

Q#2 What is the Quranic argument on life Hereafter?
What are its impacts on human life, individually & collectively?

1 ⇒ INTRODUCTION :- The belief in the life hereafter has been an integral part of all the messengers of God. This belief holds a central place in Islamic teachings as well. It is essential condition for being a muslim. The record of human deeds, the day of resurrection, criteria of judgement, heaven, hell, and related concepts constitute a significant portion of Islamic teachings. Hundreds of verses in the Holy Quran discuss the temporariness of this world and the importance of life hereafter. All the good and bad deeds of an individual are dependent upon this belief.

2 ⇒ CONCEPT OF LIFE HEREAFTER IN ISLAM :- Islam has given a clear concept of life hereafter. According to this belief, life in this world is temporary and the universe would perish one day. After that, everyone would be made accountable for their actions and beliefs on the day of judgement. The righteous would be rewarded in the form of eternal paradise while the wrongdoers will be punished in hellfire.

3- QURANIC ARGUMENTS ON LIFE HEREAFTER :- In the Holy Quran, not only the concept of the life hereafter has been greatly emphasized but its rationality has been proved with credible arguments. The Holy Quran has contradicted

The ideas of disbelievers regarding the concept of life after death. The following arguments have been mentioned in the Holy Quran to prove the rationality of life hereafter.

a) Divine Justice :- Justice is one of the most important attributes of Allah Almighty. In this world, it is observed that faithful and kind people often lead a life of hardships and difficulties while disbelievers and tyrants have a lavish lifestyle. This contradicts the idea of divine justice and greatly emphasizes the need for judgement day in which all human beings should be declared questionable for their deeds. A day on which evildoers will be punished and those who have done good deeds will be rewarded.

b) Accountability Of Actions In This World :- Another argument mentioned in the Holy Quran is that God has created all living creatures for a purpose. All the actions that people commit in this world would not go to waste or unrewarded. On the day of judgement, all human beings would be made accountable for their deeds. They would be rewarded or punished depending upon their good or bad actions and beliefs in this world.

c) Signs In The Universe & Human Existence :- The Holy Quran has mentioned different signs in the universe and human existence as evidence of the Hereafter.

For example, it is stated in the Surat Yasin:

"And a sign for them is the dead earth. We have brought it to life and brought forth from it grain, and from it, they eat. And we placed therein gardens of palm trees and grapevines and caused springs to gush forth in it."

(Surah-Yasin, Ayah 33-34.)

d) The Resurrection Of The Dead:- Another argument of the life hereafter mentioned in the Holy Quran is the Resurrection. It has been mentioned that God has created human beings from nothing and its easier for Him to do that again.

Allah Says in Quran:

"Who will quicken the bones when they have decayed?" Say: "He who first brought them into being will quicken them; He knows well about every kind of creation."

(Surah Yasin, Ayah 78-79)

Similarly, another verse states:

"It is He who creates in the first instance and it is He who will repeat the creation, and that is easier for Him."

(Surah Ar-Rum, Ayah 27)

4 => IMPACTS ON INDIVIDUAL LIVES OF HUMAN BEINGS:-

Some of the key impacts of the belief in the life hereafter on the individual lives of human beings are:

a) Develop a Sense of Responsibility and Accountability:-
The first and the most significant impact of

belief of Hereafter life is that a human being starts considering his/her life meaningful. Belief in the life hereafter brings a sense of responsibility in a human. It drives him/her to do good deeds and avoid bad ones because he knows that he has to answer for them one day.

b) Instills Bravery and Courage:- Belief in the hereafter instills bravery and courage in human beings. When a person starts believing that this life is temporary and the true life is the life after death, he gets invested in beautifying that life. The wealth of this temporary life becomes meaningless for man. He is drawn towards spending his wealth and belongings for the welfare of society in pursuit of spiritual satisfactions.

c) Brings Humility:- A person believing in the life hereafter becomes humble and down to earth. He regards himself as the sinner of humankind.

S=> IMPACTS ON THE COLLECTIVE LIVES OF HUMAN BEINGS:-

The impacts of belief in life after death on the collective lives of human beings have been mentioned below:

a) Promotes Peace & Good Values:- True belief in the life hereafter promotes good values in society. It nurtures a sense of sacrifice

in man. The belief in the hereafter and accountability makes the society peaceful. Man is drawn towards removing poverty from society. It helps individuals and communities to live an organized and disciplined life. They are more drawn towards building a peaceful world.

b) Broadens Human Thinkings:- An individual or group devoid of the feelings of resurrection becomes a source of unrest for society. Such people lack vision and do senseless and crazy things. The belief in the life hereafter and accountability in such people elevates their horizon of thinking. The belief also serves as a ray of hope for the down-trodden and oppressed that they would be granted justice one day. This gives an eternal satisfaction that a great court would be set up that would fairly distinguish between right and wrong.

c) Cooperation and Brotherhood:- Belief in the eternity creates a sense of brotherhood among believers. It motivates them to help their brothers who are suffering in hope of spiritual rewards in the other life.

6 => CONCLUSION:- In a nutshell, belief in the life after death is one of the core beliefs of Islam. The Holy Quran has provided many compelling arguments for the belief in

the life hereafter such as the concept of divine justice, resurrection, and accountability of deeds. The belief brings myriad impacts on the individual and collective lives of human beings such as developing a sense of responsibility, broadening human vision, instilling bravery, fostering a sense of brotherhood, and promoting peace in society.