

There is no god but Allah (لا اله الا الله) – Class #1

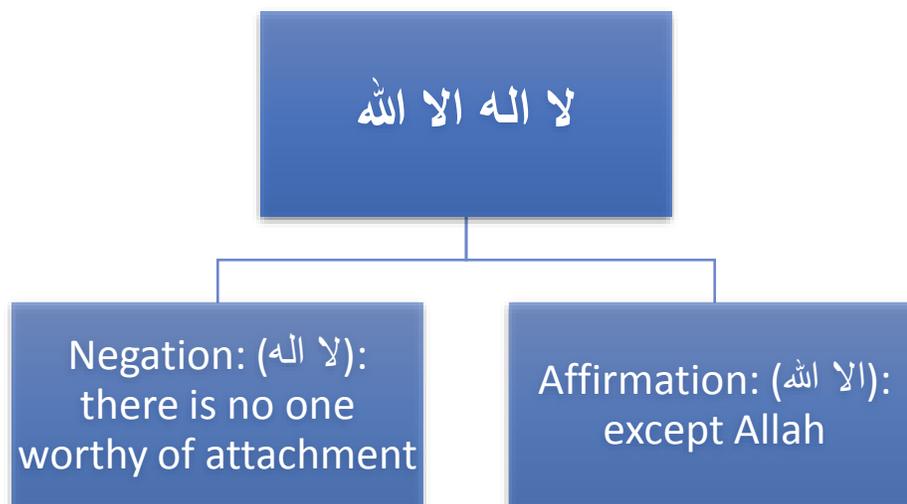
Introduction

- (لا اله الا الله) is the word of tawheed and it is the most essential to our faith. Where do we stand with (لا اله الا الله)?
- Allah (ﷻ) sent messengers for (لا اله الا الله). He brought down the books for (لا اله الا الله), and He created paradise and hellfire for (لا اله الا الله). The more a person has a share in (لا اله الا الله) the more he'll be valuable before Allah (ﷻ).
- Hadith: **ثُمَّ أَحَدَ بَنِي سَالِمٍ قَالَ عَدَا عَلَيَّ رَسُولُ اللَّهِ صَلَّى اللَّهُ عَلَيْهِ وَسَلَّمَ فَقَالَ " لَنْ يُؤَافِيَ عَبْدٌ يَوْمَ الْقِيَامَةِ يَقُولُ لَا إِلَهَ إِلَّا اللَّهُ. يَبْتَغِي بِهِ وَجْهَ (ﷻ) ."** (Narrated `Utban bin Malik Al-Ansari: who was one of the men of the tribe of Bani Salim: Allah's Messenger (ﷺ) came to me and said, "If anybody comes on the Day of Resurrection who has said: La ilaha illa-lah, sincerely, with the intention to win Allah's Pleasure, Allah will make the Hell-Fire forbidden for him.") - Sahih al-Bukhari 6423. Whoever says (لا اله الا الله) while seeking Allah's pleasure then the hellfire will be forbidden on him. It's simple to say but why do we fail in it? Because we're attaching to other than Allah (ﷻ).

Meaning of (لا اله الا الله)

It consists of two parts:

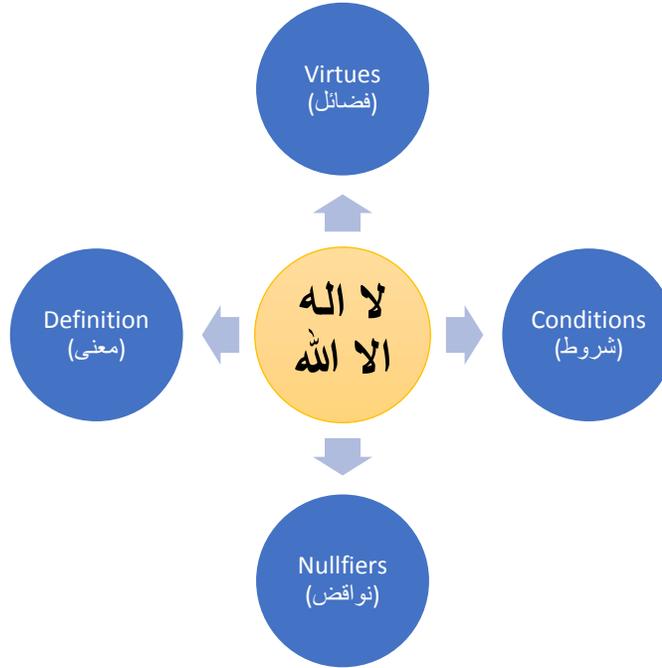
1. Negation: (لا اله): there is no one worthy of attachment
2. Affirmation: (الا الله): except Allah



- We cannot attach to Allah (ﷻ) while attaching to something else. We have to cut off all attachments first and then attach to Allah. Some people attach to Allah (ﷻ), but they don't negate other attachments; this is not complete. A person needs to negate first in order to affirm.
- Which part do people fail in? The negation (لا اله). Why do we attach to others? Because it's tangible and can be seen.
- A person needs to be 'cleansed' first and then he can be 'adorned' and 'perfumed'. If a person puts perfume while dirty then he's still dirty.
- The worst dirt and filth is to associate with Allah (ﷻ), to commit shirk. May Allah (ﷻ) protect us from shirk. Ameen.

General Overview

We really want to be able to share this valuable knowledge with others in a simplified and easy way, even if translating to our language.



Virtues (فضائل)

1. (لا اله الا الله) is the word of testimony (كلمة الشهادة).

- How does a person testify his faith? To say (لا اله الا الله). When a person enters Islam, he says (لا اله الا الله).

Surah Al Imran 18: (شَهِدَ اللَّهُ أَنَّهُ لَا إِلَهَ إِلَّا هُوَ وَالْمَلَائِكَةُ وَأُولُو الْعِلْمِ قَابِئًا بِأَلْفِ سِدْرٍ لَّا إِلَهَ إِلَّا هُوَ الْعَزِيزُ الْحَكِيمُ) (Allâh bears witness that Lâ ilâha illa Huwa (none has the right to be worshipped but He), and the angels, and those having knowledge (also give this witness); (He always) maintains His creation in Justice. Lâ ilâh illa Huwa (none has the right to be worshipped but He), the All-Mighty, the All-Wise.)

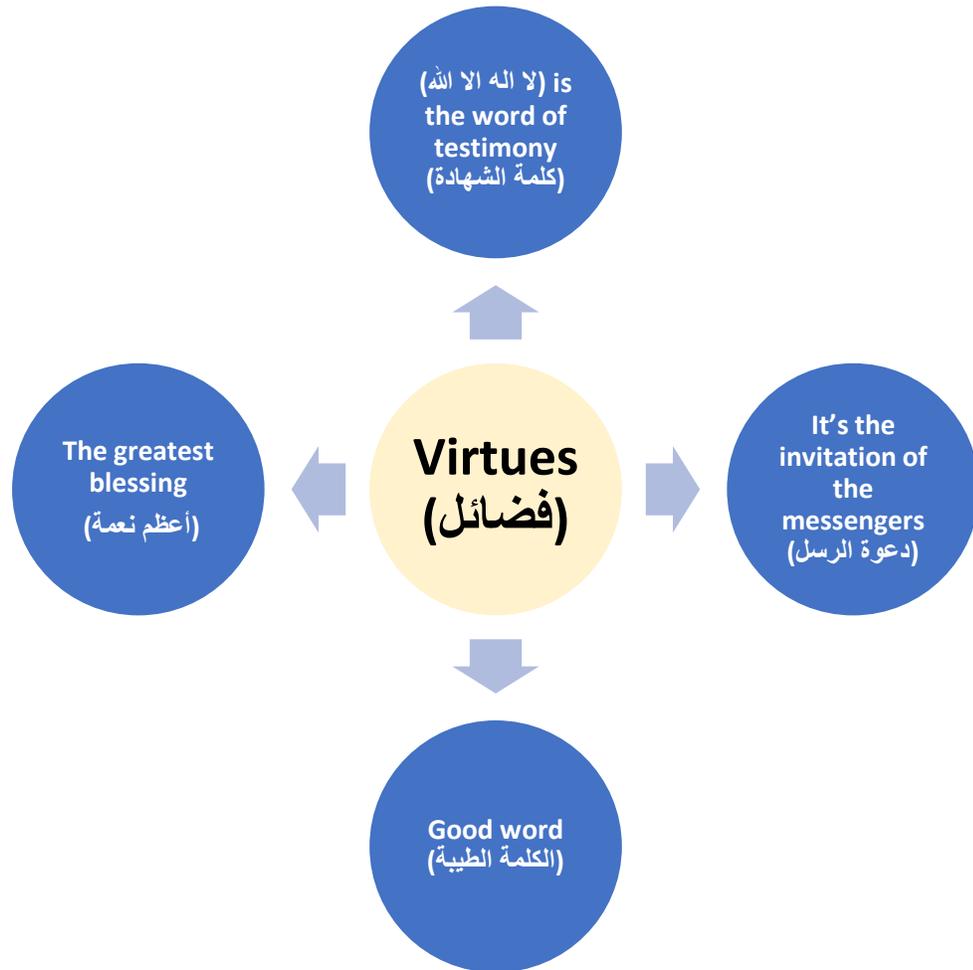
- Allah (ﷻ) has testified to (لا اله الا الله), the angels and the people if knowledge have testified to it. If Allah (ﷻ) is testifying to it and there's no one more truthful than Him, so how can we not testify? Subhan Allah.
- Allah (ﷻ) chose the easiest words and letters to say in order to enter Islam, it's not complicated.

2. It's the invitation of the messengers (دعوة الرسل)

- The messengers are inviting the people to attach to Allah (ﷻ). They are inviting them to (لا اله الا الله). The messengers never invited or told the people to worship them.

Surah Al Anbiya 25: (وَمَا أَرْسَلْنَا مِنْ قَبْلِكَ مِنْ رَسُولٍ إِلَّا نُوحِي إِلَيْهِ أَنَّهُ لَا إِلَهَ إِلَّا أَنَا فَاعْبُدُونِ) (And We did not send any Messenger before you (O Muhammad ﷺ but We revealed to him (saying): Lâ ilâha illa Ana [none has the right to be worshipped but I (Allâh)], so worship Me (Alone and none else).")

- Sometimes we might say, 'I don't feel (لا اله الا الله)'. But with time if a person is always saying it then it goes to the heart because there's a connection between the tongue and heart. The Prophet (ﷺ) said the best dhikr is (لا اله الا الله).
- The word (لا اله الا الله) is like a good tree which is the date-palm tree. It's firmly rooted and its branches are in the sky. This means any other words are below this. When a person says (لا اله الا الله), it immediately goes up. May Allah (ﷻ) help us to say it. Ameen.
- The fruits of the trees will come by the permission of Allah (ﷻ), and this can be the good manners or the results which are both in the duniya and akhira. This shows not everyone gets the fruits because it's only by Allah's permission.



May Allah (ﷻ) make us apply, live, die and resurrect upon (لا اله الا الله). Ameen.