

# EMANIYAAT



## BISMILLAH

اللَّهُمَّ إِنِّي أَسْأَلُكَ إِيمَانًا أَهْتَدِي بِهِ  
وَأُنُورًا أَقْتَدِي بِهِ وَرِزْقًا حَالًا لَا أَكْتَفِي بِهِ  
اللَّهُمَّ اجْعَلْنِي أَحَبَّكَ بِقَلْبِي كَلِّهِ ،  
وَأَرْضِيكَ بِجَهْدِي كَلِّهِ -

اے اللہ! میں تجھ سے ایسے ایمان کا طالب ہوں جس سے  
میں ہدایت حاصل کرتا رہوں اور ایسے نور کا متمنی ہوں جس کی روشنی  
میں چلوں اور رزقِ جلال کا متلاشی ہوں جس پر قناعت کروں -  
اے اللہ! مجھے ایسا بنا دے کہ دل کی گہرائیوں سے تجھ سے  
محبت کروں اور اپنی ساری کوششیں تیری رضا حاصل کرنے کے لیے  
صرف کر دوں -

## INTRODUCTION

The concept of Emaan- Faith, is fundamental to Islam. It is the essence of our deen as a whole. It is a requirement for every Muslim to have it firmly engrossed and engraved in his heart. Having it right and firmly based on Quran and Sunnah is therefore essential.

Allah Subhana Watala Says in the Quran:

“There are some people who say, “We believe in Allah and the Last Day,” yet they are not believers. They seek to deceive Allah and the believers, but they only deceive themselves, though they do not realize it.”

Pondering on this verse should make us sit up and take notice. Allah is talking about Emaan - which Muslims claim to have, yet it is not accepted by Allah and is totally rejected!

In another verse Allah speaks about the Emaan of the Sahaba which is acceptable.

**So if they believe in the like of that which you believe, then they are rightly guided; but if they turn away, then they are only in opposition. So Allah will suffice you against them. And He is the All-Hearer, the All-Knower.**

So our foundation of Emaan should be based on the Quran, Sunnah and the Creed of the Sahaba. Correct *Emaan* entails two things. The right creed - What to believe- the theory and the Amal - the actions which prove our *Emaan*.

All Muslims know the six pillars of *Emaan*. Belief in Allah, angels, revealed books, Messengers, the last day and the divine decree (Qadr). Yet that is the only thing known, and the details of what exactly should the belief of a Muslim be, is neglected totally.

## WHERE TO BEGIN

It can be quite overwhelming to decide where to begin the study of the correct Creed.

The **Islamic Creed Series**, by **Umar Al Ashqar**, comprising 8 very detailed books on Belief in Allah, Angels, World of devils, The Messengers, Minor Resurrection, Day of Judgement, Paradise and Hell and Divine Destiny is an excellent resource.

**Fundamentals of Tawhid** by Bilal Phillips is also highly recommended.

In Urdu, small booklets by Hamid Kamal Uddin called *Deen Ki Abjad*, *Usul e Thalatha*, *Tawhid Kai Teen Asasi Mehwar* are excellent for beginners. *Tawhid Ki Kitab* by Iqbal Kilani is a must. For a detailed study, a series titled *Silsila Islahe Aqaid*, by Hafiz Mubashir Hussain is highly recommended.

I would suggest, to leave all prejudices aside and also delve into the books of the classical eminent scholars of the past.

**Aqeedah al-Tawhhaawiyah**, a book dealing with the basic tenets of faith) which was written by the tenth-century Egyptian theologian and **Hanafi jurist Abu Ja'far Ahmad at-Tahawi**. (Born 239 H)

**Al-Aqidah Al-Waasitiyyah** (Arabic: العقيدة الواسطية) is a book of Islamic creed written by **Ibn Taymiyyah** (born 661 H), renowned thirteenth century scholar. Another of his book, **Kitab Al Emaan** is a masterpiece written in an attempt to explain the concept of *Emaan*, firmly based on Quran and Sunnah, to correct the prevailing misconceptions of his time. Another gem from Imam Ibn Taymiyyah is **Aqeedah Hamawiyyah**, written in response to some questions posted to him.

**Taqwiat ul Emaan** is another masterpiece on Creed, written by **Shah Muhammad Ismail Shaheed** the great grandson of Shah Waliullah Muhaddith Dehli.(born 1193 CE)

**Kitab At Tawheed** by Sheikh Abdul Wahab should be reviewed as well, keeping aside all the propaganda against him. You will find his book, totally based on the verses of the Quran and authentic hadith.



All of these classical books, their detailed explanations, along with their audio explanations are easily available on the internet. Links are shared at the end.

## **NURTURING EMAAN IN CHILDREN:**

The first thing is to focus on our own in-depth study and knowledge and conviction and most importantly *amal*. Our children need to see us as role models, first and foremost by seeing us in obedience to Allah and His messenger. As Ibn Kathir Stated *“The jist of Emaan is Khashiat(fear of Allah)”* and this can only be achieved by having a deep recognition of Allah ourselves and a strong connection to our creator, only then can we succeed in instilling the same in our children. *InshaAllah*

In the early years (Aged 2-6), the main focus should be developing the recognition of Allah. This can be achieved by storytelling as well as conversations with children about Allah and His Prophets. Story of creation and creation of Adam, The jealousy of iblees, stories of prophets are engaging ways to develop

the love and creation of Allah. Discussions on Jannah are enchanting and children love to let their imaginations run wild when you ask them what they want to get in Jannah.

One of the first words my daughter learned to write was “Allah” when she was only 3 years old. Once she came running to her mother and said “I like Allah.. Mama”

At an early age, focus should be on Allah’s love and mercy. Mention of His anger and punishment and Jahannam should be totally avoided until children are older.

Books written for this age group are not effectively written, hence should be enhanced with narrations and a lot of reflective conversations.

Older children 9+ can be formally taught the Creed based on their level of maturity.

Our family is doing formal lessons with reflective talks and discussions followed by journaling. There is also an excellent YouTube lecture series by Tim Humble titles “Kids Class” which starts with very basic Creed and moves on to other topics.

## CONCLUSION

We should make it a priority to study in detail and understand the fundamentals of our religion which forms the basis of our Emaan. We should not take it lightly, nor ignore it , thinking that we are Muslims and are bound to go to Jannah. Infact, the Utterance of the Shahadah also has its own ‘Sharait’ or conditions which we were never made aware of!

## INTERNET LINKS

Austrial Muslim Library : Largest collection of all eBooks and multimedia on Emaniyaat.

<https://www.australianislamiclibrary.org/aqeedah--creed.html>

Collection of EBooks on Creed

<https://www.kalamullah.com/aqeedah.html>

Kids Class by Tim Humble

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=kOyQzUFRWiY&list=PLdUDkYS6dU27GkQMu7LLuwAquW3gYXJZy>

## BOOKS LIST ENGLISH

BOOK NAME	AUTHOR	PUBLISHER
Al Aqeedah Wasitiyyah (Arabic and Urdu)	Ibn Taymiyyah	Al Huda Publications
Commentary on Al Aqidah Wasitiyyah	Muhammad bin Salih Al Uthaimin	Darussalam
Commentary on ibn Taymiyyah's essay on the heart	Dr. Abu Ameenah Bilal Philips	Dakwah Corner Bookstore
Concise collection on Creed and Tawheed	Darussalam	Darussalam
Critical Study of Shirk (Explanation Kashf Al Shubuhah)	Muhammad ibn Abdul Wahhab	Al Hidayah Publications
Fundamentals of Tawheed	Bilal Philips	Al Hidayah Publications
Kitab Al Iman	Ibn Taymiyyah Translated by Salman Hassan Al Ani	Iman Publishing House
Kitab Ut Tawheed	Muhammad bin Abdul Wahab	Darussalam
Nurturing Emaan in Children	Dr Aisha Hamdan	IIPH
The Fundamentals of Islamic Creed : Sharah	Abu Jafer Tahawi.	Al Attique

Aqeedah Tahawiyah	Commentary by Ali ibn Al-Adhrui	Publishing Inc
The Islamic Creed Series Set of eight books.	Umar S Al Ashqar	IIPH
The Nullifiers of Islam	Sheikh Abdur Razzaq Al Badr	Maktabul Irshad
The Spiritual Journey to Allah & His Messenger (Ar Risalah At Tabukiyyah)	Ibn Al Qayyum	Al Kitab As Sunnah Publication
Weeping from the fear of Allah	Shaykh Husayn al- Awaayishah	Al Hidaayah publishing and distribution
Who is Allah	Umm abdurrahman	IIPH

## BOOKS LIST URDU

Name	Author	Publisher
Emaan Kai Masail	Muhammad Iqbal Kilani	Hadith Publications
Emaan ki Kitab	Hafiz Imran Ayub Lahori	Fiqh ul Hadith
Fiqh Al Asma ul Husna	Sheikh Abdur Razzaq Badar	Islamic Center of Academic Research KHI
Ghair Mehsoos Shirk	Umm Abd Muneeb	Mashraba Ilm e Hikmat
Islam kai teen bunyadi Usool	Mohd Bin Salih Uthaymeen	Darussalam
Islami Aqaid	Zubaida Aziz	Alhuda
Islami Aqeedah Rahnumai Ustazah	Alhuda	Alhuda
Islami Aqeedah Sawal e JAwb	Muhammad bin Jameel Zeno	Darul Andlus
Kitab Ul Emaan	Iqbal Kilani	
Sharh Aqeedah Wasitiyah (QA) (Urdu)	Ibn Taymiyyah	Maktab Islamia
Silsila Islah E Aqaid (Set of ten books)	Hafiz Mubashar Hussain	Mubashir Academy Lahore

Silsila Tafheem e Deen	Mohd Ayub Sipra	Maktab Subul As Salam
Sirat e Mustaqeem Kai Taqazay	Ibn Taymiyyah	Darussalam
Taqwiat al Emaan - Darsi	Shah Ismail Shaheed	Darussalam
Tawheed Aur Shirk	Khalil Ur Rehman Chishti	Al Fawz Academy
Tawheed e Amali	Dr Israr Ahmed	Anjuman Khuddam e Quran
Tawheed Kai Baray Mi Shubuhaat Ka Azala	Mohd Sulaiman Taymi	Darussalam