

Q:01 What is the Quranic argument on life hereafter? What are its impacts on the individual and collective life of a human being?

ANSWER

I) INTRODUCTION: WHAT IS HEREAFTER AND ITS IMPACTS ON INDIVIDUAL AND COLLECTIVE HUMAN LIFE.

The meaning of "Life hereafter" ~~rise~~ to have faith in life after this worldly journey which is eternal. It is a faith in Islam among seven basic faiths. The concept of "Hereafter" employs that this world is a place of examination where an individual leads his life preparing for life after it. This faith brings about great changes in one's own life and as a community. Individually, it teaches oneself of purpose, patience and humbleness, among others. Collectively, it creates a society of justice, welfare and brotherhood.

(II) QURANIC ARGUMENTS OF LIFE HEREAFTER

Many places in Quran Allah reminds humanity of life hereafter. There are words like Yaum-ul-Qiyam, Yaum-ul-Akhirah, Yaum-ul-Hisab and The Last Hour. These terminologies clearly point out that there will be the last day when Allah will decide the eternity of human.

At one point in Quran Allah says;
"He it is who created and will re-create", and it is easier for Him.

Symbols of Hereafter according to Quran;

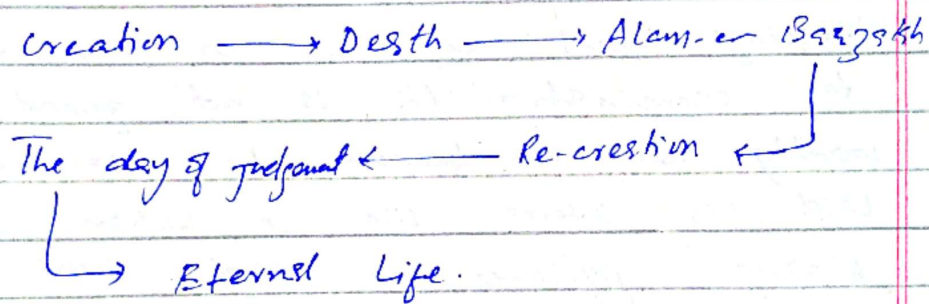
- > That day the moon and The sun shall be brought together.
- > When mountains will turn into pieces of sand.
- > When Earth will tremble.
- > When sky will disperse.
- > When Angel Israfeel will blow the trumpet.

The book of guidance explains the day of resurrection as;
"Is there any way to flee",

my Lord. "Is there any chance to go back and do good deeds"?

This signifies "the Last Hour" for human in terms of death and for humanity in terms of the day of judgement.

According to Quran, journey to hereafter is explained as;



(VII) IMPACTS OF HEREAFTER ON INDIVIDUAL LIFE

9. A Purposeful Life:

Faith in "Hereafter" gives purpose to life by giving reason of human creation. In many western countries people are caught in suicide due to their views on purposeless life. They are trapped in "Nihilism" which supports life without purpose in the world. The book of blessings explain the purpose of human

as;

"We have created humans and Jinn only for worship."

So, ^{those} who worship Allah and lead a life according to His commandments, ~~for~~ for them heaven is entrusted.

Brings Patience and Perseverance

Belief in Hereafter equips man with patience as he takes blessings and endeavors as means to examination. He is not greedy of worldly success because he loves to lead his eternal life in heaven by showing patience on what Allah gives him in the world. As per Quran;

"Indeed! Allah is with those who show patience."

Man Becomes Humble and Pious when someone cordially believes in "Hereafter", he lives in the world cautiously. He avoids bad habits that turn into sins. His interaction with others will be a source of comfort to others. His character will be based on piety which will aid him in Hereafter.

d. Hereafter Inculcates Accountability in man

Man becomes accountable after truly believing in "Hereafter". He is not only accountable for eternal life but also for worldly affairs. He believes wrong doings in the world not only will ruin his worldly life but also Hereafter. As Shah Waliullah says;
"Hereafter is what a man cultivates here, will reap there."

Strengthens Bond with ALLAH

When a man believes in Hereafter, he is showered ALLAH's blessings. He recalls ALLAH in every aspect of his life. He feels ALLAH so close to him. He prays ALLAH will all love and passion. In return, man is blessed with a good and peaceful worldly life, and the best eternal life. ALLAH says in Quran;

"When righteous listen Quran, their hearts melt down in the love of God."

(IV) IMPACTS ON COLLECTIVE HUMAN LIFE

a. Creates Ideal Society

faith in Hereafter creates ideal society because as people become righteous individually in their life, will create a society as whole, a righteous. There is no denying if we call it ~~as~~ the pious society. Consequently, everyone will be well-wisher of his fellows.

b. Culminates sense of brotherhood

When a whole society is blessed with the faith of Hereafter, everyone living in it will possess a righteous and pious character. For eternal life in heaven, people will help one another. All of the human divid based on race, color, caste and creed will vanish as prophet once said

"The best amongst you are those who like something for himself, like the same for his brother".

c. Promotes social welfare.

Belief in Hereafter also brings about social welfare in a society. Those who want a better life in hereafter, will make others life better in this world. People believing Hereafter will give Zakat, Charit, Sadqs, and ~~will~~ will ~~participate~~ participate in it. As Allah says in Quran;
"People will see an atom of good and an atom evil and will be rewarded respectively."

(V) CONCLUSION

To sum up, Hereafter is basic Islamic faith. As one life ends, it opens the door for eternity. Many place in Quran, Allah witnesses the day of judgment. It is entrusted that worldly affairs will decide the hereafter of a man. Above discussion proves various impacts of hereafter on individual as well as collective human life. Men should be grateful to have such ways of preparing a good Hereafter.