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# كشف الشبهات

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## Introduction

This book was written by Muhammad bin Abdil-Wahhab.

It was written as a refutation of those who were complaining against Kitab At-Tawhid.

Kitab At-Tawhid is a book written about توحيد الألوهية that Allah alone deserves to be worshipped.

When he wrote this book, many people spoke bad about it and brought doubts.

He was alive in a time that in the Arabian Peninsula people were doing Shirk, worshipping graves, slaughtering animals for other than Allah.

From the causes of the spread of Shirk was ignorance and deviant beliefs like the beliefs of the Ashā'irah and the Sufiyah which was supported by the Ottoman empire in its later stages.

Acts of Shirk were so prevalent that when Muhammad bin Abdil-Wahhab came and spoke about Tawhid, people thought it was as if he came with a new religion and a Dawah different to that of the Prophet ﷺ.

His Dawah was nothing but calling to Allah alone and to leave off worshipping other than Allah.

People bought doubts about Tawhid so this book was a refutation against that.

## Introduction of the Book



He begins his book with the Basmalah because of the سنة فعلية a Sunnah from the Prophet ﷺ's actions when the Prophet ﷺ wrote letters to kings and leaders calling them to Islam.

He then asks Allah for his mercy upon the one reading to show that the relationship of the teacher and student should be that of mercy.

Tawhīd has two meanings:

1. General - To single out Allah in his rights.

The rights of Allah are two types.

- المعرفة والإثبات Knowing Allah and affirming this.
- الطلب Seeking Allah alone.

All the 3 types of Tawhid come back to these types. توحيد الربوبية (Lordship) and توحيد الأسماء والصفات (Names and Attributes) comes back to knowing Allah. توحيد الألوهية.

(Tawhid of Worship) is worshipping Allah alone and from seeking Allah alone.

Some people say the categorisation of Tawhid like this is an innovation from Muhammad bin Abdil-Wahhab or Ibn Taymiyyah.

It did not come from them, rather it came from the Salaf, like Ibn Hibban, Ibn Jarir At-Tabari, Ibn Batta and others.

2. Specific - to single out Allah alone in worship.

Whenever Tawhid is mentioned in the Quran and Sunnah it comes with this meaning most of the time.

This is the Tawhid that all the prophets called to.

The people the prophets were sent to most of the time already believed in **توحيد الربوبية** (Lordship) and believed in Allah.

The point of discussion between the prophets and their people is regarding singling out Allah in worship not in believing in Allah.

Nuh (a) was the first messenger.

Between Adam (a) and Nuh (a) many generations were free of Shirk.

Shaytan said to the people to go the graves of righteous people so that it encourages them to worship Allah more.

Generations went past and Shaytan came again, he told them to build statues of the people.

Generations went past and the people said: These statues were only built for us to worship these people and they began worshipping idols.

The Prophet ﷺ is the one who destroyed the idols in Makkah. He would point his staff at the idols and it would fall.

وَقُلْ جَاءَ الْحَقُّ وَزَهَقَ الْبَاطِلُ إِنَّ الْبَاطِلَ كَانَ زَهُوقًا

*And say, "Truth has come, and falsehood has departed. Indeed is falsehood, [by nature], ever bound to depart." [17:81]*

The Prophet ﷺ was sent by Allah to a people who would worship Allah, they believed he was the creator, they would perform Hajj and Umrah, they would perform Ghusl from Janabah, they would pray and give charity.

At the time of the Shaykh people misunderstood Shirk and Tawhid, they thought the reason the polytheists of Makkah were disbelievers was because they did not believe in Allah.

Despite all the things the polytheists did, this did not enter them into Islam because they would take intermediaries besides Allah, they did not worship statues believing that it created them, they did so believing it would get them closer to Allah.

They believed that that which they worshipped besides Allah will intercede for them on the day of Judgement.

For example people worshipped angels, Isa (a) and other righteous beings.

So Allah sent Prophet Muhammad ﷺ to renew their religion, not with a new religion. The people used to follow the religion of Ibrahim (a) but they changed it to Shirk so the Prophet ﷺ was sent to renew it back to the way of Ibrahim (a).

مَا كَانَ إِبْرَاهِيمُ يَهُودِيًّا وَلَا نَصْرَانِيًّا وَلَكِنْ كَانَ حَنِيفًا مُسْلِمًا وَمَا كَانَ مِنَ الْمُشْرِكِينَ

*Abraham was neither a Jew nor a Christian, but he was one inclining toward truth, a Muslim [submitting to Allah]. And he was not of the polytheists. [3:67]*

Nothing should be given to other than Allah in worship neither to an angel or a prophet or a rock or tree. It is always Shirk.

The polytheists that the Prophet ﷺ fought against in battle would testify that Allah is the one who created them alone, they knew this, they would not associate partners regarding this. They didn't believe the idols also created them. They knew Allah alone provides and gives life and death and that no one controls all the affairs except Allah, they knew all the 7 heavens and the earths and everything in them is all under the control of Allah and under the servitude of Allah.

The evidences for this is:

قُلْ مَنْ يَرْزُقُكُمْ مِنَ السَّمَاءِ وَالْأَرْضِ أَمْ مَنْ يَمْلِكُ السَّمْعَ وَالْأَبْصَارَ وَمَنْ يُخْرِجُ الْحَيَّ مِنَ الْمَيِّتِ وَيُخْرِجُ الْمَيِّتَ مِنَ الْحَيِّ وَمَنْ يُدَبِّرُ الْأَمْرَ فَسَيَقُولُونَ اللَّهُ فَقُلْ أَفَلَا تَتَّقُونَ

*Say, "Who provides for you from the heaven and the earth? Or who controls hearing and sight and who brings the living out of the dead and brings the dead out of the living and who arranges [every] matter?" They will say, "Allah," so say, "Then will you not fear Him?" [10:31]*

سَيَقُولُونَ اللَّهُ قُلْ فَأَنَّى تُسْحَرُونَ

*They will say, "[All belongs] to Allah." Say, "Then how are you deluded?" [23:89]*

وَلَئِنْ سَأَلْتَهُمْ مَنْ خَلَقَهُمْ لَيَقُولُنَّ اللَّهُ فَأَنَّى يُؤْفَكُونَ

*And if you asked them who created them, they would surely say, "Allah." So how are they deluded? [43:87]*

If you now understand and realise that the polytheists actualised this concept and it alone did not enter them into Islam and the Tawhid which the Prophet ﷺ called to then you know the Tawhid they rejected was the Tawhid of worship.

إِنَّهُمْ كَانُوا إِذَا قِيلَ لَهُمْ لَا إِلَهَ إِلَّا اللَّهُ يَسْتَكْبِرُونَ

*Indeed they, when it was said to them, "There is no deity but Allah," were arrogant [37:35]*

La ilaha illah Allah means there is none worthy of worship besides Allah.

أَجْعَلُ الْآلِهَةَ إِلَهًا وَاحِدًا إِنَّ هَذَا لَشَيْءٌ عَجَابٌ

*Has he made the gods [only] one God? Indeed, this is a curious thing." [38:5]*

From the polytheists were those who worshipped angels because of their closeness to Allah or a righteous man like Lāat who Ibn Abbas says was a man who would make food for the pilgrims of Makkah with barley and butter.

أَفَرَأَيْتُمُ اللَّاتَ وَالْعُزَّىٰ

*So have you considered al-Lat and al-'Uzza? [53:19]*

When he died, the white rock which he would mix the food at, the people began worshipping it.

وَأَنَّ الْمَسَاجِدَ لِلَّهِ فَلَا تَدْعُوا مَعَ اللَّهِ أَحَدًا

*And [He revealed] that the masjids are for Allah, so do not invoke with Allah anyone. [72:18]*

This is the Dawah of the Prophet ﷺ.

لَهُ دَعْوَةُ الْحَقِّ وَالَّذِينَ يَدْعُونَ مِنْ دُونِهِ لَا يَسْتَجِيبُونَ لَهُمْ بِشَيْءٍ إِلَّا كَبَاسِطٍ كَفِيٍّ إِلَى الْمَاءِ لِيَبْلُغَ فَاهُ وَمَا هُوَ بِبَالِغِهِ وَمَا دُعَاءُ الْكَافِرِينَ إِلَّا فِي ضَلَالٍ

*To Him [alone] is the supplication of truth. And those they call upon besides Him do not respond to them with a thing,*

*except as one who stretches his hands toward water [from afar, calling it] to reach his mouth, but it will not reach it [thus]. And the supplication of the disbelievers is not but in error [i.e. futility]. [13:14]*

The verse says those they call upon, it does not say those they believe in.

The Prophet ﷺ fought the polytheists so that their worship is only for Allah, that their slaughter and oaths and seeking help is all for Allah.

The fact they worshipped other than Allah made it Halal for the Prophet ﷺ to fight them.

Worshipping Allah alone is the message of every prophet.

وَلَقَدْ بَعَثْنَا فِي كُلِّ أُمَّةٍ رَسُولًا أَنِ اعْبُدُوا اللَّهَ وَاجْتَنِبُوا الطَّاغُوتَ فَمِنْهُمْ مَن هَدَى اللَّهُ وَمِنْهُمْ مَن حَقَّتْ عَلَيْهِ الضَّلَالَةُ فَسِيرُوا فِي الْأَرْضِ فَانظُرُوا كَيْفَ كَانَ عَاقِبَةُ الْمُكذِّبِينَ

*And We certainly sent into every nation a messenger, [saying], "Worship Allah and avoid Taghut." And among them were those whom Allah guided, and among them were those upon whom error was [deservedly] decreed. So proceed through the earth and observe how was the end of the deniers. [16:36]*