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The first question of Fatwa no. (8943):

Q 1: What are the forms of Tawhid (monotheism) and what is the definition of each type?

A: There are three types of Tawhid: Tawhid-ul-Rububiyyah (Oneness of Allah's Lordship), Tawhid-ul-Uluhiyyah (Oneness of Worship) and Tawhid-ul-Asma' wal-Sifat (Oneness of Allah's Names and Attributes). Tawhid-ul-Rububiyyah is testifying that Allah alone is the Creator, the Sustainer, the Giver of life and death, and the Manager of the dominion of heaven and earth. It also means attributing governance and legislation only to Allah, through His Messengers and revelation of His Books, Allah stated, (His is the Creation and Commandment, Blessed is Allâh, the Lord of the 'Alamîn (mankind, jinn and all that exists)! (Surah Al-A'raf, 7: 54). Tawhid-ul-Uluhiyyah is the worship of Allah alone; nothing else is to be worshipped, invoked, sought for help. Vows and sacrificial animals must be dedicated exclusively to Him and Allah stated, (Say (O Muhammad peace be upon him): "Verily, my Salât (prayer), my sacrifice, my living, and my dying are for Allâh, the Lord of the 'Alamîn (mankind, jinn and all that exists). MHe has no partner. And of this I have been commanded, and I am the first of the Muslims.)(Surah Al-An'am, 6: 162-163). He also stated, (Therefore turn in prayer to your Lord and sacrifice (to Him only). (Surah Al-Kawthar, 108: 2). Tawhid-ul-Asma' wal-Sifat means describing Allah how He has described Himself and how the Messenger of Allah (peace be upon him). described Him in the Sahih (authentic) Hadiths, without Tashbih (comparison), Tamthil (likening) Allah's Attributes to those of His Creation),

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Ta'wil (allegorical interpretation) or Ta`til (denial of Allah's Attributes). (There is nothing like Him; and He is the All-Hearer, the All-Seer.) (Surah Al-Shura, 42: 11).

May Allah grant us success! May peace and blessings be upon our Prophet Muhammad, his family and Companions!

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