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QUESTION: What are the important beliefs that make a person Muslim?¹

ANSWER:

The fundamental belief that lies at the heart of Islam is - the belief that there is only one god that is worthy of worship. In Arabic, the one true god who deserves to be worshipped is called Allaah.

This belief in Arabic is called 'Tawheed' – which literally means making something one.

This of course refers to Allaah being one, and His not being many different gods.

Muslims also have a number of other beliefs – for example, they believe in Prophets, Angels, the various Books revealed to certain Prophets, that there is going to be a Day of Judgement after we die, and the fact that Allaah has pre-decreed what is going to happen.

These beliefs are referred to as 'Aqeedah' - an Arabic word which means 'the beliefs which a person holds as his religion'.

¹ Refer to 'Aqeedah ut Tawheed p8 of Shaykh Saalih al Fawzaan for more information