

QUESTION

Muslims believe that the day of Judgement will occur. Discuss its importance, reasons for its occurrence and effects of its belief on the believer's life.

Introduction

The day of Judgement (Yawm al Akhir) or the day of resurrection is the core article of faith in Islam. On that day righteous will be rewarded and wrong doers will be punished. This belief gives life a moral purpose. There are multiple reasons for occurrence of the day of Judgement like to bring about perfect justice, to reward and punish, to establish responsibility, and accountability, and to demonstrate Allah's power and wisdom. Belief on the day of Judgement encourages moral behaviour of a believer. It provides hope and patience, reduces fear of worldly loss, and creates inner peace.

Importance of the Day of Judgement

a. A core Article of Faith

The Day of Judgement is a core article of faith in Islam. Muslim believe that the Day of resurrection will occur and everyone will be judged by Allah. This life is a test and every action has consequences.

"Every soul shall taste death, and you will only be given your full compensation on the Day of Resurrection."

(Al-Quran - 3:185)

b. Affirms Divine Justice

On the Day of Judgement, divine justice will be reassured. Those who do good deeds will be rewarded and wrong doers will be punished.

c. "We shall set up the scales of justice for the Day of Resurrection, so no soul shall be wronged at all."

(Al-Quran - 21:47)

c. Gives life a Moral Purpose

The Day of Judgement reminds that this life is temporary. Everyone will be accountable before Allah for their actions, and the day will come. This belief gives a moral purpose to life.

"The Hour is coming - there is no doubt about it."

(Al-Quran 22:7)

Reasons for the occurrence of the Day of Judgement

a. To bring about perfect justice

Allah will judge all the people for their intentions, actions, and deeds.

In Quran Allah says:

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

b. To reward and punish

Those who are doing good actions will be rewarded paradise, and those

who are wrong doers will be punished.
That's the promises of Allah which will
be fulfilled by Allah on the Day of
Resurrection.

"As for those who believed and
did righteous deeds, they will
have the Gardens of Paradise..."

(Al-Quran-18:107)

c. To establish responsibility and accountability

This day reminds human of their
responsibilities, that they are created
to worship their Lord and they will
be accountable for their actions.

"Did you think We created you
without purpose that you would
not be returned to us."

(Al-Quran-23:115)

d. To demonstrate Allah's power and wisdom

The day of Judgement show Allah's
power over life. He has created
human and He will get back to
them.

"Surely He is the one who brings the dead to life, and He is the most capable of everything."

(Al-Quran 30:50)

Effects of the Belief in the Day of Judgement on a Believer's Life

a. Encourage Moral Behaviour

Believers strive to act kindly, avoid sins and seek Allah's pleasure knowing they will be judged.

"Whoever hopes for the meeting with his Lord, let him do righteous deeds."

(Al-Quran-18:110)

b. Provide Hope and Patience

Difficulties of life will become easier when a believer trusts that every difficulty will be rewarded.

"Indeed, the patience will be given their reward without measure."

(Al-Quran-39:10)

c. Reduce Fear of Worldly Loss

Believers do not become overly attached to worldly things, like wealth, status or fame. They focus on what truly lasts.

"The Hereafter is better and more lasting."

(Al-Quran- 87-17)

d. Creates inner peace

Believers trust Allah's fairness and justice, finding comfort in His plans and motivating believers to do good and avoid evil. As the Quran says:

"Indeed, those who have said, Our Lord is Allah; and then remained steadfast - there will be no fear concerning them, nor will they grieve."

(46: 13)

Conclusion

The Day of Judgement (Yawm al-Qiyama) is the fundamental belief in Islam.

Muslims believe that on that day divine justice will be occurred. Righteous will be rewarded and wrong doers will be punished. This day will bring perfect

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