Theology (Ilahiyat)

Monotheism (wahdaniyah)

Imam Tahwai says: Verily Allah is one.

Recognizing(having ma'rifah of) Allah, explanation of it's requirements and methods.

Establish the existence of Allah.

Examples of the Pious Predecesors (Salaf) dealing with those that rejected the existene of Allah

Refuting Dualism (Dalil al-tamanu')

Types of polytheism and their refutations

Imam Tahawai says: He has no partners.

Imam Tahawai says: Nothing is like him.

Imam Tahawai says: Nothing weakens him.

Imam Tahawai says: There is deity but him.

Eternity and Everlastingness

Imam Tahawai says: Eternal without beginning

Imam Tahawai says: Everlasting without end

Imam Tahawai says: He doesn't fade away or dissapear.

Will of Allah

Imam Tahawai says: Nothing happens except that he wills it.

The Dissimilarity between Allah and transient things(hawadith)

Imam Tahawai says: Thoughts(Wahm) cannot reach him, and Ideas(Fahm) cannot

contain him

Imam Tahawai says: He does not resemble creation(Anam)

Life of Allah

Imam Tahawai says: He is living and does not die.

Allah stands by himself (qiym binafsihi)

Imam Tahawai says: He is enduring(qayyum) and does not sleep

Imam Tahawai says: He creates without need

Imam Tahawai says: He gives(raziq) without difficulty

Imam Tahawai says: He ends life(mumit) without fear

Imam Tahawai says: He revives without difficulty

Part 2?

The eternal existence of Allah's names and qualities. A discussion about the quality of Takwin

Imam Tahawai says: He was described eternal by his qualities even before creating them. Creating the creation did not add anything to him that he wasn't described with before.

Proof that Allah's qualities are eternally intrinsic with his being, from text(naql) and logic ('aql)

Imam Tahawai says: Just as he <u>was always</u>(azali) with his sifat, he <u>will always</u>(abadi) be with his sifat.

Imam Tahawai says: It was not when he created the creation that he dserved to be called the Creator. Nor was it when he fashioned it, that he became deserving of the term fashioner.

Imam Tahawai says: He is the raiser and bestoyer of things(rabb) and not bestowed anything (marbub), he is the Creator and not creation.

Imam Tahawai says: This is because he is upon all things Able(Qadir)

Imam Tahawai says: Everything depends on him(faqir), and everything for him is easy

Imam Tahawai says: He is not in want of anything

Imam Tahawai says: Nothing happens except that he wills it

The meaning of Qadr, and a discussion about the knowledge of Allah.

Imam Tahawai says: He created creation with his knowledge and destined for them limits.

Imam Tahawai says: He set for them their times (ajal)

Imam Tahawai says: Nothing the creation does was hidden from him even before their creation, and he knew what they would do before he created them

Imam Tahawai says: He ordered them to obey him and forbade them from disobedience

Explanation on how the will of Allah works, and how there is nothing that can defer his judgments and that there is no overturning his decisions

Imam Tahawai says: Everything works according to his ability and will

Imam Tahawai says: His wishes will always take place, there is no will for a slave except that Allah wills it for him, What he wills happens, what he doesn't will will not happen.

Imam Tahawai says: He guides whom he wills. He protects and saves whom he wills out of mercy(fadl). He misguides whomover he wills, He humiliates and punishes whom he wills from his justice('adl). All are affected by his will and move between his grace and justice.

Imam Tahawai says: No one can block his judgements nor can anyone defer his rulings

Imam Tahawai says: No one can overturn his decisions

Imam Tahawai says: We believe in all of this completely, and are certain that everything is from him

Imam Tahawai says: And that Muhammad peace and blessing be upon him is his chosen slave, his chosen prophet, and praiseworthy messenger

End of Ilahiyat

Start of Nabuwwah