

Akhirat

Introduction: Akhirat is a term used in Islam to describe the belief in everlasting life after death. According to Islamic scripture, this world is not an eternal abode for man; however, he has been placed here to be tested in terms of his obedience to the will of Allah.

Meaning:

The Arabic word آخرة - Al-Akhirah, is an Islamic term referring to the life after death (hereafter or afterlife). It is derived from the root word آخ Al-Akhir which means the last, the end or close.

Concept in Quran:

In the Quran, the Day of Judgment is when the earthly or temporal world (dunya) ends, the deceased are raised from their graves, and God conducts judgment consigning them for eternity to either the delights of Jannah (Paradise) or the flames of Jahannam (Hell).

Philosophy:

The world is a temporary world created and sustained by Allah, mere for the testing of His creation.

(Al'Imran: 185) وَمَا الْحَيَاةُ الدُّنْيَا إِلَّا مَتَاعُ الْفُرُوجِ
And what is the life of this world except the enjoyment of delusion.

(Ar-Rahman: 26) كُلُّ نَفْسٍ لَهَا رُجُوعٌ إِلَىٰ رَبِّهَا
Everyone upon earth will perish.

Hadith 1: Hazrat Muhammad PBUH says.

→ O' God Life is truly life is hereafter.

→ The world is the prison of the believer & the Paradise of disbeliever.

* ~~one~~ one day Allah will end this temporary world

(Al'Imran: 185) كُلُّ نَفْسٍ ذَائِقَةُ الْمَوْتِ
every soul have test death.

→ The day will be of the Resurrection (Rebirth)

(Yasin: 53) وَنُفِخُ فِي الصُّورِ نَفْثًا وَاحِدًا

It will not be but one blast, and at once

they are all brought present before us.

Impacts of Akhirat:

i) Sense of individual Responsibility.

Belief in Akhirat impress upon man to fulfill his responsibilities towards his Lord and also towards his fellow beings.

ان الله والبر والقوات كل اولئك كان امره مستورا

(Al-Isra:36)

Burden of Accountability:

A strong belief in Akhirat, results in the personal accountability.

الذين هم اولئك وزير اهل

(Al-Baqarah:139) لنا اكلنا واكل اهلنا

for us are our deeds, and for you are your deeds.

Optimistic about reward here after

(Al-fajr 28) ارجى الى ربك ارجى

→ A believer in afterlife adopts a selfless attitude as he expects rewards in the other existence.

Impacts on Society:

The faith in Akhirat makes the society ideal. It puts the whole society on the right Path. Society is the name of the collectivity of people.

Co-operation and brotherhood-

The believer in afterlife is imbued with the incentive to render meritorious services for the welfare of his brethren-in-faith and humanity at large.

Hadith: Take care of your hereafter, Allah takes care of the rest (Abu Amina El-Gar)

(Sunan Ibn Majah 4105)

Conclusion

The term Akhirah is a fundamental concept of Islamic belief referring to the afterlife and the ultimate destiny of each human being. It encompasses the Day of Judgment, the Day of Resurrection and the eternal life that follows. Muslims believe that the Akhirah is a reality that is just as real as this life, and that one's action in this life will determine their fate in the next.