

TAWHID & SHAHADA

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When you hear the word 'God' what do you think?

## AIMS

- ❖ Understand the key belief of Tawhid (Oneness) of God
- ❖ How Tawhid links to the 1st Pillar of Islam, Shahada (Pledge/Declaration of Faith)



**Bronze:** Understand the meaning of the Shahada (declaration of faith)



**Silver:** Explain how Muslims practise the Oneness of God (Tawhid)



**Gold:** Evaluate how the Oneness of God impacts a Muslim's daily life (practical application)

## KEY VOCABULARY

- ❑ Allah                      The name of God for Muslims
- ❑ Tawhid                     Oneness of God
- ❑ Shahada                  Declaration of faith
- ❑ Islam                        Monotheistic religion followed by Muslims
- ❑ Muslim                     Follower of Islam
- ❑ Shirk                        Sin of associating partners with Allah

# Tawhid

# Oneness Of God

Tawhid is the Islamic belief in the Oneness of Allah. Muslims believe that Allah is 'One' with no partner.



# TAWHID IN THE HOLY QUR'AN

Part 30 - ٣٠ - عَمَّ

Chapter 112 - ١١٢ - الْاِخْلَاصُ



## AL-IKHLĀS

(Revealed before Hijrah)

1. In the name of Allāh, the Gracious, the Merciful.
2. Say, 'He is Allāh, the One;
3. 'Allāh, the Independent and Besought of all.
4. 'He begets not, nor is He begotten;
5. 'And there is none like unto Him.'

بِسْمِ اللَّهِ الرَّحْمَنِ الرَّحِيمِ ①

قُلْ هُوَ اللَّهُ أَحَدٌ ②

اللَّهُ الصَّمَدُ ③

لَمْ يَلِدْهُ وَلَمْ يُولَدْ ④

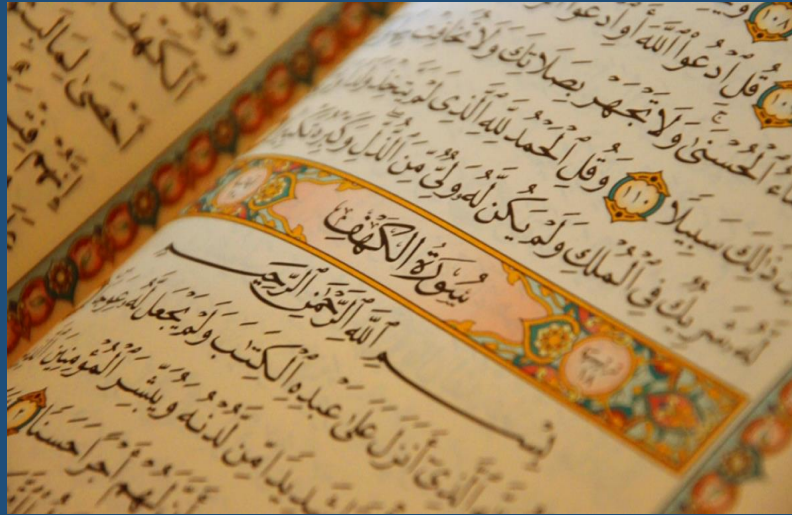
وَلَمْ يَكُنْ لَهُ كُفُوًا أَحَدٌ ⑤

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CLICK ON THE LINK BELOW TO LISTEN TO THE RECITATION OF SURAH AL-IKHLAS FROM THE HOLY QURAN:

<https://www.alislam.org/quran/app/112>

# What Are Some Ways Muslims Remember And Practise The Belief That Allah Is One? (Tawhid)



Recitation of the Holy Qur'an

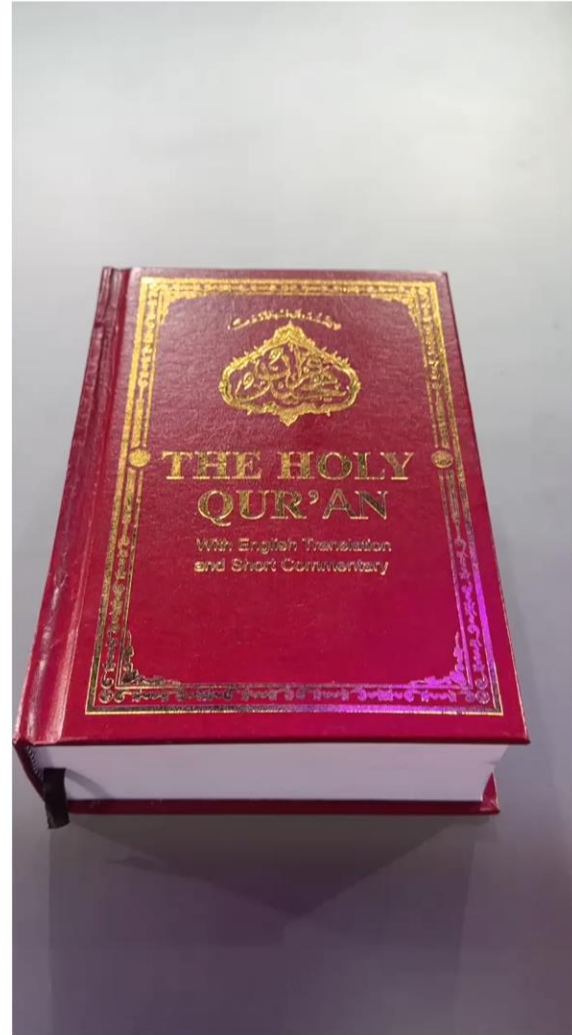


Attributes of Allah



Adhan (call to prayer)

# RECITATION OF THE HOLY QUR'AN



Muslims recite the Holy Qur'an in Arabic to remind them that Allah is the Supreme Being and Originator. Study of the meaning of the text (translation and commentary in their native language) is also common. The Holy Qur'an has been translated into over 70 languages. This includes Japanese, Greek, Russian, Korean and Swedish.



# ADHAN – CALL TO PRAYER



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listen to the  
[https://www.  
alislam.org/a  
dhan](https://www.alislam.org/adhan)

## Translation from Arabic:

Allah is the Greatest. (Recited 4x)

I bear witness that there is none worthy of worship except Allah.  
(Recited 2x)

I bear witness that Muhammad is the Messenger of Allah.  
(Recited 2x)

Come to Prayer. (Recited 2x)

Come to success. (Recited 2x)

Allah is the Greatest. (Recited 2x)

There is none worthy of worship except Allah.

On the new arrival of a baby, it was a tradition (Sunnah) of the Prophet Muhammad<sup>pbuh</sup> to recite the Adhan (call to prayer) in the baby's right ear. This rite of passage reminds the parents that the child is a gift from Allah and reminds Muslims of Tawhid (Oneness of God).

# ATTRIBUTES OF ALLAH

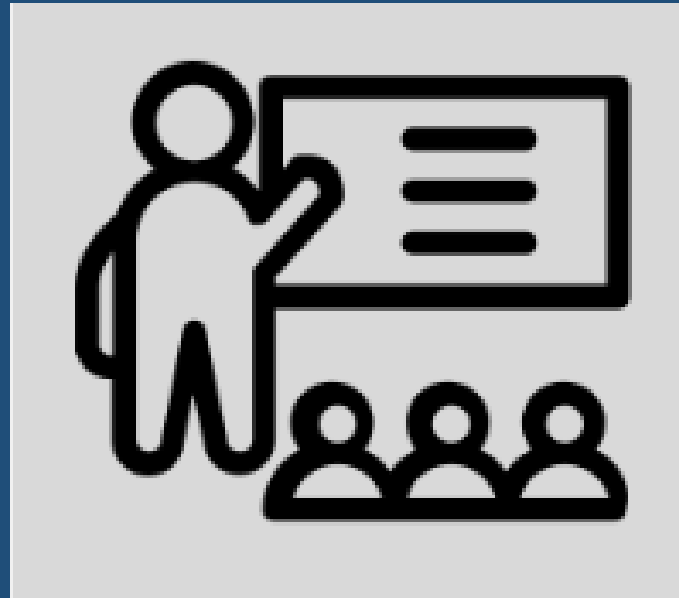
There are no images in the Mosque to distract from the worship of One God.



This is Mubarak Mosque in Tiford, UK. It has the Attributes of Allah on the ceiling using the art of Islamic calligraphy.

# TASK

Create a one minute presentation about *Allah and Tawhid*.



# SHAHADA - A DECLARATION OF FAITH



**Transliteration: La ilaha illalaho Muhammadur-Rasool-ullah.**

**Translation: There is no God but Allah, Muhammad<sup>pbuh</sup> is His Messenger.**

## WHY IS THE SHAHADA IMPORTANT FOR MUSLIMS?



- ❖ It is the 1<sup>st</sup> Pillar of Islam. The belief in Oneness of Allah comes before all other beliefs.
- ❖ It a declaration of faith/belief which includes the Tawhid: “There is no God but Allah and Muhammad<sup>pbuh</sup> is His messenger .
- ❖ If someone converts to Islam, they must recite the Shahada as a declaration of their faith.
- ❖ The Shahada reminds Muslims of the important commitment they have made to Allah and helps them to honour it.

# WHY IS THE SHAHADA IMPORTANT FOR MUSLIMS?



“There is no God (*Ilaha*) but Allah”. The term used for God (*Ilah*) refers to any deity, but also alludes to an object of worship and centre of one’s devotion and love. Therefore, these words profess not only belief in Allah, but take Him as the object of the deepest love and devotion.

*Allah* is the personal name of God. It is a pre-Islamic Arabic term that was used exclusively by the Arabs for God Almighty, whom they identified as the Creator God and God of Abraham. The Arabs were historically idolaters, yet such was their reverence for the term Allah that they never used it for any idol or person. The term was later adopted by the Qur’an and formalised as the personal name of God, representative of His many other attributes.

The term *Allah* determines how a Muslim is to identify God. Various religions affirm belief in God but offer widely different ideas as to His nature and our interaction with Him. For example, Jews believe in Yahweh, who is primarily the God of Israel, His chosen people. Christians generally believe that God exists as a Trinity. In the declaration of faith, a person who wishes to become a Muslim affirms that their personal view of God will be none other than what is encapsulated in the term “Allah” – A God Who is the perfect and beyond any weakness, singular in being and indivisible.



## TASK

Read the extract.

Highlight the words & phrases that explain the concept of the Shahada.

**CAN YOU DO THE 30  
SECOND CHALLENGE?**

No interruptions  
No hesitation  
No repetition

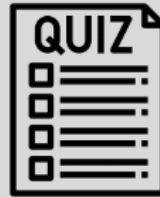


Come to the front of the room and describe one of your best friends/family member/teacher - someone you know well.

**EXPLAIN WHAT MAKES THEM SPECIAL.**

This demonstrates why Muslims learn about Allah's qualities/attributes: in order to gain a better understanding of God.

# TEST YOUR KNOWLEDGE



<https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLScsHwCLVV07Q7WOSp-m7i-3GsnfNvciRpoZ5hv2GRV1uJqgQQ/viewform>