

Tawheed Basics 11

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Three aspects of Tawheed of Allaah:

- a) Tawheed of Allaah's Ruboobeyyah – referring to His Oneness in terms of His Lordship e.g. He alone creates, provides sustenance, controls the universe etc.
- b) Tawheed of Allaah's Ulooheeyah - referring to His Oneness in terms of His Sole Right to have all worship directed to Him, and no one and nothing else.
- c) Tawheed of Allaah's Names and Attributes.

Some examples of Allaah's Names are ar Rahman (the Extremely Merciful) and ar Raheem (the One who bestows mercy).

Examples of the Attributes of Allaah include His Mercy, His Anger, His Face, His Two Hands, etc.

Many people, both Muslims and non Muslims have made errors in this aspect of Tawheed with profound consequences.

The Qur'aan mentions that this would happen and warns us to stay away from people who distort this aspect of Islamic belief.

The Qur'aan states:

And to Allaah belong the most beautiful Names, so call on Him by them and leave the company of those people who belie or deny His Names. They will be recompensed for what they used to do.

[Soorah al A'raaf (7) aayah 180]

Some Muslims believe that Allaah has only 99 Names but this is incorrect.

Islam teaches that there are Names of Allaah which are only known to Him, as occurs in the hadeeth (statement of Muhammad (peace and blessings be upon him) : **"I ask You by every Name that You have, that You named Yourself with, or that You revealed in Your Book, or that You taught one of Your Creation, or that You kept with Yourself as knowledge of the Unseen..."**