

## Tawheed Basics 3

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There are many reasons why people make mistakes in what they believe, among them being:

Lack of knowledge

Ta'assub (sticking to a particular belief, in the face of overwhelming evidence showing they are wrong)

Taqleed (blindly and unquestioningly following someone else)

Ghuloo (going to extremes in certain matters)

The idea that Allaah alone is the Creator, and Controller of everything in the Universe, that He alone provides sustenance and provision for the Creation – this idea is called Tawheed ur Ruboobeeyyah (the Oneness in matters of Lordship).

This is a concept which humans instinctively know is correct, but sometimes only accept when they are in desperate difficulties or about to die.

Muslims believe it does not make any sense that the entire Universe created itself, without Anyone creating it.

Islam teaches though that affirming Tawheed ur Ruboobeeyyah alone is not enough to make a person a Muslim.

The person also has to affirm that this One Creator is also the only Being who deserves to be worshipped as well.

This idea is called Tawheed ul Uloohiyyah (the Oneness of Allaah in matter of Worship).

It is possible – indeed common – to find people who affirm Tawheed ur Ruboobeeyyah but then worship something other than Allaah, whether it be worshipping Jesus, Buddha, Fire, statues, dead people etc.

This worship can take many forms, amongst which calling upon the being to answer a need is the most common.

Islam teaches that all worship should be directed to Allaah alone, and to direct it to anyone or anything else is 'shirk' – the greatest sin.