

## QUESTION # 04

What is the Quranic argument on the life Hereafter? What are its impacts on the individual and collective life a human being?

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

### 1- Introduction:-

Imagine a world where every thought, word, and deed is meticulously recorded, awaiting a final reckoning that will determine one's eternal destiny. This is the essence of the belief in the Day of Judgement, a cornerstone of many religions. For Muslims, this belief is not just a concept but a fundamental tenet that shapes their worldview and actions. The belief in the day of Judgement, or "Yawm-al-Diyamah" according to Islam, is the day when all of humanity will be resurrected and judged by Allah based on their deeds and intentions. This Profound belief has significant impacts on both individual behavior and collective societal norms. In Islam, the belief in the Day of Judgement instills a deep sense of accountability and moral responsibility in individuals. Muslims

are encouraged to lead righteous lives, perform good deeds, and avoid sinful behavior, all in anticipation of the final judgment. Collectively, this belief fosters social cohesion and a shared moral framework within Muslim communities. It underscores the idea that our actions have consequences beyond this life, inspiring individuals and societies to pursue righteousness and justice. As we navigate our daily lives, this belief can guide us to strive for a better world, both in this life and the hereafter. The first section highlights the concept of belief in the Day of Judgment with the help of some Quranic arguments while the second section explores its impact on the individual and collective life of a human being.

## 2- Concept of belief on the Day of Judgment in

### Islam:-

In Islam, the belief in the Day of Judgment, known as "Yawn-al-Qiyamah" is a fundamental aspect of faith.

a) In literal sense: "Yawn-al-Qiyamah" translates to "the day of Resurrection". According to Islamic teachings this is the day when all human beings will be resurrected from their graves and brought before Allah for judgment. The righteous will be rewarded with Paradise, while the wicked will face punishment in hell.

b) In contextual sense:- The belief in Day of judgment carries profound ethical and moral implications. It is not merely an abstract future event but a guiding principle that shapes the daily lives and behaviors of Muslims. This belief instills a sense of accountability and responsibility.

### 3- Quranic arguments on the life Hereafter:-

#### 3.1 Argument #01

Allah says in the Quran which means that:-

"Resurrection will happen on this land, This land will rise with the light of His Lord. Whose Kingdom is today? People will answer. In this world only Allah is the Subduer or The Everdominator."

"And <sup>when</sup> the Records of deeds are laid open."

#### Explanations

In science we have law of <sup>conservation of</sup> energy - "Energy can neither be created nor destroyed." Sound is also form of energy. The best examples of it are sonar and jet, which produces such a loud sound that it makes your windows tremble. It is a clear evidence

that energy; sound can be created. and in the second part if energy is never destroyed it means our words have existed in this world in any form since the time of Hazrat Adam. In today's world, we are trying to develop a device that can convert the waves back into sound energy. In Quran Allah clearly mentioned I have a record of every little thing and the records of deeds are laid upon the day of judgment. Man will not be able to run away or refuse from all deeds that he committed in this world.

### 3.2 Argument #02.

It is only logical to believe in Akhirah. 100% Justice can never be provided in this life. Many pass away without paying the price of their bad deeds, or getting the true reward of their good deeds. Our faith about Allah is that Allah is with His attributes and one of His Attributes is "The justifier". But when we look in this world we do not see justice anywhere. But we agree that Allah is the Justifier that means there is definitely another place where Allah will show His justice.

Allah says in Quran which means that:-

"I will do justice, the world is yours, what you are doing, I am looking of it on this

account I will settle the matter in the end. But I will not do it here I will do it on the day of judgement?

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 free will.

#### 4- Impacts on the belief on the Day of Judgement

On individual

level

⇒ sense of self  
Accountability

⇒ helps in leading a meaningful life

⇒ helps in leading a humble life

⇒ helps in facing the problems of this life in a brave manner

⇒ Does not let a person

On collective

level.

⇒ helps in promoting justice

⇒ sense of brotherhood and fraternity

⇒ Mutual harmony

⇒ Equality

⇒ helping others

⇒ Forgiveness

⇒ Mutual harmony

get too immersed  
in this life

⇒ Makes a person  
grateful

⇒ Helps stay  
steadfast in  
the actual  
purpose of  
this life

⇒ love for others

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⇒ Spirit of serving  
others.

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⇒ fostering of  
good morality

## ❖ Impacts/ Effects of the belief on day of judgment

### ➤ On Individual level

#### 1. Sense of self-accountability:

When we realize that this world is not permanent it is just an examination hall after this a new life begins where we will be answerable to God for our actions. Where the parts of my body will testify against me about what you used to do. When I know where this whole thing is going to happen and I had been accountable there. Belief in the Hereafter instills a sense of self-accountability. This belief encourages people to act righteously and avoid sin, knowing that every deed, big or small, will be judged.

**"So whoever does an atom's weight of good will see it, and whoever does an atom's weight of evil will see it."**

This verse highlights that every action, no matter how small, will be accounted for on the Day of Judgment, reinforcing the concept of self-accountability.

The Prophet Muhammad (peace be upon him) said,

**"The wise one is he who holds himself accountable and works for what comes after death; and the foolish one is he who follows his desires and merely hopes upon Allah."**

This Hadith emphasizes the importance of self-accountability and preparing for the Hereafter.

#### 2. Helps in leading a meaningful life

When I believe that this life is permanent. So I will do everything in my life that will benefit me or to profit my interest. This will lead towards a meaningless life. But Believe in Hereafter Promotes the concept that life has an ultimate purpose and that one's actions have eternal consequences giving life meaning and direction. Believers are motivated to live in a way that pleases God, knowing that their efforts will be rewarded in the Hereafter.

**"He who created death and life to test you as to which of you is best in deed—and He is the Exalted in Might, the Forgiving."**

This verse indicates that life is a test from God, with the ultimate purpose of determining who performs the best deeds, providing a sense of meaning and direction.

The Prophet Muhammad (peace be upon him) said,

**"This world is the believer's prison and the disbeliever's paradise."**

This Hadith illustrates that for believers, this life is a place of trials and preparation for the eternal life to come, giving their actions a meaningful context.

### **3. Helps in leading a humble life**

Whatever happens, I will get the kingdom of the whole world, get as many resources as possible, But all this is limited to this world. This life has to end, I will be empty handed when I am buried in grave, and I have to appear before the King of kings in the walnut. If there is anything that can save me, it is only my action. Awareness of the transient nature of worldly achievements and the eternal significance of humility fosters a humble attitude. Believers understand that true success lies in the Hereafter, not in the temporary gains of this world.

**"And the servants of the Most Merciful are those who walk upon the earth humbly, and when the ignorant address them [harshly], they say [words of] peace."**

This verse describes the characteristics of true believers, highlighting humility as a key trait.

The Prophet Muhammad (peace be upon him) said,

**"Whoever has in his heart an atom's weight of arrogance will not enter Paradise."**

This Hadith underscores the importance of humility and the dangers of arrogance, reinforcing the need for a humble life in pursuit of the Hereafter.

### **4. Helps in facing the problems of this life in a brave manner**

Belief in the Hereafter gives individuals the strength and courage to face life's challenges, knowing that their patience and perseverance will be rewarded.

Allah says in the Quran :

**"If a believer feels even a thorn, then his sins are forgiven".**

Whenever the Prophet (peace and blessings of Allah be upon him) used to encourage his companions, he used to advise them to be patient. The family of Amar bin Yasir was the best example of it they were settled Makkah when they



accepted Islam. The disbelievers used to torture them because they were easy targets. This is what Muhammad(PBUH) used to say to them, "Yasir's family, be patient, you will be awarded with paradise."

**"And We will surely test you with something of fear and hunger and a loss of wealth and lives and fruits, but give good tidings to the patient, who, when disaster strikes them, say, 'Indeed we belong to Allah, and indeed to Him we will return.' Those are the ones upon whom are blessings from their Lord and mercy. And it is those who are the [rightly] guided."**

These verses highlight that life's trials are tests from God, and those who remain patient and turn to Him will be rewarded and guided.

The Prophet Muhammad (peace be upon him) said,

**"Wondrous is the affair of the believer, for there is good for him in every matter, and this is not the case with anyone except the believer. If he is happy, then he thanks Allah and there is good for him; and if he is harmed, then he shows patience and there is good for him."**

This Hadith emphasizes that believers find benefit in every situation, whether through gratitude or patience, strengthening their resilience.

## **5. Does not let a person get too immersed in this Life**

The belief in the Hereafter keeps individuals from becoming overly attached to worldly pursuits, reminding them of the transient nature of this life and the eternal nature of the Hereafter.

**"Know that the life of this world is but amusement and diversion and adornment and boasting to one another and competition in increase of wealth and children. Like the example of a rain whose [resulting] plant growth pleases the tillers; then it dries and you see it turned yellow; then it becomes [scattered] debris. And in the Hereafter is severe punishment and forgiveness from Allah and approval. And what is the worldly life except the enjoyment of delusion."**

This verse contrasts the temporary nature of worldly life with the eternal consequences of the Hereafter, discouraging excessive attachment to worldly matters.

## **6. Makes a person grateful**

If no one in this world does good to you, you should also do good to him. You will not be rewarded for this in this world .But believe in Hereafter keep me

motivated that on the Day of Judgment Allah almighty will definitely reward. That is, whatever a person does in this world, the intention behind is to please Allah. The anticipation of the Hereafter and acknowledgment of God's blessings fosters gratitude in individuals, as they recognize the ultimate source of all good.

**"And We had certainly given Luqman wisdom [and said], 'Be grateful to Allah.' And whoever is grateful is grateful for himself. And whoever denies [His favor] - then indeed, Allah is Free of need and Praiseworthy."**

This verse encourages gratitude by highlighting that gratefulness benefits the individual and pleases God.

The Prophet Muhammad (peace be upon him) said,

**"He who does not thank people is not thankful to Allah."**

This Hadith emphasizes the importance of gratitude, both towards people and towards God.

## **7. Helps stay steadfast in the actual purpose of this life**

When all the above aspects become a part of our life the conclusive impact of all this would be that belief in Hereafter allows us to remain steadfast in achieving the actual purpose of life. Belief in the Hereafter helps believers stay focused on the ultimate purpose of life, which is to worship and obey God, thereby guiding their actions and decisions.

**"And I did not create the jinn and mankind except to worship Me."**

This verse clearly states the primary purpose of human life, which is to worship God, providing a central focus for all actions.

The Prophet Muhammad (peace be upon him) said,

**"Whoever believes in Allah and the Last Day should speak good or keep silent."**

This Hadith highlights the importance of aligning one's actions with the belief in God and the Hereafter, promoting steadfastness in purpose.

## **➤ On the collective level**

### **1. Helps in promoting justice**

Belief in the Hereafter encourages individuals to act justly, as they are aware that they will be held accountable for their actions. This promotes a just society where people strive to uphold fairness and equity, knowing that divine justice will prevail.

**"O you who have believed, be persistently standing firm in justice, witnesses for Allah, even if it be against yourselves or parents and relatives. Whether one is rich or poor, Allah is more worthy of both. So follow not [personal] inclination, lest you not be just. And if you distort [your testimony] or refuse [to give it], then indeed Allah is ever, with what you do, Acquainted."**

This verse highlights the importance of being steadfast in justice, emphasizing that justice should be upheld even against one's own interests.

The Prophet Muhammad (peace be upon him) said,

**"The just will be seated upon pulpits of light: those who are fair with regards to their judgment and their family and those who are under them."**

This Hadith underscores the high status and reward for those who act justly, reinforcing the importance of justice in society.

## 2. Sense of brotherhood and fraternity

Belief in the Hereafter fosters a strong sense of brotherhood and fraternity among believers, as they are united in their faith and the ultimate goal of attaining Paradise. This sense of unity helps create a supportive and cohesive community.

**"The believers are but brothers, so make settlement between your brothers. And fear Allah that you may receive mercy."**

This verse emphasizes the concept of believers being brothers to one another, promoting unity and reconciliation within the community.

The Prophet Muhammad (peace be upon him) said,

**"The example of the believers in their affection, mercy, and compassion for each other is that of a body. When any limb aches, the whole body reacts with sleeplessness and fever."**

This Hadith highlights the interconnectedness and mutual support that should exist among believers, akin to the parts of a single body.

## 3. Mutual Harmony

Belief in the Hereafter encourages mutual harmony, as individuals are mindful of their conduct towards others, knowing that they will be accountable for any harm or injustice they cause. This fosters a peaceful and cooperative society.

**"And hold firmly to the rope of Allah all together and do not become divided. And remember the favor of Allah upon you - when you were enemies and He brought your hearts together and you became, by His favor, brothers. And you were on the edge of a pit of the Fire, and He saved you from it. Thus does Allah make clear to you His verses that you may be guided."**

This verse calls for unity and harmony among believers, reminding them of God's favor in bringing them together.

The Prophet Muhammad (peace be upon him) said,

**"The Muslim is the one from whose tongue and hand the Muslims are safe, and the believer is the one who is trusted with the lives and wealth of the people."**

This Hadith emphasizes the importance of ensuring the safety and well-being of others and promoting harmonious relationships within the community.

#### **4. Equality**

Belief in the Hereafter promotes the concept of equality, as all human beings are viewed as equal before God, who will judge them based on their piety and deeds rather than their worldly status.

**"O mankind, indeed We have created you from male and female and made you peoples and tribes that you may know one another. Indeed, the most noble of you in the sight of Allah is the most righteous of you. Indeed, Allah is Knowing and Acquainted."**

This verse underscores that all humans are created equal and that true nobility is based on righteousness, promoting equality among people.

The Prophet Muhammad (peace be upon him) said,

**"O people, your Lord is one and your father is one. There is no superiority of an Arab over a non-Arab, or of a non-Arab over an Arab, or of a white over a black, or of a black over a white, except by piety. Have I not conveyed the message?"**

This Hadith clearly emphasizes equality among all people, with piety being the only criterion for superiority in the eyes of God.

## 5. Helping others

Belief in the Hereafter encourages individuals to help others, as acts of kindness and charity are seen as investments in their eternal life, earning rewards from God.

**"The example of those who spend their wealth in the way of Allah is like a seed [of grain] that sprouts seven ears; in every ear is a hundred grains. And Allah multiplies [His reward] for whom He wills. And Allah is all-Encompassing and Knowing."**

This verse highlights the immense reward for those who spend their wealth in the way of Allah, encouraging acts of charity and helping others.

The Prophet Muhammad (peace be upon him) said,

**"He who relieves a hardship of this world for a believer, Allah will relieve a hardship for him on the Day of Resurrection."**

This Hadith emphasizes the reciprocal nature of helping others, with the promise of divine assistance in the Hereafter.

## 6. Forgiveness

Belief in the Hereafter encourages forgiveness, as individuals seek to earn God's forgiveness by forgiving others, promoting a forgiving and compassionate society.

**"And the retribution for an evil act is an evil one like it, but whoever pardons and makes reconciliation - his reward is [due] from Allah. Indeed, He does not like wrongdoers."**

This verse encourages forgiveness and reconciliation, promising divine reward for those who forgive.

The Prophet Muhammad (peace be upon him) said,

**"Be merciful to others and you will receive mercy. Forgive others and Allah will forgive you."**

This Hadith reinforces the principle of forgiveness, linking it directly to receiving God's mercy and forgiveness.

## 7. Love for others

Belief in the Hereafter encourages love and compassion for others, as it emphasizes the importance of treating others well and fostering a caring

community. This love is rooted in the recognition of shared humanity and the collective journey towards the Hereafter.

**"The believers are but brothers, so make settlement between your brothers. And fear Allah that you may receive mercy."**

This verse emphasizes the bond of brotherhood among believers, encouraging love and reconciliation.

The Prophet Muhammad (peace be upon him) said,

**"None of you will believe until you love for your brother what you love for yourself."**

This Hadith highlights the importance of loving others and wishing for them what one wishes for oneself, promoting empathy and compassion.

## **8. Spirit of serving others**

Belief in the Hereafter fosters a spirit of serving others, as acts of service are seen as a way to earn rewards in the Hereafter. This encourages individuals to help and support one another, building a supportive and caring community.

**"And they give food in spite of love for it to the needy, the orphan, and the captive, [saying], 'We feed you only for the countenance of Allah. We wish not from you reward or gratitude.'"**

These verses highlight the selflessness and sincerity in serving others, purely for the sake of seeking Allah's pleasure.

The Prophet Muhammad (peace be upon him) said,

**"The best of people are those who are most beneficial to people."**

This Hadith emphasizes the value of being beneficial to others, promoting a culture of service and support within the community.

## **9. Fostering of good morality**

Belief in the Hereafter fosters good morality, as individuals are conscious of their actions and strive to live righteously, knowing they will be held accountable. This promotes ethical behavior and moral integrity in society.

**"And the servants of the Most Merciful are those who walk upon the earth humbly, and when the ignorant address them [harshly], they say [words of] peace, and those who spend [part of] the night to their Lord prostrating and standing [in prayer]."**

These verses describe the moral and ethical characteristics of true believers, promoting humility, peace, and devotion.

The Prophet Muhammad (peace be upon him) said,

**"The most complete of the believers in faith is the one with the best character among them."**

This Hadith highlights the importance of good character and morality as integral aspects of a believer's faith.