

What is belief in the Day of Judgement? Explore its effects on individual and collective lives of human beings.

(A) Belief In the Day of Judgement :-

Muslims believe that on the Day of Judgement, humans will be judged for their actions in this life.

(i) A central tenet of Islamic

faith :- Belief in the Day of Judgement is considered as the central tenet of Islam. Muslims believe that this life is temporary and is merely a test for all mankind. While the life (Hereafter) is permanent and everlasting.

(ii) An Integral part of Six

Articles of Faith :-

Belief in the Day of Judgement is regarded as the

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integral part of six articles of faith. In this way, it forms the foundation of Islam. Moreover, belief in the Day of Judgement shapes the core beliefs and practices of Muslims.

iii) Significance of Belief in the Day Judgement in terms of Quran:-

Believing in the Last Day includes the belief of punishment and bliss of grave, belief in resurrection, belief in judgement, and belief in Paradise and Hell.

“The as for him whose scales (of good deeds) are heavy, he will be in a happy life. But he whose scales are light, his abode will be by Abyss. And what may you know what Abyss is. A blazing Fire.”

(Al Qariah, 6-11)

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(iv) Logic behind the Belief in the Day of Judgement:-

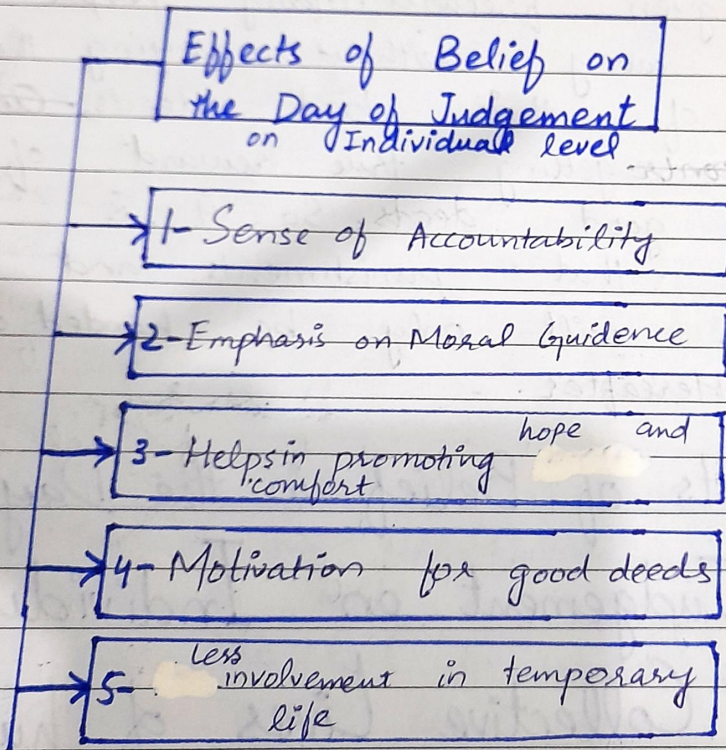
It is logical for a Muslim to believe in Aakhirah (Day of Judgement). As, Allah SWT is just and fair. It cannot be imagined from Him that He will not account for the actions of His creatures who are given freewill. Many people passed away without paying the price of their bad deeds, or getting true reward of their good deeds. So, it is obvious that punishments and rewards will only be handed out in Hereafter.

(B) Effects of Belief in the Day of Judgement on Individual and Collective Lives of human

beings :- Belief on the Day of Judgement profoundly affects the life of human beings on both individual and collective levels.

(ii) Effects of Belief on the Day of Judgement on Individual level:-

On individual level, belief on the Day of Judgement influences the life of human beings in following ways.



1) Sense of Accountability:-

The Belief in the Day of Judgement brings a sense of accountability in life of human being. As human beings think that

they have to appear before God one day. And they themselves will be responsible for what they say or do. In this way, human beings save themselves from bad deeds.

2) Emphasis on Moral Guidance:-

Human beings who believe on the Day of Judgement must focus on leading a righteous and ethical life. As such people know that their actions will be scrutinized in the after-life before God.

3) Helps in Promoting ^{hope} and comfort:-

Belief in the Day of Judgement helps in promoting hope and comfort in the life of human being. As, he believes in justice prevailing in the afterlife by God. Resultantly, he feels

comfort and resilience in life's challenges. He brings solace in his personality in times of adversity.

4) Motivation for good deeds:-

A person who believes on the Day of Judgement is self-motivated for the good deeds.

As he knows that Allah SWT has promised **Paradise** for '**virtuous actions**' which is Allah's

SWT guesthouse for His obedient servants. On the contrary, that person has fear of punishment as well for his wrongdoings.

As he knows that Allah SWT will punish the non-believers in **Hell** for their '**wrongdoings**'. That is why he keeps himself motivated for good deeds.

5) Less involvement in temporary life :-

Belief in the Day

of Judgement does not allow human being to get too immersed in this temporary life. As he knows that he has to die one day and will not belong to this world. So, his interest from this world goes on decreasing. And his only goal is left which is to make Allah SWT happy.

(ii) Effects of Belief on the Day of Judgement on Collective level :-

Belief on the Day of Judgement affects societies by shaping their moral fabric in following ways.

Effects of Belief on the Day of Judgement on Collective level

→ i- Shap^{ing} the shared values

2- Promotion of social justice

3- Guidance in legal and ethical Framework

4- Focus on Community solidarity

5- Inspiration on Charitable Initiatives

1) Shaping of Shared values :-

The Belief on the Day of Judgement shapes the shared values thereby changing the moral fabric of society. In this way, common understanding is developed among people regarding right and wrong. As, they all follow the same rules guided by Allah SWT and his Prophet PBUH.

2) Promotion of Social justice :-

People who believe on the Day of Judgement promote social

justice because they know that Allah SWT will punish them if they would do unjust behavior with anyone. Resultantly, such people encourage fair treatment and compassion for all, and influence the establishment of justice within communities.

3) Guidance in Legal and Ethical Framework :-

Belief on the Day of Judgement guides societies in shaping legal and ethical framework. These societies reflect the principles of Islamic law (Shariah) in order to be morally strong, so that they can be rewarded on the Day of Judgement by Allah SWT.

4) Focus on Community Solidarity :-

People who believe on the Day of Judgement

also focus on the community solidarity. They foster a sense of unity among Muslims. This shared understanding of being accountable in the afterlife encourages such supportive community. Here, the individuals come together for common goals like helping one another in times of need, and collectively striving for moral excellence.

5) Inspiration on Charitable Initiatives:-

The belief in the Day of Judgement inspires collective efforts towards charitable activities within Islamic communities. Muslims are motivated by understanding that compassionate actions will be rewarded in the afterlife. So, they engage in communal initiatives to alleviate poverty, provide healthcare, and support those in need.

(c) Conclusion:-

Belief in the Day of Judgement is central tenet and one of the six articles of ^{faith in} Islam. So, it not only plays a pivotal role in shaping ~~the~~ ^{individual} character ~~of Muslims~~ ^{and shapes} the ~~collective~~ ^{identity} of Muslims by providing a framework for ethical living.
