excellence:

Allah will make us inheritors on the Earth, imposition of Sharee'ah (Islamic Legislation) Peace and Security will be granted. (Surah An Noor: 55)

Ruling:

It is obligatory, because indeed without believing in it one cannot be a Muslim.

بُنِيَ الْإِسْلَامُ عَلَى خَمْسٍ شَهَادَةِ أَنْ لَا إِلَهَ إِلَّا اللَّهُ وَأَنَّ مُحَمَّدًا عَبْدُهُ
وَرَسُولُهُ وَإِقَامِ الصَّلَاةِ وَإِيتَاءِ الزَّكَاةِ وَحَجِّ الْبَيْتِ وَصَوْمِ رَمَضَانَ

The foundation of Islam is based on 5 things; to testify that there is no deity worthy of worship in truth except Allah and Muhammad ﷺ is His slave and His Messenger, to establish the prayer, to give zakah, to make pilgrimage to the house of Allaah and to fast in Ramadan (Muslim)



وَلَقَدْ بَعَثْنَا فِي كُلِّ أُمَّةٍ رَسُولًا أَنْ اعْبُدُوا اللَّهَ وَاجْتَنِبُوا الطَّاغُوتَ ۗ

And verily We have sent among every Ummah (community, nation) a Messenger (proclaiming): “Worship Allaah (alone) and avoid (keep away from) Taghut (all false deities etc. i.e. do not worship Taghut besides Allaah)” (Surah An Nahl: 36)



وَعَدَ اللَّهُ الَّذِينَ آمَنُوا مِنْكُمْ وَعَمِلُوا الصَّالِحَاتِ لَيَسْتَخْلِفَنَّهُمْ
فِي الْأَرْضِ كَمَا اسْتَخْلَفَ الَّذِينَ مِنْ قَبْلِهِمْ ۗ وَلَيُمَكِّنَنَّ لَهُمْ
دِينَهُمُ الَّذِي ارْتَضَى لَهُمْ وَلَيُبَدِّلَنَّهُمْ مِنْ بَعْدِ خَوْفِهِمْ أَمْنًا ۗ
يَعْبُدُونَنِي لَا يُشْرِكُونَ بِي شَيْئًا ۗ وَمَنْ كَفَرَ بَعْدَ ذَلِكَ فَأُولَٰئِكَ
هُمُ الْفَاسِقُونَ ﴿٥٥﴾

Allah has promised those among you who believe, and do righteous good deeds, that He will certainly grant them succession to (the present rulers) in the earth, as He granted it to those before them, and that He will grant them the authority to practise their religion, that which He has chosen for them (i.e. Islam). And He will surely give them in exchange a safe security after their fear (provided) they (believers) worship Me and do not associate anything (in worship) with Me. But whoever disbelieved after this, they are the Fasiqun (rebellious, disobedient to Allah). (Surah An Noor: 55)

The pillars of Kalimah at-Tawheed

1. Negation (to deny)

To negate the worship of all false deities whether the false deities are:

a. Idols, stones or trees

(Surah An Najm: 19,20)

b. Sun or Moon

(Surah Fussilat: 37)

c. Angels, Prophets or Saints

(Surah Aal Imran: 80)

2. Affirmation (to accept)

To affirm all forms of worship only and only for Allaah whether it be Prayer, Zakaah -

Surah Al Bayyinah: 5

Hajj - Surah Aal Imran: 97

Fear - Surah Aal Imran: 175

Help - Surah Al Faatihah : 4

Vows - Surah Al Insaan: 7

Invocations - Surah Ghafir: 60

Sacrifice - Surah Al Kawthar: 2

Evidences :

أَفَرَأَيْتُمُ اللَّاتَ وَالْعُزَّىٰ ﴿١٩﴾ وَمَنْوَةَ الثَّالِثَةَ الْآخَرَىٰ ﴿٢٠﴾

Have you then considered Al-Lat, and Al-'Uzza (two idols of the pagan Arabs). And Manat (another idol of the pagan Arabs), the other third?

(Surah An Najm: 19,20)

وَمِنْ آيَاتِهِ اللَّيْلُ وَالنَّهَارُ وَالشَّمْسُ وَالْقَمَرُ ۚ لَا تَسْجُدُوا لِلشَّمْسِ
وَلَا لِلْقَمَرِ وَاسْجُدُوا لِلَّهِ الَّذِي خَلَقَهُنَّ إِن كُنتُمْ إِيَّاهُ تَعْبُدُونَ ﴿٣٧﴾

And from among His Signs are the night and the day, and the sun and the moon. Prostrate not to the sun nor to the moon, but prostrate to Allah Who created them, if you (really) worship Him. (Surah Fussilat:37)

وَلَا يَأْمُرُكُمْ أَنْ تَتَّخِذُوا الْمَلَائِكَةَ وَالنَّبِيِّينَ أَرْبَابًا ۗ أَيَأْمُرُكُمْ بِالْكَفْرِ
بَعْدَ إِذْ أَنْتُمْ مُسْلِمُونَ ﴿٨٠﴾

Nor would he order you to take Angels and Prophets for lords (gods). Would he order you to disbelieve after you have submitted to Allah's Will?

(Surah Aal Imran: 80)

وَيُقِيمُوا الصَّلَاةَ وَيُؤْتُوا الزَّكَاةَ وَذَلِكَ دِينُ الْقَيِّمَةِ ﴿٥﴾

And perform As-Salat (Iqamat-as-Salat) and give Zakat: and that is the right religion. (Surah Al Bayyinah: 5)

وَاللَّهُ عَلَى النَّاسِ حُجُّ الْبَيْتِ مَنِ اسْتَطَاعَ إِلَيْهِ سَبِيلًا ۚ

And Hajj (pilgrimage to Makkah) to the House (Ka'bah) is a duty that mankind owes to Allah, those who can afford the expenses (for one's conveyance, provision and residence) (Surah Aal Imran: 97)

يُوفُونَ بِالنَّذْرِ وَيَخَافُونَ يَوْمًا كَانَ شَرُّهُ مُسْتَطِيرًا ﴿٧﴾

They (are those who) fulfil (their) vows, and they fear a Day whose evil will be wide-spreading. (Surah Al Insaan: 7)

إِنَّمَا ذِكْرُ الشَّيْطَانِ يُخَوِّفُ أَوْلِيَاءَهُ ۗ فَلَا تَخَافُوهُمْ وَخَافُونَ
إِن كُنتُمْ مُؤْمِنِينَ ﴿١٧٥﴾

It is only Shaitan (Satan) that suggests to you the fear of his Auliya' [supporters and friends (polytheists, disbelievers in the Oneness of Allah and in His Messenger, Muhammad ﷺ)], so fear them not, but fear Me, if you are (true) believers. (Surah Aal Imran: 175)

وَقَالَ رَبُّكُمْ ادْعُونِي أَسْتَجِبْ لَكُمْ ۗ إِنَّ الَّذِينَ يَسْتَكْبِرُونَ
عَنْ عِبَادَتِي سَيَدْخُلُونَ جَهَنَّمَ دُخْرِينَ ﴿٦٠﴾

And your Lord said: "Invoke Me, [i.e. believe in My Oneness (Islamic Monotheism)] (and ask Me for anything) I will respond to your (invocation). Verily! Those who scorn My worship [i.e. do not invoke Me, and do not believe in My Oneness, (Islamic Monotheism)] they will surely enter Hell in humiliation!" (Surah Ghafir: 60)



إِيَّاكَ نَعْبُدُ وَإِيَّاكَ نَسْتَعِينُ ﴿٢﴾

You (Alone) we worship, and you (Alone) we ask for help (for each and everything). (Surah Al Faatihah: 4)



فَصَلِّ لِرَبِّكَ وَأَنْحِرْ ﴿٢﴾

Therefore turn in prayer to your Lord and sacrifice (to Him only) (Surah Al Kawthar: 2)



The Conditions of Kalimah at-Tawheed (Testimony of Faith)

1. **Knowledge:** To have knowledge of the meaning and explanation of the Kalimah at-Tawheed, the opposite of which is ignorance. (Surah Muhammad: 19)
2. **Certainty:** To be certain about the meaning and explanation of the Kalimah at-Tawheed, the opposite of which is doubt. (Surah Hujarat: 15)
3. **Sincerity:** To testify to the Kalimah at-Tawheed with sincerity (for the sake of Allaah alone), the opposite of which is Shirk (Al Bayyinah: 5)
4. **Love:** To have love for the Kalimah and its requirement, the opposite of which is hatred/grudge (Surah Baqarah: 165)
5. **Truthfulness:** To testify to the Kalima with truthfulness, the opposite of which is lie (Surah Baqarah: 8)
6. **Acceptance:** To accept the Kalimah at-Tawheed and its requirement, the opposite of which is rejection (Saffat:35)
7. **Submission:** To comply with the Kalimah at-Tawheed and its requirement by acting obediently, the opposite of which is non compliance/leaving off (Surah Luqman: 22)
8. **Rejection of Taghut:** Rejecting the false deities along with testifying to the Kalimah at-Tawheed (Surah Baqarah: 256)

Evidences :

فَاعْلَمُ أَنَّهُ لَا إِلَهَ إِلَّا اللَّهُ

So know (O Muhammad ﷺ) that La ilaha ill-Allah (There is no deity worthy of worship in truth except Allah) (Surah Muhammad: 19)



إِنَّمَا الْمُؤْمِنُونَ الَّذِينَ آمَنُوا بِاللَّهِ وَرَسُولِهِ ثُمَّ لَمْ يَرْتَابُوا
وَجَاهَدُوا بِأَمْوَالِهِمْ وَأَنْفُسِهِمْ فِي سَبِيلِ اللَّهِ أُولَئِكَ هُمُ
الصُّدُقُونَ ﴿١٥﴾

Only those are the believers who have believed in Allah and His Messenger, and afterward doubt not but strive with their wealth and their lives for the Cause of Allah. Those! They are the truthful.

(Surah Al Hujuraat: 15)



وَمَا أُمِرُوا إِلَّا لِيَعْبُدُوا اللَّهَ مُخْلِصِينَ لَهُ الدِّينَ

And they were commanded not, but that they should worship Allah, and worship none but Him Alone (abstaining from ascribing partners to Him),

(Surah Al Bayyinah: 5)



وَمِنَ النَّاسِ مَنْ يَتَّخِذُ مِنْ دُونِ اللَّهِ إِيجَابَاتٍ كَمَا كَفَرَ
اللَّهُ وَالَّذِينَ آمَنُوا أَشَدُّ حُبًّا لِلَّهِ

And of mankind are some who take (for worship) others besides Allah as rivals (to Allah). They love them as they love Allah. But those who believe, love Allah more (than anything else) (Surah Al Baqarah: 165)



وَمِنَ النَّاسِ مَنْ يَقُولُ آمَنَّا بِاللَّهِ وَالْيَوْمِ الْآخِرِ وَمَا هُمْ
بِمُؤْمِنِينَ ﴿٨﴾

And of mankind, there are some (hypocrites) who say: "We believe in Allah and the Last Day" while in fact they believe not.

(Surah Al Baqarah: 8)



إِنَّهُمْ كَانُوا إِذَا قِيلَ لَهُمْ لَا إِلَهَ إِلَّا اللَّهُ يَسْتَكْبِرُونَ ﴿٣٥﴾

Truly, when it was said to them: La ilaha ill-Allah " (There is no deity worthy of worship in truth except Allah)," They puffed themselves up with pride (i.e. denied it). (Surah As Saaffaat: 35)

وَمَنْ يُسَلِّمْ وَجْهَهُ إِلَى اللَّهِ وَهُوَ مُحْسِنٌ فَقَدِ اسْتَمْسَكَ بِالْعُرْوَةِ
الْوُثْقَى ط

And whosoever submits his face (himself) to Allah [I.e.(follows Allah's Religion of Islamic Monotheism), worships Allah (Alone) with sincere Faith in the Oneness of His Lordship, Oneness of His worship, and Oneness of His Names and Attributes, while he is a Muhsin (good-doer I.e. performs good deeds totally for Allah's sake without any show-off or to gain praise or fame etc. and does them in accordance with the Sunnah of Allah's Messenger Muhammad ﷺ), then he has grasped the most trustworthy hand-hold [La ilaha ill-Allah (There is no deity worthy of worship in truth except Allah) (Surah Luqman: 22)

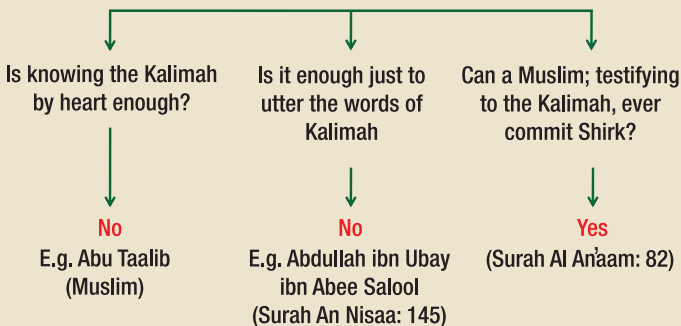


فَمَنْ يَكْفُرْ بِالطَّاغُوتِ وَيُؤْمِنْ بِاللَّهِ فَقَدِ اسْتَمْسَكَ بِالْعُرْوَةِ
الْوُثْقَى ة

Whoever disbelieves in Taghut and believes in Allah, then he has grasped the most trustworthy handhold that will never break. And Allah is All-Hearer, All-Knower. (Surah Al Baqarah: 256)



Clarification of Some Misconceptions



Evidences :

أَهْوَنُ أَهْلِ النَّارِ عَذَابًا أَبُو طَالِبٍ وَهُوَ مُنْتَعِلٌ بِنَعْلَيْنِ
يَغْلِي مِنْهُمَا دِمَاغُهُ

The least torment from the people of Hell will be given to Abu Talib, he will made to wear two shoes of fire due to which his brain will boil (Muslim: 214)

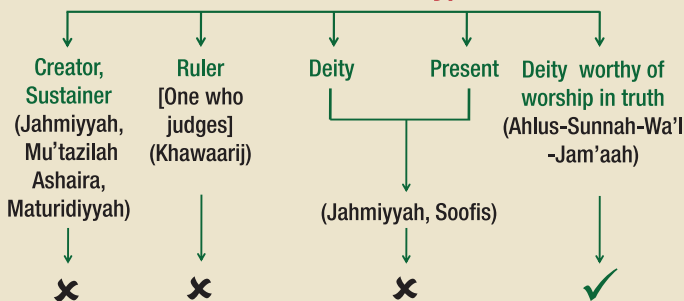
إِنَّ الْمُنْفِقِينَ فِي الدَّرَكِ الْأَسْفَلِ مِنَ النَّارِ وَلَنْ تَجِدَ لَهُمْ
نَصِيرًا ﴿١٣٥﴾

Verily, the hypocrites will be in the lowest depths (grade) of the Fire; no helper will you find for them (Surah An Nisaa: 145)

الَّذِينَ آمَنُوا وَلَمْ يَلْبِسُوا إِيمَانَهُمْ بِظُلْمٍ أُولَئِكَ لَهُمُ الْأَمْنُ
وَهُمْ مُّهْتَدُونَ ﴿٨٢﴾

It is those who believe (in the Oneness of Allah and worship none but Him Alone) and confuse not their belief with Zulm (wrong i.e. by worshipping others besides Allah), for them (only) there is security and they are the guided. (Surah Al Anaam: 82)

People of the Qibla and the meaning of Deity (what they understood from the word Deity)



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