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Q: Give Quranic and scientific justifications for the Day of Judgement. Also discuss the impacts of this belief on individual as well as collective life.

Belief in the "Day of Judgement"

Muslims have firm faith in the life hereafter and the Day of Judgement because they believe that this world and this life is temporary and merely a test for all mankind. They believe that the eternal life starts after death and there will be a **Day of Resurrection**; when all humans will be reborn and they will be **judged** on the basis of their deeds they have done in this moral life.

Then on the basis of justice done by Allah Almighty, they will either go to Jannah or Jahannam.

Allah, the Exalted, says in Glorious Quran

"We will set scales of justice for the Day of Resurrection, so that no soul could suffer least injustice." (Al-Anbiya Verse 47)

Quranic and Scientific Justifications for the Day of Judgement

There are two categories of people who object the Day of Judgement. The first category is of those people who opine with-out any sound knowledge that 'there is no life beyond this life'. They consider this life the only life. They think that they live and one day they will die. They believe nothing could destroy them except time.

The second category is of those people who consider it a 'scientific problem' that who will give life to bones when they get rotted away.

→ Quranic Justification for the Day of Judgement in Surah Yaseen

Allah Almighty has addressed these objectors of Day of Judgement in glorious Quran and justified the Day of Resurrection in Surah Yaseen in verse 77 to 79.

“Does a man not consider that We created him from a mere sperm drop—then at once he will get adversary? And he presents for Us an example and forgets his own creation. He says ‘Who will give life to bones when they get disintegrated?’ Says, ‘He will give them life Who produced them for the first time; and He is, of all creation knowing.’”

Surah Yaseen Verse 77-79

→ Quranic Justification for beginning of a new life after the end of Universe

Allah Almighty has also predicted the end of universe in Quran that is exactly the same as predicted by cosmologists. In Quran, Allah has predicted the end of universe and the beginning of a new life cycle after death that will start after the Day of Resurrection.

Allah Almighty says in Quran

“The day that we will roll up new

heavens like the scroll rolled up for books - even as We produced the first creation, so shall We produce a new one. ”

(Surah Al-Anbiya Verse 104)

→ Quranic justification for the Day of Accountability

Allah has made man superior to all creatures because He has given him the ability to ponder over this universe and his own creation. Even he is allowed to choose his own religion. “There is no compulsion in the choice of religion?” (Surah Baqarah Verse 252). So it is also defined in Quran that one day man will be accountable for all his deeds and actions.

Allah Almighty says in Quran

“Whoever has done an atom's weight of good will see it and whoever has done an atom's weight of evil will see it. ”

(Al-Quran)

Scientific Arguments for the Day of Judgement

→ Law of Conservation of Energy - Best justification for Day of Judgement

The most famous theory of science that is law of conservation of energy states that

“Energy can neither be created nor destroyed. But it is only converted from one form to another.”

Thus, the souls of humans after death will not be destroyed rather they will be ~~are~~ converted from one form to another.

This depicts the beginning of new life of humans after their death. It is obvious that this eternal life of humans will start after a particular day called as Day of judgement.

→ End of Universe predicted by Cosmology - Another justification of Day of Judgement

Cosmology has predicted that the universe will end in 4.5 billion years because the Milky way galaxy will

collide with its neighboring galaxy. Since its neighboring galaxy Andromeda is approaching Milky way at a speed of 300km/sec, so both will collide in 4.5 billion years. But a new elliptic galaxy will be formed. Because energy is merely converted from one form to another. Similarly, the whole universe will change from one form to another after its collapse. This justifies beginning of new cyclic evolution after collapse of universe and also justifies the Day of Judgement.

IMPACTS OF BELIEF IN THE DAY OF JUDGEMENT ON INDIVIDUAL LIFE

i- Instills Peace and Contentment

The strong ^{faith} of Muslim in the Day of Judgement gives internal peace to man because he also believes that one day, he will be paid back for all his good actions. Allah Almighty says in Quran

ee Those who believe, and those who

are Jewish, and the Christians, and the Sabians - those who believe in God, and the Last Day, and act righteously, will have their reward with their Lord; they have nothing to fear nor will they grieve."

(Surah Baqarah Verse 62)

ii- Inculcates humility and modesty

The belief of Muslim in the promise of life hereafter inculcates humility and modesty in him. Because he believes that on day of judgement, he will be punished for his arrogance.

Allah Almighty says in Quran

"Do not walk on earth in haughty style. You can neither tear the Earth apart nor match the mountains in their stature."

(Surah Al-Isra Verse 37)

iii- Ensures Eternal Success

The conviction of Muslim in Day of Judge fuels his existence with a profound ^{-ment} sense of purpose that guides him towards eternal success.

Allah Almighty say that

“Those who believe and whose hearts find comfort in the remembrance of God. Surely, it is in the remembrance of God that their hearts find comfort.”

**Surah Ar Ra'ad
verse 28**

iv- Makes man Tolerant against Challenges

The faith of Muslim in the life hereafter makes him a strong wall against all challenges because Allah has promised him to reward him for his tolerance on Day of Judgement.

Allah Almighty says in Surah Baqarah

ان الله مع الصبرين

Indeed, Allah is with those who shows patience. **Surah Baqarah
verse 153**

IMPACTS OF BELIEF IN THE DAY OF JUDGEMENT ON COLLECTIVE LIFE

i- Instills Brotherhood in Muslims

The firm faith of Muslims in the Day of Judgement instills brotherhood in them, knitting their hearts together ^{bound} by a shared pursuit of eternal salvation.

Allah, the most merciful, says in Holy Quran:

انا خلقنا من نفس واحدة
Indeed, We have created you from one soul. (Surah Hujurat Verse 13)

ii- Fosters Inter-religious harmony in society

The faith of Muslims in Day of Accountability fears them from the punishment of Jahannam because they believe that on that Day they will be accountable for their behavior with non-Muslims. So, they try to follow Holy Prophet (P.B.U. H.) who had even allowed prominent Christian delegation of Najran to practise their religious

actions in his own masquerade. This leads towards plural society.

iii- Elevates concept of Equality in Society.

When Muslims believe in the life hereafter then ^{they} also try to bring equality in their attitudes towards others. They consider every soul equal in (his) their journey towards eternal fulfillment.

Allah Almighty says in Quran

“He is more dearer to Allah who is more pious.”

Surah Al-Hujurat Verse 13

iv- Promotes strong justice system in society

Those who fear from the punishment of Jahannam, try to ensure justice in their individual and collective life. In this way, the entire society moves towards justice.

Allah Almighty who is most Bountiful says in Quran:

“If you judge between them, judge equitably; for Allah likes equitable.”

(Surah An-Nisa Verse 42)

Concluding Thoughts

The day when all human beings will be reborn and will be judged by Allah Almighty, is justified by not only Holy Quran but also through science. This belief in Day of Judgement plays a key role in correcting the actions of humans and forming a prosperous society.
