

Tawhid — the oneness of Allah

Not that there is one god among several, but that there is one God and no second. What that means in practice.



★ One, not one of many

قُلْ هُوَ اللَّهُ أَحَدٌ اللَّهُ الصَّمَدُ

“Say: He is Allah, One. Allah, the Eternal Refuge.” Everything else depends on Him; He depends on nothing.

Qur'an 112:1-2

★ No father, no son

“He neither begets nor is born, nor is there to Him any equivalent.” No family, no partner, no rival.

Qur'an 112:3-4

★ Nothing is like Him

لَيْسَ كَمِثْلِهِ شَيْءٌ وَهُوَ السَّمِيعُ الْبَصِيرُ

“There is nothing like unto Him, and He is the Hearing, the Seeing.” We affirm what He said of Himself without imagining Him.

Qur'an 42:11

★ Lord of everything

Creator and disposer of all things. With Him are the keys of the unseen, and not a leaf falls but that He knows it.

Qur'an 39:62 • 6:59

★ Worshipped alone

إِيَّاكَ نَعْبُدُ وَإِيَّاكَ نَسْتَعِينُ

“It is You we worship and You we ask for help.” Du‘a’, trust, hope, fear, sacrifice — all of it goes to Him only.

Qur'an 1:5 • 6:162

★ Named as He named Himself

To Allah belong the best names. We describe Him with what He and His Messenger ﷺ said, and stop where they stopped.

Qur'an 7:180 • 20:8

★ Du‘a’ is the clearest act

“Call upon Me; I will respond to you.” Asking Allah directly, with no intermediary, is tawhid in motion.

Qur'an 40:60

★ Shirk — the one unforgiven

Allah forgives every lesser sin for whom He wills, but not associating others with Him by someone who dies on it.

Qur'an 4:48

★ Who needs whom

“You are those in need of Allah, while Allah is the Free of need.” Worship adds nothing to Him and everything to you.

Qur'an 35:15 • 51:57