

What is belief in the Day of Judgement? Explain its effect on individual and collective sins of human beings.

Introduction:

1 The belief in the Day of Judgement is the cornerstone of the beliefs that all Muslims hold. Every Muslim believes that one day the world will end, by the will of Allah, and they shall be judged on their actions they committed in this world. Provided those actions were good deeds, those people shall be rewarded in the form of attaining a place in Heaven or Jannah. If their actions were bad/immoral, they shall be placed in Hell to pay ~~alone~~ for their sins.

It is also a belief of Muslims and others who believe in the Day of Judgement, that on this day those being rewarded or punished shall live in that place for eternity. The concept of death shall be finished. On this day, true justice shall be dispensed, and man shall be answerable for every deed that they have committed on this world.

This belief is founded in every religion and it instills a sense of self-accountability. Moreover, it gives one hope that even if justice wasn't dispensed in this world, it shall in the next. The impacts of this belief are on the individual are numerous with some mentioned some of them being self-accountability, humility is instilled, social patience and sense of doing the right thing is instilled in the individual. These impacts also affect the society, and if they act on it society can become a better place for all.

THE BELIEF IN THE DAY OF JUDGEMENTS

This belief is the foundation of all Muslim's beliefs. A sense of responsibility and accountability arise from this belief. On this all creatures shall be judged fairly. Among many names of Allah (SWT) are

'Al-Adal' and 'Al-Hakam'

These two are related justice and its dispensation. On this Day as Allah (SWT) says:

"We set up the scales of Justice on the Day of Judgement, so no soul will be wronged in the least. And even Pf a deed is the weight of a mustard seed. We will bring it forth. And sufficient we are as vigilant Reckoners." (Al-Baqarah)

On this day, all the believers shall be judged on the deeds/acts they did in this world. After which, adequate reward/punishment shall ^{be} given out. On that day, true justice shall be served, and no one will be able to say that ~~that~~ they have been wronged.

This belief is necessary and only logical as justice can not be completely provided in this life. Many individuals throughout history and in the contemporary/present times have left this world without paying the price of their deeds (either injustice/~~bad~~ deeds or goods).

The person who has been wronged by someone in this life has hope that if they don't get justice in this life, they surely will receive it in the hereafter / on the Day of Judgement.

On this Day, Allah (SWT) says regarding man and his deeds

'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.' (Surah Zilzal)

The world is an examination hall and life is an exam. The Day of Judgement is when the results come / are handed to us by Allah (SWT).

EFFECTS / IMPACTS OF THE BELIEF ON THE DAY OF JUDGEMENTS ON THE INDIVIDUAL AND COLLECTIVE LIVES OF HUMANS &

a) ^{Sub-} Sense of Accountability &

A sense of accountability is inculcated / instilled on the individual and collective level. If a person or society knows and understand the fact that for every action they are going to answerable and responsible, they will think twice before committing

any misdeed^{can}. Moreover, they might atone for their sins in this life rather than facing the music for it in the Hereafter.

b) Helps in leading a humble life?

This world is a temporary phase. For those who understand this fact know that Allah (SWT) has stored something better in the life ahead. As the Creator of "all the worlds" says:

"while the Hereafter is much better and much more durable." (Al-A'la)

c) Helps in leading a Just life?

Those societies in which oppression^{injustice} is ripe are nearer to total chaos/destruction, than those who do not have any oppression or injustice. The Day of Judgement is reminder for ~~all~~ that whatever a person does he will answerable for it.

It is through this ~~mantra~~ belief that a person can expect to live his life justly. He would not go outside the bounds of the Allah (SWT). All the deeds that a person commits shall be in front of him, as Allah (SWT) says:

"Whoever has done an atom's weight of good deeds, he will see it. And whoever has done an atom's weight of ^{bad} deeds will see it."

(Al-Zilzal)

d) Brings meaning to Life

Life without purpose is meaningless. As belief in the religion brings a sense of purpose and meaning in life. Similarly, this also helps to straighten out one's life. The fact that one is accountable for their actions in this world and will be answerable for it is more than enough for any wise person to put his house in order.

Moreover, it helps in reducing the pains of the injustices of this world. The person realizes that they will be compensated on the Day of Judgement.

e) Instills Patience in a Person/Society

One of the most prominent examples of injustices during the time of Prophet Muhammad (PBUH) was done to Hazrat Ammar and his family. They were subjected to immense torture during which the Holy Prophet offered the following words

'Such is the world!' (Hadith)

This was in reference to the brutal torture inflicted by the Pagans on the companions of the Prophet (PBUH). The prophet reassured them and told them that ^{they} will receive their reward on the Day of Judgement. This instilled in them a sense of patience to withstand every challenge thrown at them. Similarly, we can get a lesson of patience from the belief that a person will be rewarded for his deeds on the Day of Judgement. This thinking also extends on the communal level. That if a community starts thinking on these lines, then they will find refuge in Allah's path on the Day of Judgement.

(f) Prevents life ^{over-} from Consuming a Person/Society

This world is a temporary place; all the colours and beauties end once the person leaves this world. Similarly, when the world ends all of the beauties shall cease to exist with it. This belief is strengthened the person's core understanding of how temporary this life really is. It prevents a person from over-indulging himself in the pleasures of all. This belief does force a hermit lifestyle on the person. It, however, reminds the person of the bigger picture and goal.

h) Instills Gratefulness in a Person/Society

Humility and gratefulness are by-products of this belief. A person/society starts to appreciate the blessings that Allah (SWT) has showered upon them. Moreover, a sense of contentment also is achieved. A person/society realizes that if any deed is not rewarded in this life, it will surely get fulfilled/rewarded in the next life. Allah's (SWT) bounties know no bounds. However, he regularly test His creation and through those tests He gets to know how faithful they are. The faithful are then rewarded and this which pushes them to be grateful and humble in this life.

(i) Helps people remain committed in the actual purpose of life

The real purpose of this life is the worship of the Allah (SWT). The Day of Judgement reminds us the fact that if one doesn't remain committed to this purpose then on that day, questions will be asked. To those questions, man shall have no answers.

Therefore, this belief protects us and strengthens our commitment/steadfastness in achieving the actual purpose of life.

CONCLUSION:

— 1 — In conclusion, this belief is the foundation of being a good person & Muslim. Without it, the building of Islam is incomplete. The belief is one of the core beliefs that all Muslims, regardless of their sect, age or any other difference, hold. It has a lot of impacts on the collective and individual lives of people. It promotes a sense of self-accountability, humility, patience, gratefulness and most of all brings actual purpose and meaning to life. Without them, life would be purposeless and a person would die without having actually lived life altogether.