

QUESTION No. #01

Q:1 Quranic argument on the belief on Day of Judgment and what are its individual and social impacts.

Introduction

Belief in God and the acceptance of accountability before Him in the Hereafter is the quintessence of Islam. According to Islamic perspective, there are two essential stages for the existential journey of mankind: this world and the life Hereafter. The Holy Quran has continuously reinforced the concept of Hereafter. Moreover, the belief in the Hereafter gives purpose to life. As this world would end on last day, called "Dooms Day," then everything would be shattered. Not only this, every human being will be held accountable for his deeds and beliefs on the Day of Judgment. Likewise, the ultimate justice is not possible in this world. Therefore, the belief

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in Day of Judgment gives hope of justice to mankind. Along with it, it has tremendous impact on an individual and social life of a person. Individually, it fosters fear of Allah, creates a sense of accountability and develops patience in humans. Socially, it develops a society which is based on rule of law; a spirit of generosity leads to harmony and solidarity in society. Thus, the belief in the Day of Judgment is the cornerstone of Islam.

What is Belief in the Day Of Judgment?

In literal sense, it means "**Day of Requital**". It is the day where everyone will be held accountable for his actions. In the context of Islam, death is not the end of life; it is the start of another life which is eternal. It is

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the fundamental dogma of Islam.

Quranic Reference

وما الحياة الدنيا الا متاع الغرور -

"And what is this world, except enjoyment of delusion."

(Al-Hadid: 20)

Hadith Reference

The Holy Prophet stated:

الدنيا زراعة الآخرة -

"The world is the field of the Hereafter."

Scholarly Reference

The word "Al-Fatrah" refers to all ^{those} people who did not receive dawa in the correct manner as it came in Sharia, they will not be held accountable in the Hereafter.

—Nasiruddin

The people who are born in idolatrous families and die without reaching message will be granted.

—Nawawi

Quranic Arguments Regarding Belief in the Hereafter:

In Holy Quran, there are different terms which have been used to express the belief in the Hereafter. The term "Hereafter" has been used **118** times in the Holy Quran.

"**Yawm-ul-Baas**" which refers to the "Day of Rising of Dead", "**Yawm-ul-Qiyamah**" which means the "Day of Resurrection", and "**Yawm-ul-Din**" referring to "Day of Judgment" have been used in the sacred Book.

In Surah Fatihah, it is mentioned

ملك يوم الدين -

He is the master of Day of Judgment.

Moreover, Allah has promised in the Holy Quran:

كل نفس ذائقة الموت

(Al-Quran)

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"Every soul will taste death"
(Surah AL-Imran: 185)

In Islamic jurisprudence, every soul has to taste death. Death is an eternal phase of life. After death, the door of repentance is closed. Human life has been divided into two phases, the present world and life post death.

At another place, Allah Almighty depicts:

الَّذِي خَلَقَ الْمَوْتَ وَالْحَيَاةَ لِيَبْلُوَكُمْ أَيُّكُمْ أَحْسَنُ عَمَلًا -

Allah is the "One" Who created the death and life in order to test which of you are best in deeds.

(AL-Mulk: 2)

When someone hears the calamity or bad news, he should say

إِنَّا لِلَّهِ وَإِنَّا إِلَيْهِ رَاجِعُونَ -

To God, I belong and to Him, we shall return.

(AL-Baqara: 156)

The Holy Quran emphasizes the reality of death stating:

ثُمَّ إِلَىٰ رَبِّكُمْ تُرْجَعُونَ -

Then to your Lord you shall be returned.

(AL-Quram)

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Likewise, the Holy Qur'an has depicted the scenes of Hereafter in a series of events.

إِذَا السَّمَاءُ انْفَطَرَتْ -

"And when the Heaven is asunder."

وَإِذَا النُّجُومُ تُنثَرَتْ -

"And when the stars are scattered"

وَإِذَا الْبِحَارُ فَجُورَتْ -

"And when the seas are burst forth"

وَإِذَا الْقُبُورُ بُعْثِرَتْ -

"And when the graves are laid open"

عَلِمَتْ نَفْسٌ مَّا قَدَّمَتْ وَأَخَّرَتْ -

"Everyone shall get all the deeds, the before and the after."

(82:1-5)

The two angels "**Kiraman Katibeen**"

consistently record every action of an individual. On the

Day of Judgment, humans

will be held accountable for

their actions, deeds and beliefs.

Afterwards, Allah Almighty will revive departed souls and provide them the result of their actions, either good or bad.

وَنُفِخَ فِي الصُّورِ قَآذِرًا هُمُ مِنَ الْآجِرَاتِ

إِلَى رَبِّهِمْ يَنْسِلُونَ -

And the Trumpet will be blown

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"a second time" — then behold! —
all will rush from their graves
to their Lord.

(Al Ya-Sin: 51)

At another place, it is mentioned
"Indeed, We will revive them after
death".

(Surah Ya-Sin: 21)

Not only this, the "Munkir Nakier"
will visit the graves of deceased
to check faith. However, every
individual will be held accountable
for his deeds, actions and beliefs.
Furthermore, they will get true
and just reward in the form
of eternal happiness, Jannah, or
the rigorous fire, Jahannum.

الَّذِي يَهْدِي النَّاسَ أَشْتَاتًا لَّيَرَّوْا ثِمَالَهُمْ فَمَنْ
يَعْمَلْ مِثْقَالَ ذَرَّةٍ خَيْرًا يَرَهُ وَمَنْ يَعْمَلْ مِثْقَالَ
ذَرَّةٍ شَرًّا يَرَهُ

"On that day, people will come
in the form of separate groups
to get the reward of their
deeds; whoever has done the
weight of a grain of good will
see it, but whoever has done
weight of grain an evil will
see that."

(Surah Zalzalah: 6)

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ان الابرار لفي نعيم -
Indeed, the righteous will enter in Paradise
وان الفجار لفي جحيم -
And wicked in the Hell.

(Surah AL-Infitar: 13-14)

The people who have done evil deeds in their entire life will face torturous fire of Hell. Similarly, non-believers who always deny the supremacy of Allah Almighty will be tormented.

نار هارود -

The rigorous Fire.

(AL-Qaria: 6)

فالتقوا النار التي اعدت للكافرين -

Feas

(Surah AL-Imran)

Impacts of Belief in the Hereafter on Individual Life

Creating a sense of accountability
and responsibility:

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The concept of belief in the Hereafter inculcates a sense of responsibility in man as he knows Allah Almighty is continuously watching him. He is aware of the fact and prevents himself from evil deeds.

ليس كمثله شيء، وهو السميع البصير.

There is nothing like Him and He is ^{seer}hearer and ^{seer}seer.

b) Instilling the Love of God: [Al-Shura: 11]

The belief in the Day of Judgment encapsulates the love of God in an individual. When a believer knows that Allah is the source of guidance, mercy and assistance, he is naturally feeling love of God and offering thank to Allah for everything.

والذين آمنوا أشد حبا لله.

And those who believe, love Allah more.

(Surah Al-Baqarah: 165)

c) Ensuring Moral Enhancement:

This belief fosters on moral values like all other beliefs. Moreover, a person reforms himself to become morally good.

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“لَا يَرْجُو مَنْ لَا يَرْجُو لَإِيْرَحٍ -
“Those who do not mercy will
not be treated mercifully.”

He plays positive role in the
society by fulfilling his duties
in a right manner. He takes
care of others as well.

d). Achieving Taqwa and Virtue

The belief in the Day of
Judgment enables man in
achieve piety by following the
teachings of Islam. Similarly,
a person is mindful that
he has to be answerable
on the Day of Judgment
for his deeds.

إِنَّ الْبِرَّ أَعْيُنُكَ عِنْدَ اللَّهِ أَتَقَرُّ مِنْ اتَّقِيْكُمْ -
Surely the most noble of you in
the sight of Allah is the most
righteous of you.

Social Impacts Of Belief in Day of Judgment

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a). Inculcating the Concept of
Amr Bil Maroof wa Nahi Anil
Munkir:

The belief in the Hereafter is the cornerstone of Islam, preventing an individual from doing evil deeds. A person becomes morally good and invites people to enjoin good and forbid evil.

وَيَأْمُرُونَ بِالْمَعْرُوفِ وَيَنْهَوْنَ عَنِ الْمُنْكَرِ -
And enjoining good and forbid evil.

(Al-Imran:104)

b). Sense of Brotherhood and Cooperation

This belief also cultivate sense of brotherhood and cooperation among people. Therefore a society based on cooperation is arised. As people assist each other in every difficulty, due to fear of Allah.

وَاعْتَصِمُوا بِحَبْلِ اللَّهِ جَمِيعًا وَلَا تَفَرَّقُوا -

And hold firmly together to the rope of Allah, do not be divided. (Al-Imran

c). Social Justice and Equality

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This belief inculcates justice in society. All the people uphold rights of others and fulfill their duties effectively.

فَلَا تَتَّبِعُوا الْهَوَىَٰ مِن تَعَدَىٰ

So do not cause your desires to deviate from justice. (An-Nisa:135)

d) Spirit of Generosity:

The belief in the Hereafter, last but not least, fosters a spirit of generosity. Everyone tries to facilitate those who are in need.

Moreover, people know that Allah will multiply the reward in the Hereafter.

For the sake of Allah's pleasure, they spend in the way of Allah.

وَانْفِقُوا فِي سَبِيلِ اللَّهِ

And spend in the way of Allah.

Critical Analysis (2:195)

The only thing that can prevent man from doing evil acts is the fear of Allah. Due to belief in Day of Judgment, society becomes an example of fraternity and

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justice. Not only this, the belief in the Hereafter has potential to transform both individuals and society. Likewise, it ensures true justice for victims.

Conclusion

In a nutshell, the belief in the Day of Judgment is a cornerstone of Islam. Therefore, it is reiterated in the Holy Quran in order to create a sense of accountability, justice and piety among people. Furthermore, it has the potential to transform society by fostering generosity, piety, cohesion and justice.