The Beneficial Statement Concerning the Evidence for Tawheed

[al-Qawlul-Mufeed fee A dillatit-Tawheed]

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Said the Imaam of Yemen, the Destroyer of Innovation, Aboo 'Abdur-Rahmaan Muqbil Ibn Haadee al-Waaidi'ee (d.1422H) - rahimahullaah, “So indeed I reviewed the treatise of our noble brother, Abee Ibraaheem Muhammad Ibn 'Abdul-Wahhaab al-Wassaabee called, al-Qawlul-Mufeed fee A dillatit-Tawheed. And after reviewing it, I praised Allaah the Glorified for finding someone from amongst our Yemeni Scholars, one who would carry out what Allaah had obligated upon him with respect to spreading Tawheed in our Yemeni society...” al-Qawlul-Mufeed (p. 13). And Shaykh Muqbil said about the author of this book, “As for Aboo Ibraaheem, then he is Shaykh Muhammad Ibn 'Abdul-Wahhaab al-Wassaabee al-'Abdilee. He has established learning (ta'leem) and the call to Allaah and writing.” Al-Qawlul-Mufeed (p. 14).

Part One

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THE MEANING OF LA'A ILAHAH ILLALLAHAH:

That is to say, there is no true deity besides Allaah. And if anything other than Allaah is worshipped, then this is false. Allaah the Exalted said,

"That is because Allaah is the Truth, and anything called upon besides Him is false. And Allaah is the Exalted, the Most Great." [Sooratul-Hajj 22:62] [Soorah Luqmaan 31:30]

And Allaah the Exalted said,

"So know that there is no deity worthy of worship besides Allaah..." [Soorah Muhammad 47:19]
CONDITIONS OF LAA IlaahAllAA Ilaah:

THE FIRST CONDITION: KNOWLEDGE WITH THE MEANING OF AFFIRMATION AND NEGATION, NEGATING IGNORANCE: Allaah the Exalted said,

“So know that there is no deity worthy of worship besides Allaah...” [Sooorah Muhammad 47:19]

And from ʿUthmaan Ibn ʿAffaan (radiyallaahu ‘anhu), who said, ‘The Messenger of Allaah (sallallaahu ‘alayhi wa sallam) said, ‘Whoever dies whilst he knows that there is no deity worthy of worship besides Allaah enters Paradise.”¹

THE SECOND CONDITION: CERTAINTY THAT NEGATES DOUBT: That is so that its speaker is sure of its meaning of this word with full certainty (yaqeenan jaaziman). So faith (eemaan) is not sufficient for it, except with certain knowledge, not suspected knowledge. So what about when doubt enters into it? Allaah the Exalted said,

“Indeed, the Believers are those who believe in Allaah and His Messenger. And they do not doubt afterward. And they strive with their wealth and their selves in the Path of Allaah. These are the truthful.” [Sooaratul-Hujuraat 49:15]

So He made a condition for the truthfulness of their eemaan (faith) in Allaah and His Messenger that they do not doubt (yartaaboo). That is to say that they do not have uncertainty. So as for the one who doubts, then he is from amongst the hypocrites, and refuge is sought with Allaah. They are those about whom Allaah the Exalted has said,

“It is only those who do not believe in Allaah and the Last Day and whose hearts are in doubt that ask you for permission. So they wander about in their doubt.” [Sooaratut-Tawbah 9:45]

And from Abee Hurayrah (radiyallaahu ‘anhu) who said, ‘The Messenger of Allaah (sallallaahu ‘alayhi wa sallam) said, ‘Whomever you meet behind this wall testifying that there is no deity worthy of worship besides Allaah, being certain about it in his heart, then give him glad tidings of Paradise.”²

So he made a condition for one entering Paradise that he must have certainty in his heart concerning it, free from doubt in it. So if the condition is denied, then the thing bound by it must be denied.

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¹ Related by Muslim (no. 26)
² Related by Muslim (no. 31)
THE THIRD CONDITION: ACCEPTANCE OF WHAT IS DESIRED BY THIS WORD FROM THE HEART AND TONGUE, NEGATING REJECTION: Allaah the Exalted said,

“And when it is said to them that there is no deity worthy of worship besides Allaah, they display pride. And they said: Are we to abandon our gods for the sake of a mad poet?” [Sooratul-Saaffaat 37:35-36]

And from Abee Moosaa al-Ash’aree (radiyallaahu ‘anhu) who said, ‘The Messenger of Allaah (sallallaahu ‘alayhi wa sallam) said, ‘That is like one who understood the Religion of Allaah and was benefited by what I was sent with from guidance and knowledge. So he learned and taught. And the likeness of one who did not raise his head due to that and did not accept the guidance of Allaah which I was sent with…”

THE FOURTH CONDITION: SUBMISSION AND SURRENDER WHICH DEMONSTRATES A NEGATION OF ABANDONMENT: Allaah the Exalted said,

“And whomever surrenders his face to Allaah, and he is from amongst the good doers (muhsin), then he has indeed grasped the most trustworthy handhold.” [Sooarah Luqmaan 22]

And the meaning of ‘surrenders his face’ is submission. And ‘muhsin’ means muwahhid (affirmer of Tawheed). And ‘the most trustworthy handhold’ is the statement that there is no deity worthy of worship besides Allaah. And Allaah the Exalted said,

“And turn in repentance and obedience to your Lord before a punishment comes to you. Then you will not be helped.” [Soooratul-Zumar 39:54]

That is to say, turn back towards your Lord and submit to Him.

And it is related in marfoo’ form from ‘Abdullaah Ibn ‘Amr that he said, “No one from amongst you has believed, until his desire is in compliance with what I have come with.”

Said an-Nawawee in al-Arba’een (no. 41), ‘An authentic (saheeh) hadeeth. We have related it in Kitaabul-Hujjah in a saheeh isnaad. And it was authenticated by Shaykh Haafidh al-Hakamee in his book M a’aariful-Qubool (2/422), and Ibn Katheer used it as a proof in his tafseer of,

“And it is not for a believing man or a believing woman, that when Allaah and His Messenger have judged in an affair, that there be any choice for them in that affair.” [Soooratul-Ahzaab 33:36]

3 Related by al-Bukhaaree (no. 79) and Muslim (no. 2282)
And Shaykh Muhammad Ibn ‘Abdul-Wahhaab at-Tameemee (d. 1206H) – rahimahullaah – used it as a proof. Refer to al-Waabiaatul-Mutahimaat li Ma’rifatul-Umooril-Muhimmaat (p. 7).

And in its isnaad is Nu’aym Ibn Hammaad al-Khuza’ee, and some people declared him weak, whilst others considered him reliable. And he is hasan (acceptable) in hadeeth if there is not in it that for which he was opposed. And Ibn ‘Adiyy mentioned that for which he was opposed in al-Kaamil (7/2485), yet he did not mention this. And he said in the end of the biography, “And I believe that the rest of his hadeeth are confirmed.” And Ibn Hajr said in at-Tahdheeb (10/463), “Indeed, it has already preceded that Ibn ‘Adiyy followed up that which he was weak in, so this is the decisive statement concerning him. And he said in at-Taqreeb, “Indeed, Ibn ‘Adiyy followed up that which he was mistaken in, and he said that the rest of his hadeeth are confirmed.” So this is confirmed according to Ibn ‘Adiyy. And I say, I am with him in this.

**THE FIFTH CONDITION: TRUTHFULNESS, NEGATING DENIAL:**

And it is to utter this statement affirming it truthfully in one’s heart. So if he were to utter it with his tongue, yet he does not affirm it truthfully in his heart, then he is a hypocrite in denial. Allaah the Exalted said,

“Allif, Laam, Meem. Do people think that they will be left alone because they say, “We believe,” and will not be tested. And indeed, We tested those who were before them. Indeed, Allaah will make known those who are truthful. And indeed, He will make known those who lie.” [Sooaratu’l-’Ankaboot 29:1-3]

And Allaah the Exalted said,

“And from amongst the people are those who say, ‘We believe in Allaah and the Last Day,’ yet they are not believers. They think they have deceived Allaah and those who believe, yet they only deceive themselves without realizing. There is a disease in their hearts and Allaah has increased their disease. They shall receive a painful punishment because they used to tell lies.” [Sooaratu’l-Baqarah 2:8-10]

And from Anas (radyallaahu ‘anhu) who said, ‘The Messenger of Allaah (sallallaahu ‘alayhi wa sallam) said, ‘There is no one who testifies that there is no deity worthy of worship besides Allaah and that Muhammad is the Messenger of Allaah truthfully from his heart, except that Allaah has made the Fire unlawful for him.’”

**THE SIXTH CONDITION: SINCERITY, NEGATING SHIRK, HYPOCRISY, RIYAA’, ANS SUM’AH (striving for reputation):**

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4 Related by al-Bukhaaree (no. 128) and the wording is from him, and Muslim (no. 32).
And al-Ikhlaas (sincerity) is purifying the deed with a righteous intention from all of the blends of Shirk. Allaah the Exalted said,

“So worship Allaah, making the Religion sincerely for Him.” [Sooratuz-Zumar 39:2]

And Allaah the Exalted said,

“And they were not commanded, except to worship Allaah, making the Religion sincerely for Him...” [Sooratul-Bayyinah 98:2]

And from Abee Hurayrah (radiyallaahu ‘anhu) said, ‘The Messenger of Allaah (sallallaahu ‘alayhi wa sallam) said, ‘Whomever from amongst the people says that there is no deity worthy of worship besides Allaah sincerely from his heart, he will be aided by my intercession.’”

And from ‘Utbaan Ibn Maalik (radiyallaahu ‘anhu) who said, ‘The Messenger of Allaah (sallallaahu ‘alayhi wa sallam) said, ‘Allaah has forbidden the Fire from the one who says that there is no deity worthy of worship besides Allaah, seeking thereby the Face of Allaah.”

THE SEVENTH CONDITION: LOVE:

This includes love for this great and blessed word and what is required by it and what it proves. And it is upon the people to work for it and to adhere to its conditions, and to hate whatever negates it. Allaah the Exalted said,

“And there are from amongst the people those who take others besides Allaah to be called upon, loving them as they should love Allaah, and those who believe love Allaah more.” [Sooratul-Baqarah 2:165]

And Allaah the Exalted said,

“O you who believe! Whomever from amongst you turns back from his Religion, then Allaah will bring a people whom He will love and they will love Him.” [Sooratul-Maa’idah 5:54]

And from Anas Ibn Maalik (radiyallaahu ‘anhu) who said, ‘The Messenger of Allaah (sallallaahu ‘alayhi wa sallam), ‘If three qualities are found in a person, then he has tasted the sweetness of eemaan, that Allaah and His Messenger is more beloved to him than anyone else, and that a person does not love, except for Allaah, and he does not hate,

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5 Related by al-Bukhaaree (no. 99)
6 Related by al-Bukhaaree (no. 415) and Muslim (no. 263)
except for Allaah, and he hates to return to disbelief after Allaah has saved him from it, just as he hates to be thrown into the Fire.”

So the people of Laa ilaahah illallaah love Allaah with a sincere love, and the people of Shirk love Allaah and they love others besides Him as well, and this negates a prerequisite for Laa ilaahah illallaah.

THE EIGHTH CONDITION: DISBELIEF IN THE TAWAAGHEET:

So tawaagheet are things that are worshipped besides Allaah, yet Allaah is the Lord, Creator and the True object of worship.

Allaah the Exalted said,

"Indeed, the correct path is clear from the wrong path. So whomever disbelieves in the taaghoot and believes in Allaah, then he has grasped the most trustworthy handhold, that will never break. And Allaah is all-Hearing and all-Knowing.” [Sooratul-Baqarah 2:256]

And from Taariq Ibn Asheem (radiyallaahu ‘anhu) who said, ‘I heard the Messenger of Allaah (sallallaahu ‘alayhi wa sallam) say, ‘W hoever says that there is no deity worthy of worship besides Allaah, and he disbelieves in whatever is worshipped besides Allaah, then Allaah has made his blood and wealth unlawful. And his reckoning is with Allaah.”

I say that the statement that there is no deity worthy of worship besides Allaah combines between negation and affirmation. So ‘Laa ilaahah’ is a negation of everything that is worshipped besides Allaah. And ‘illallaah’ is an affirmation of worshipping Allaah alone without any associate.

Indeed, these eight conditions were gathered up in the following lines of poetry,

‘Knowledge, certainty and sincerity and your truthfulness with; Love and submission and acceptance of it; And the eighth added to them is your disbelief in; Anything besides the True Deity.’


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7 Related by al-Bukhaaree (no. 16) and Muslim (no. 43).
8 Related by Muslim (no. 23) and Ahmad (4/ 372)
So the requirements of Laa ilaahah illallaah are: to abandon the worship of everything besides Allaah from all of the things that are worshipped. The evidence for this is the negation in our statement, ‘Laa ilaahah.’ And worship of Allaah alone without any associate. The evidence for affirmation of this is our statement, ‘illallaah.’

Allaah the Exalted said,

“And Allaah has decreed that you do not worship anyone besides Him.” [Soomatul-Israa’ 17:23]

And Allaah the Exalted said,

“And worship Allaah and do not associate anyone along with Him.” [Soomatun-Nisaa’ 4:36]
THE MEANING OF THE TESTIFICATION - MUHAMMAD RASOOLULLAAH:

That is to say, there is no one worthy of being followed, except for the Messenger of Allaah (sallallaahu 'alayhi wa sallam). And if anyone other than the Messenger of Allaah (sallallaahu 'alayhi wa sallam) is followed, then he is being followed in falsehood. Allaah the Exalted said,

“Follow that which has been revealed to you from your Lord, and do not follow others besides Him. Little is it that you remember.” [Sooratul-‘raaf 7:3]

And Allaah the Exalted said,

“So no! By your Lord, they have not believed until they make you a judge in whatever disputes they have amongst them, then they must not show any hesitation towards what you have ruled, and they must submit to it fully.” [Sooratun-Nisaa’ 4:65]

And Allaah the Exalted said,

“And it is not for a believing man or woman, that when Allaah and His Messenger has judged in an affair, that they have any choice in that affair. And whoever disobeys Allaah and His Messenger, then he has clearly strayed.” [Sooratul-Ahzaab 33:36]
CONDITIONS FOR THE TESTIFICATION THAT MUHAMMAD IS THE MESSENGER OF ALLAAH:

THE FIRST CONDITION: Affirming his message and believing in it inwardly within the heart.

THE SECOND CONDITION: Uttering that testification and affirming it outwardly upon the tongue. The evidence for these two conditions is the statement of Allaah the Exalted,

“Indeed, the Believers are those who believe in Allaah and His Messenger, then they do not doubt.” [Sooratul-Hujuraat 49:15]

And Allaah the Exalted said,

“These are the aayaat of Allaah that we recite to you in truth, and you from amongst the Messengers.” [Sooratul-Baqarah 2:252]

THE THIRD CONDITION: Following him (sallallaahu ‘alayhi wa sallam) by acting upon whatever he has come with from the truth and abandoning whatever he has prohibited from falsehood. Allaah the Exalted said,

“Say: If you truly love Allaah, then follow me. Allaah will love you and forgive you of your sins. And Allaah is Oft-Forgiving, the Bestower of Mercy.” [Soorah Aali’Imraan 3:31]

And Allaah the Exalted said,

“And My mercy encompasses everything, so I shall write it for those who have taqwaa (fear, reverence), and those who pay the zakaat (alms), and those who believe in our aayaat. They are those who follow the Messenger, the unlettered Prophet.” [Sooratul-A’raaf 7:156-157]

And Allaah the Exalted said,

“So believe in Allaah and His Messenger, the unlettered Prophet who believes in Allaah and His statements. And follow him so that you may be guided.” [Sooratul-A’raaf 7:158]

THE FOURTH CONDITION: Attesting to whatever he (sallallaahu ‘alayhi wa sallam) has informed of from enjoining the good and prohibiting the evil and the unseen affairs of the past and in the future and other than that. Allaah the Exalted said,

“So whatever the Messenger has given you, then take it. And whatever he has prohibited you from, then avoid it.” [Sooratul-Hashr 59:7]
From Abee Sa’eed al-Khudree (radiyallaahu ‘anhu) who said, ‘The Messenger of Allaah (sallallaahu ‘alayhi wa sallam) said, ‘Will you not trust me, whilst I am trusted by He who is above the heavens? News comes to me from the heavens in the morning and the evening.’”

The Fifth Condition: Love for him (sallallaahu ‘alayhi wa sallam) must be more intense than love for oneself, his wealth, father, son and all of the people. From Anas Ibn Maalik (radiyallaahu ‘anhu) who said, ‘The Prophet (sallallaahu ‘alayhi wa sallam) said, ‘No one from amongst you has truly believed until I am more beloved to him than his father, his son and all of the people.”

From Abee Hurayrah (radiyallaahu ‘anhu), that the Messenger of Allaah (sallallaahu ‘alayhi wa sallam) said, “So by the One in Whose Hand my soul is, no one from amongst you has truly believed, until I am more beloved to him than his father and son.”

From ‘Abdullaah Ibn Hishaam (radiyallaahu ‘anhu) who said, ‘We were with the Prophet (sallallaahu ‘alayhi wa sallam) when he took ‘Umar Ibnul-Khattaab by the hand. So ‘Umar said, “O Messenger of Allaah! By Allaah, you are more beloved to me than everything except for my self.” So the Prophet (sallallaahu ‘alayhi wa sallam) said, “No, by the One in Whose Hand and by soul is, not until I am more beloved to you than your own self.” So ‘Umar said to him, “So now, by Allaah, you are more beloved to me than my own self.” So the Prophet (sallallaahu ‘alayhi wa sallam) said, ‘Now, O ‘Umar.”

The Sixth Condition: Putting his (sallallaahu ‘alayhi wa sallam) statement over the rest of the people, regardless of whomever they might be, and to act upon his (sallallaahu ‘alayhi wa sallam) Sunnah. Allaah the Exalted said,

“O you who believe! Do not put yourselves forward in front of Allaah and His Messenger. And fear Allaah, since Allaah is All-Hearing, All-Knowing.” [Sooratul-Hujuraat 49:1]

The Seventh Condition: To magnify, honour, respect, exalt and revere him (sallallaahu ‘alayhi wa sallam). And to magnify, honour, respect, exalt and revere what he came with from Allaah, and that is the Book and the purified Sunnah. And that cannot occur, except by acting upon the two of them and loving them more than one loves himself. Allaah the Exalted said,

“Indeed, We have sent you as a witnees and a bringer of glad tidings and a warner, so that they may believe in Allaah and His Messenger and exalt (ta’zeer) him and respect (tawqeer) him.” [Sooratul-Fath 48:8-9]

The Meaning of Ta’zeer and Tawqeer: The statement of Allaah, “wa tu’azziroohu,” Ibn ‘Abbaas (radiyallaahu ‘anhumaa) said that it means exaltation. And the

9 Related by al-Bukhaaree (no. 4094) and Muslim (no. 1064)
10 Related by al-Bukhaaree (no. 15) and Muslim (no. 44)
11 Related by al-Bukhaaree (no. 14)
12 Related by al-Bukhaaree (no. 6257)
statement of Allaah, “wa tuwaqqiroohu,” from tawqeer, and it is respect, reverence and honour, as is found in explanation of this aayah by Ibn Katheer.

**REQUIREMENTS OF THE TESTIFICATION THAT MUHAMMAD IS THE MESSENGER OF ALLAAH:**

They are to obey him in what he commands, and to attest to what he informs of, and to leave off whatever he prohibits, and that Allaah is not be worshipped, except by what has reached us from the Messenger of Allaah (sallallaahu ‘alayhi wa sallam). And his statement is put forth over the statement of everyone else, regardless of whomever they might be. For further information concerning the conditions of the testification that Muhammad is the Messenger of Allaah and the requirements of the shahaadatayn, refer to Kitaabut-Tawheed (p. 50) of Shaykh Saalih Ibn Fawzaan al-Fawzaan.
WHERE IS ALLAAH?

Allaah the Exalted said,

"The Most Merciful ascended above the Throne." [Soorah Taa Haa 20:5]

And Allaah the Exalted said,

"Then He ascended above the Throne."

This occurs in six places within the Qur'aan,

[1]: Sooratul-A’raaf [7:54]
[2]: Soorah Yoonus [10:3]
[3]: Sooratur-Ra’d [13:2]
[4]: Sooratul-Furqaan [25:59]
[5]: Sooratus-Sajdah [32:4]
[6]: Sooratul-Hadeed [57:4]

And Allaah the Exalted said,

"And He is the Irresistable, over His servants." [Sooratul-An’aam 6:18, 61]

And Allaah the Exalted said,

"They fear their Lord from above them and they do what they are commanded." [Sooartun-Nahl 16:50]

And Allaah the Exalted said,

"To Him ascend good works and the righteous deeds exalt it." [Soorah Faatir 35:10]

From Abee Hurayrah (radiyallaahu ‘anhu) who said, 'The Messenger of Allaah (sallallaahu ‘alayhi wa sallam) said, 'When Allaah created the creation, He wrote in His Book which was with Him above the Throne, “My mercy has overcome my wrath.”'13

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13 Related by al-Bukhaaree (no. 3022, 6969, 6986) and Muslim (3/2107)
From Mu‘aawiyah Ibnul-Hakam as-Sulamee (radiyallaahu ‘anhu) who said, ‘I used to have sheep between (the mountains of) Uhud and al-Juwaaniyah. So I used to have a slave-girl there, so I went to check on her one day. So when I arrived, I found that a wolf had eaten the sheep. And I, regretfully, am a man from the sons of Aadam, so I slapped her. So I came to the Messenger of Allaah (sallallaahu ‘alayhi wa sallam), then I mentioned that to him. So I held that as a grave matter from me, so I said, ‘O Messenger of Allaah, should I not free her?’ He said, ‘Call her.’ So I called her, then he said to her, ‘Where is Allaah?’ She said, ‘Above the sky.’ He said, ‘Who am I?’ She said, ‘[You are] the Messenger of Allaah.’ He said, ‘Free her, for verily she is a believer.”

From Abee Sa‘eed al-Khudree (radiyallaahu ‘anhu) who said, The Messenger of Allaah (sallallaahu ‘alayhi wa sallam) said, ‘Will you not trust me, whilst I am trusted by He who is above the heavens? News comes to me from the heavens in the morning and the evening.”

I say that the ayaat and ahaadeeth concerning this topic are very many, to the extent that Ibn Abil-‘Izz said in Sharhul-Aqeedatit-Tahaawiyyah (p. 288), “And if these proofs by themselves were gathered up, they would reach about one thousand in number.”

I say that due to the importance of this issue, the people of knowledge from the past and the present have written about it. From amongst them is Imaam adh-Dhahabee who wrote al-Uluww lil-Aliyyil-Ghaffaar, and refer to its abridgement by the Imaam al-Muhaddith Muhammad Naasirud-Deen al-Albaanee (rahimahullaah).

14 Related by Muslim (1/372) Ahmad (2/ 291) and al-Bayhaqee (7/ 388), it was authenticated by Shaykh al-Albaanee in Mukhtasirul-Uluww (no. 1). After this hadeeth, Shaykh al-Albaanee commented, ‘So in this narration are two matters: Firstly: The Sharee’ah permits the Muslim to ask: Where is Allaah? Secondly: The answer of the one who is being questioned is: Above the sky. So whosoever denies these two matters, then he has denied al-Mustafaa (sallallaahu ‘alayhi wa sallam).’ Mukhtasirul-Uluww (p. 68).

15 Related by al-Bukhaaree (no. 4094) and Muslim (no. 1064)
Said the Imam of Yemen, the Destroyer of Innovation, Aboo 'Abdur-Rahmaan Muqbil Ibn Haadee al-Waadi'ee (d.1422H) - rahimahullaah, “So indeed I reviewed the treatise of our noble brother, Abee Ibraaheem Muhammad Ibn 'Abdul-Wahhaab al-Wassaabee called, al-Qawlul-Mufeed fee A dillatit-Tawheed. And after reviewing it, I praised Allaah the Glorified for finding someone from amongst our Yemeni Scholars, one who would carry out what Allaah had obligated upon him with respect to spreading Tawheed in our Yemeni society…”

And Shaykh Muqbil said about the author of this book, “As for Aboo Ibraaheem, then he is Shaykh Muhammad Ibn 'Abdul-Wahhaab al-Wassaabee al-'Abdilee. He has established learning (ta'leem) and the call to Allaah and writing.”

Part Two
They are Islaam, eemaan, and Ihsaan. And this order is related by Muslim (no. 8), from 'Umar. So every muhsin (one possessing ihsaan) is a mu'min, and not vice versa. And every mu'min is a Muslim, but not vice versa. So ihsaan is more specific than eemaan and eemaan is more specific than Islaam. Refer to Tafseer Ibn Katheer, Sooratul-Hujuraat and adh-Dhaariyaat, and refer to Jaami’ul-Uloom wal-Hikam (p. 35), in explanation of the second hadeeth.
**Introduction to Islaam:**

Islaam is istislaam (submission) to Allaah with Tawheed and al-Inqiyaad (surrender) to Him with obedience and sincerity and remaining free from Shirk and its people. Allaah the Exalted said,

"Verily, the Religion with Allaah is Islaam..." [Soorah Aali-'Imraan 3:19]

And Allaah the Exalted said,

"And I have chosen Islaam as your Religion..." [Sooratul-Maa'idah 5:3]

And Allaah the Exalted said,

"And turn in repentance and obedience to Him before the punishment comes to you. Then you will not be supported." [Sooratuz-Zumar 39:54]

And Allaah the Exalted said,

"So do not die, except that you are Muslims." [Sooratul-Baqarah 2:102]

And Allaah the Exalted said,

"And do not die, except that you are Muslims." [Soorah Aali-'Imraan 3:102]

And Allaah the Exalted said,

"Do they seek other than the Religion of Allaah, whilst those in the heavens and the earth have already submitted to Him, willingly or unwillingly. And to Him they shall all be returned." [Soorah Aali-'Imraan 3:83]

And Allaah the Exalted said,

"And whomsoever seeks other than Islaam as a Religion, then it will never be accepted from him, and he will be from amongst the losers in the Hereafter." [Soorah Aali-'Imraan 3:85]
THE FIVE Pillars of ISLAM:

From ʿAbdullaah Ibn ʿUmar (radiyallaahu ‘anhumaa) who said, ‘The Messenger of Allaah (sallallaahu ‘alayhi wa sallam) said, ‘Islaam is built upon five: the testimony that there is no deity worthy of worship besides Allaah and that Muhammad is the Messenger of Allaah, and to establish the Prayer, and to pay the Zakaat, and Pilgrimage to the House, and fasting in Ramadaan.”¹

Note, giving pilgrimage precedence over fasting is agreed upon by al-Bukhaaree and Muslim. As for placing fasting before pilgrimage, then it is contained in one of the narrations of Muslim.

¹ Related by al-Bukhaaree (no. 8) and Muslim (no. 16)
THE FIRST INVALIDATOR – SHIRK WITH ALLAAH: That is when one places intermediaries between himself and Allaah. He supplicates to them and asks them for intercession, or he asks others besides Allaah to bring about some benefit. So he has indeed disbelieved. Allaah the Exalted said,

“Indeed, Allaah does not forgive that others be associated along with Him. However, He forgives whatever is below that for whomsoever He wishes.” [Sooratun-Nisaa’ 4:48, 116]

And Allaah the Exalted said,

“And if they cease not until they turn you back from your Religion, then Allaah will bring a people whom He will love and they will love Him; humble towards the believers, stern towards the disbelievers, fighting in the Way of Allaah, and never afraid of the blame of the blamers. That is the Grace of Allaah which He bestows on whom He wills. And Allaah is All-Sufficient for His creatures’ needs, the All-Knower.” [Sooratul-Maa’idah 5:54]

And Allaah the Exalted said,

“Verily, those who have turned back as disbelievers after the guidance had been manifested to them, Shaytaan has beautified for them their false hopes, and Allaah prolonged their term. This is because they said to those who hate what Allah has sent down, “We will obey you in part of the matter,” but Allaah knows their secrets. Then how will it be when the angels will take their souls at death, smiting their faces and their backs? That is because they followed that which angered Allaah, and hated that which pleased Him. So He made their deeds fruitless. Or do those in whose hearts is a disease
of hypocrisy, think that Allaah will not bring to light all their hidden ill-wills? Had We willed, We could have shown them to you, and you should have known them by their marks, but surely, you will know them by the tone of their speech! And Allaah knows all your deeds.” [Soorah Muhammad 47:25-30]

And Allaah the Exalted said,

“And whosoever disbelieves after having eemaan, then his actions shall be nullified and he will be from amongst the losers in the Hereafter.” [Sooratul-Maa‘idah 5:5]

From Ibn ‘Abbaas (radiator Allaahu ‘anhumaa) who said, ‘The Prophet (sallallaahu ‘alayhi wa sallam), ‘Whoever changes his Religion, then kill him.”

From ‘Abdullaah Ibn Mas’ood (radiator Allaahu ‘anhu) who said, ‘The Messenger of Allaah (sallallaahu ‘alayhi wa sallam) said, ‘The blood of a Muslim is not lawful who testifies that there is no deity worthy of worship besides Allaah and that I am the Messenger of Allaah, except by one of three things: an unmarried woman who commits fornication, a life for a life and one who leaves his Religion and separates from the Jamaa’ah (main body of Muslims).”

THE THIRD INVALIDATOR: Whoever does not perform takfeer of a disbeliever, whether he is a Jew or a Christian, or a Magian, or a polytheist, or a heretic, or other than that from the various disbelieving groups, or one who doubts in their disbelief, or views their madhhab (way) as being correct, then he himself has disbelieved. Allaah the Exalted said,

“Verily, those who have disbelieved from amongst the People of the Book and the polytheists shall abide in the Fire of Hell, abiding therein forever. These are the worst of creation.” [Sooratul-Bayyinah 98:6]

And the People of the Book (Ahlul-Kitaab) are the Jews, Christians and polytheists. They those who worship something else along with Allaah. Allaah the Exalted said,

“Indeed, those who say that Allaah is the Messiah, son of Maryam.” [Sooratul-Maa‘idah 5:18, 82]

And Allaah the Exalted said,

“Indeed, those who say that Allaah is one of a trinity have disbelieved.” [Sooratul-Maa‘idah 5:73]

And Allaah the Exalted said,

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2 Related by al-Bukhaaree (no. 2854)
3 Related by al-Bukhaaree (no. 6484) and Muslim (no. 1676)
“Verily, those who have disbelieved in Allaah and His Messenger and wish to divide between Allaah and His Messenger, and they say, ‘We believe in some of it and disbelieve in some of it,’ and they wish to take a path in between all of that; these are the true disbelievers. And We have prepared for them a humiliating punishment.” [Sooratun-Nisaa’ 4:150-151]

And Allaah the Exalted said,

“Verily, Allaah shall gather the hypocrites and the disbelievers in Hell altogether.” [Sooratun-Nisaa’ 4:140]

**THE FOURTH INVALIDATOR:** Whosoever believes that the guidance of other than the Prophet (sallallaahu ‘alayhi wa sallam) is more complete than his guidance, or that the judgement of other than him is better than his judgement, such as those who view the judgement of the tawaagheet (false deities) as being better than his judgement. And entering into this is the one who believes that the system and laws which the people view as being better than the Sharee’ah of Islaam, or those that believe the rules and regulations of Islaam do not bring about benefit when applied in this era, or that Islaam is a reason for division amongst the Muslims.

Also entering into this are those that believe Islaam restricts a persons connection to His Lord without entering into the other affairs related to the world. And entering into this invalidator is the one who is of the view that carrying out the judgement of Allaah, such as cutting off the hand of the thief, or stoning the adulterer is not appropriate for this era.

Also entering into that is the one who believes that it is permissible to rule by other than the Sharee’ah in dealings, prescribed punishments or other than them, even if he does not believe that this is better than the rule of Allaah, because he has already declared permissible what Allaah has declared unlawful by consensus. And whosoever declared lawful what Allaah and His Messenger have prohibited, from that which is known in the Religion by necessity, such as zinaa (adultery, fornication), khamr (intoxicants), ruling by other than the Sharee’ah of Allaah and other than that, then he is a disbeliever by consensus of the Muslims. Allaah the Exalted said,

“So is the rule of jaahiliyyah (pre-Islamic times of ignorance) that they seek? And who is better in judgement than Allaah for a people who are certain?” [Sooratul-M aa’idah 5:44]

And Allaah the Exalted said,

“And whosoever does not rule by what Allaah has revealed, then these are the disbelievers.” [Sooratul-M aa’idah 5:44]
“And whosoever does not rule by what Allaah has revealed, then these are the transgressors.” [Sooratul-Maa’idah 5:45]

And Allaah the Exalted said,

“And whosoever does not rule by what Allaah has revealed, then these are the disobedient sinners.” [Sooratul-Maa’idah 5:47]

And Allaah the Exalted said,

“Verily, the Religion with Allaah is Islaam.” [Soorah Aali-’Imraan 3:19]

And Allaah the Exalted said,

“And whosoever seeks other than Islaam as a Religion, then it will never be accepted from him. And in the Hereafter he will be from amongst the losers.” [Soorah Aali-’Imraan 3:75]

And Allaah the Exalted said,

“Those who disbelieved in Our aayaat We shall burn them in Fire. As often as their skins are roasted through, We shall change them for other skins that they may taste the punishment. Truly, Allaah is Ever Most Powerful, All-Wise.” [Sooratun-Nisaa’ 4:56]

And Allaah the Exalted said,

“But no, by your Lord, they can have no faith, until they make you judge in all disputes between them, and find in themselves no resistance against your decisions, and accept (them) with full submission.” [Sooratun-Nisaa’ 4:65]

And Allaah the Exalted said,

“So no, by your Lord, they have not truly believed until they make you the judge in whatever disputes they have amongst them, then they must not find in themselves any hesitation towards that which you have decreed. And they must submit to it with a full submission.” [Sooratun-Nisaa’ 4:65]

THE FIFTH INVALIDATOR: Whoever hates anything that the Messenger (sallallaahu ‘alayhi wa sallam) came with, even if he acts upon it, then he has disbelieved. Allaah the Exalted said,

“And those who disbelieve, for them is destruction, and Allaah will make their deeds vain. That is because they hate that which Allaah has sent down, so He has made their deeds fruitless.” [Soorah Muhammad 47:8-9]
And Allaah the Exalted said,

"Verily, those who have turned back as disbelievers after the guidance had been manifested to them, Shaytaan has beautified for them their false hopes, and Allaah prolonged their term. This is because they said to those who hate what Allah has sent down, “We will obey you in part of the matter,” but Allaah knows their secrets. Then how will it be when the angels will take their souls at death, smiting their faces and their backs? That is because they followed that which angered Allaah, and hated that which pleased Him. So He made their deeds fruitless.” [Soorah Muhammad 47:25-27]

THE SIXTH INVALIDATOR: Whosoever mocks Allaah, or the Messenger, or the Qur’aan, or the Religion, or the Angels or the Scholar due to their knowledge, or he mocks any of the distinguishing signs of Islaam such as the Prayer, or the zakaat (obligatory alms), fasting, Hajj (pilgrimage), the Ka'bah, or stopping at mount 'Arafah, or the mosques, of the adhaan (call to Prayer), or the beard, the Prophetic Sunnah or other than that from the distinguishing signs of Islaam and the things that Islaam holds sacred, then he is a disbeliever. Allaah the Exalted said,

"Say, ‘Is it Allaah and His aayaat and His Messenger that you were mocking? Make no excuse, for you have disbelieved after having believed.’ If We pardon some of you, then We will punish other from amongst you because they were criminals.” [Sooaratut-Tawbah 9:65-66]

And Allaah the Exalted said,

"Verily, those who committed crimes used to laugh at those who believed. And whenever they passed by them, used to wink one to another (in mockery). And when they returned to their own people, they would return jesting; And when they saw them, they said, “Verily, these have indeed gone astray!” But they (disbelievers, sinners) had not been sent as watchers over them (the believers). But this Day those who believe will laugh at the disbelievers, watching from Thrones. Are not the disbelievers paid fully for what they used to do?’ [Sooaratul-Muttaffileen 83:29-36]

And Allaah the Exalted said,

“And when you see those who engage in a false conversation about Our aayaat by mocking at them, stay away from them till they turn to another topic. And if Shaytaan causes you to forget, then after the remembrance sit not you in the company of those transgressors.” [Sooaratul-An’aaam 6:68]

And Allaah the Exalted said,
“And it has already been revealed to you in the Book that when you hear the ayaat of Allaah being denied and mocked at, then sit not with them, until they engage in a talk other than that; but if you stayed with them, certainly in that case you would be like them. Indeed, Allaah will collect the hypocrites and disbelievers all together in Hell.” [Sooratun-Nisaa’ 4:140]

And Allaah the Glorified and Exalted said,

“And whosoever honours the sacred things of Allaah, then that is better for him according to His Lord.” [Sooratul-Hajj 22:30]

And Allaah the Blessed and Exalted,

“And whosoever honours the distinguishing signs of Allaah, then it is from the taqwaa (fear, reverence) of the hearts.” [Sooratul-Hajj 22:32]

THE SEVENTH INVALIDATOR: Magic, and from that is assarf and al-’atf. So as for assarf, then it is a magical action by which it is intended to avert a man from that which he desires, such as changing a man’s love for his wife into hatred for her. As for al-’atf, then it is a magical action also by which it is intended to make a man love that which he does not usually desire, such as making him love the paths of Shaytaan. Allaah the Exalted said,

“And they did not teach anyone until they had said: We are a fitnah (trial, tribulation), so do not disbelieve.” [Sooratul-Baqarah 2:102]

From ‘Abdullaah Ibn Mas’ood (radiyallaahu ‘anhu) who said, ‘The Messenger of Allaah (sallallaahu ‘alayhi wa sallam) said, ‘Verily, the incantations, amulets and charms are Shirk."

THE EIGHTH INVALIDATOR: Aiding the disbelievers and co-operating with them against the Muslims. Allaah the Exalted,

“And if anyone from amongst you makes allegiance with them, then Allaah does not guide a transgressing people.” [Sooratul-Maa’idah 5:51]

And Allaah the Exalted said,

“O you who believe! If you obey a group of those who were given the Scripture, they would render you disbelievers after you have believed! And how would you disbelieve, while unto you are recited the ayaat of Allaah, and among you is His Messenger? And

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4 **Sahheeh:** Related by Aboo Daawood (no. 3883). Shaykh Muqbil declared it hasan in Saheehul-M usnad (2/17-18) and he was preceded in that by al-Haakim (4/217) only. And al-Albaanee declared it saheeh in Saheehul-Jaami’ (no. 1632) and in Silsilatul-Ahaadeethis Saheehah (no. 331), as did al-Haakim (4/217) and adh-Dhahabee agreed. And the hadeeth is also related by Ibn Maajah (no. 3531), Ahmad (1/381), at-Tabaraanee in al-Kabeer (10/262), Ibn Hibbaan (13/ 456) and al-Bayhaqee (9/ 350).
whoever holds firmly to Allaah, then he is indeed guided to a Right Path.” [Soorah Aali-'Imraan 3:100-101]

And Allaah the Exalted said,

“O you who believe! Take not My enemies and your enemies as friends, showing affection towards them, while they have disbelieved in what has come to you of the truth, and have driven out the Messenger and yourselves because you believe in Allaah your Lord! If you have come forth to strive in My Cause and to seek My Good Pleasure, You show friendship to them in secret, while I am All-Aware of what you conceal and what you reveal. And whosoever of you (Muslims) does that, then indeed he has gone far astray, (away) from the Straight Path. Should they gain the upper hand over you, they would behave to you as enemies, and stretch forth their hands and their tongues against you with evil, and they desire that you should disbelieve.” [Sooratul-Mumtahinah 60:1-2]

And Allaah the Sublime and Exalted said,

“O you who believe! Take not as friends the people who incurred the wrath of Allaah. Indeed, they have been in despair to receive any good in the Hereafter, just as the disbelievers have been in despair about those buried in graves.” [Sooratul-Mumtahinah 60:13]

THE NINTH INVALIDATOR: Whosoever believes that some of the people have been given the choice to leave off the Sharee’ah of Muhammad (sallallaahu 'alayhi wa sallam), just as al-Khidr was given the choice to go outside the jurisdiction of the Sharee’ah of Moosaa ('alayhis-salaam), then he has disbelieved. That is because every Prophet was sent specifically to his own people, so it is not obligatory for all the people to follow them. As for our Prophet, Muhammad (sallallaahu 'alayhi wa sallam), then he was sent for all peoples, so it is not lawful for anyone to oppose him, not to leave off his Sharee’ah. Allaah the Exalted,

“Say: O people, I am the Messenger of Allaah to you all.” [Sooratul-A’raaf 7:158]

And Allaah the Glorified and Exalted said,

“Blessed is He who sent down the Furqaan (criterion) upon His servant so that he may become a warner for the people.” [Sooratul-Furqaan 25:1]

And Allaah the Exalted said,

“And We have not sent you, except as a bringer of glad tidings and a warner for the people, yet the majority of the people do not know.” [Soorah Saba’ 34:28]

From Jaabir Ibn ‘Abdullaah al-Ansaaree (radiyallaahu ‘anhumaa), that the Prophet (sallallaahu ‘alayhi wa sallam) said, “I was given five things that no one before me was given:
[i] I was aided by causing intimidation for a months time; [ii] the entire earth was made a
masjid (place of prostration) and pure for me, so regardless of where a man from my
Ummah is, whenever the Prayer reaches him, he may pray; and the spoils of war have been
made lawful for me and they were not made lawful for anyone before me; and I have been
given the intercession (shafaa’ah); and every Prophet was sent specifically to his people and
I have been sent to all of mankind.”

And Allaah the Exalted said,

“Verily, the Religion with Allaah is Islaam.” [Soorah Aali-’Imraan 3:19]

And Allaah the Exalted said,

“And whosoever seeks other than Islaam as a Religion, then it shall never be accepted
from him. And he will be from amongst the loser in the Hereafter.” [Soorah Aali-
’Imraan 3:75]

And Allaah the Exalted said,

“Today I have perfected for you your Religion and I have completed My favour upon
you and I have chosen Islaam as your Religion.” [Sooratul-Maa’idah 5:3]

And Allaah the Glorified and Exalted said,

“Is it other than the Religion of Allaah that they seek, whilst to Him submits whatever is
in the heavens and the earth, willingly or unwillingly, and to Him they shall return.”
[Soorah Aali-’Imraan 3:83]

And there occurs in a hadeeth, “By Allaah, if Moosaa was living, he would have no choice
but to follow me.”

THE TENTH INVALIDATOR: Displaying aversion to the Religion of Allaah the
Exalted, not learning it, nor acting upon it. And the intended meaning of aversion (i’raad)
which becomes an invalidator from amongst the invalidators of Islaam is aversion from
learning the asl (basic foundation) of the Religion by which a person becomes a Muslim
even if he is ignorant of the details of the Religion, because knowledge of the details of the
Religion is not possessed by anyone except for the Scholars and students of knowledge.

And Allaah the Blessed and Exalted said,

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5 Related by al-Bukhaaree (no. 328) and Muslim (no. 521)
6 Da’eef: It had been declared hasan by al-Albaanee in al-Irwaa’ (no. 1589) and it is mentioned through eight
paths and Ibn Katheer mentioned it in his Tafseer (2/78) in explanation of Soorah Aali-’Imraan [3:81-82].
However, Shaykh Muqbil has declared it da’eef in this place.
“And who is more oppressive than the one to whom our aayaat are mentioned, yet he turns away from them in aversion. Verily, We shall exact revenge from the criminals.” [Sooratus-Sajdah 32:22]

And Allaah the Sublime and Exalted said,

“And whosoever turns away in aversion from My Reminder, then he shall have a life of hardship and We shall raise him up blind on the Day of Judgement.” [Soorah Taa Haa 20:124]

And Allaah the Exalted said,

“Indeed, We have given you from Us a Reminder. Whosoever displays aversion to it shall bear a heavy burden on the Day of Judgement. They will abide therein, and what an evil load it will be for them on the Day of Judgement.” [Soorah Taa Haa 20:99-101]
THE RULING CONCERNING THE JOKER, THE LIBERAL ONE, THE FEARFUL ONE AND THE ONE WHO IS FORCED WITH REGARDS TO THESE INVALIDATORS:

So there is no difference concerning these invalidators between the joker, the liberal one, or the one who fears for his wealth and status, but there is a separate case for the one who is forced. All of these are in the greatest of danger and many of them may fall into it. So it is befitting that the Muslim is aware of these invalidators and that he fears for himself in regards to them. The evidence for that is the statement of Allaah the Exalted,

"Say: Is it Allaah and His aayaat and His Messenger that you were mocking? Make no excuse, for you have disbelieved after having believed." [Sooratut-Tawbah 9:65-66]

And the evidence for the one who is forced is found in the statement of Allaah the Exalted,

"Whoever disbelieved in Allaah after his belief, except him who is forced thereto and whose heart is at rest with faith but such as open their breasts to disbelief, upon them is wrath from Allaah, and theirs will be a great torment." [Sooratun-Nahl 16:106]

For more information concerning the invalidators of Islaam, refer to the book at-Tibyaan Sharh Nawaaqidul-Islaam by Shaykh Sulaymaan Ibn Naasir al-'Alwaan. And refer to Nawaaqidul-Islaam by the Noble Shaykh 'Abdul-'Azeez Ibn Baaz (rahimahullaahu ta’ala).