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What is the Quranic Argument of Life Hereafter? what are its impacts on individual and collective life?

ANSWER:

Introduction:

Belief in life Hereafter is one of the six pillars of Islamic beliefs. In the Holy Quran special emphasis has been laid on the importance of life Hereafter. However, believing life Hereafter impacts individual and collective life to a great extent.

Life Hereafter:

→ Its meaning:

It is also known as "Yaum-al-Aqiyamah", whereas, Quran calls this "True life". It means all humanity and jinns will be resurrected and brought before Allah to give account of their deeds in earthly life. On the basis of which they will be rewarded or punished.

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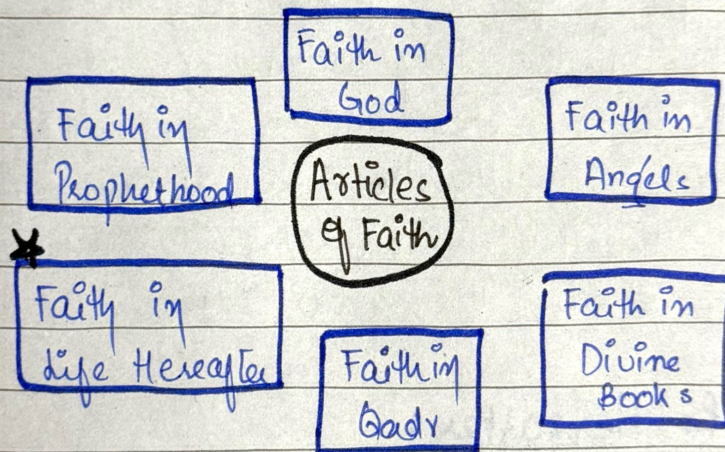
→ Emphasis in Holy Quran:

The Holy Quran contains nearly 1200 ayats on life Hereafter. According to the Holy Quran:

"While the Hereafter is much better and much more durable"
(Surah Al-A'la)

→ Pillar of Islamic Belief:

Belief in life Hereafter is one of six pillars of Islamic Belief

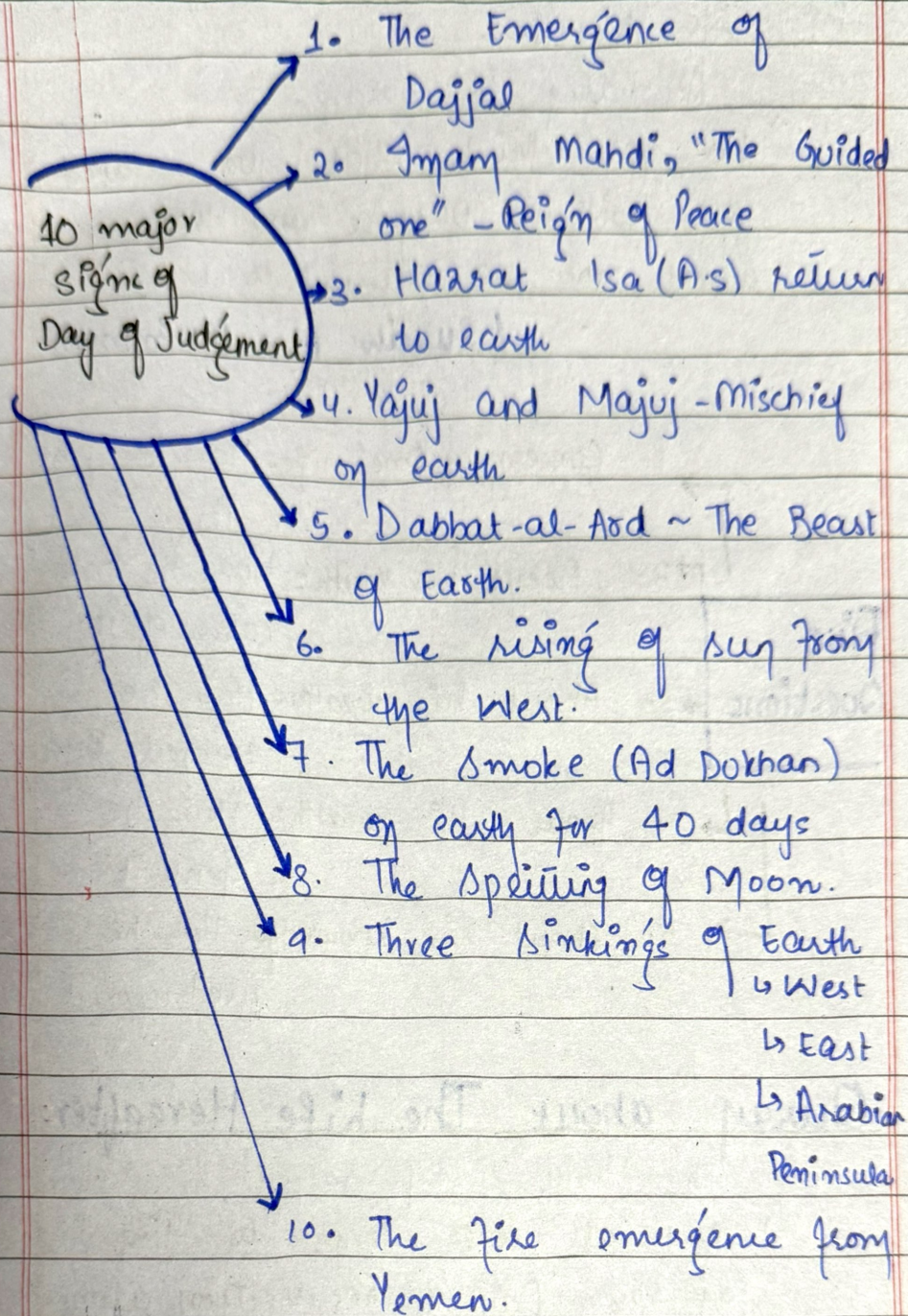


→ Ten major signs of the Day of Judgment in Islam:

The Holy Quran and Hadith describe several great signs before the Day of Judgment or life Hereafter.

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All of these signs must not be occur in chronological order.

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Five necessary Question asked on the Day of Judgement

Quran and Hadith explain what people will be held accountable

in Life Hereafter.

According to Quran:

"Do you think that We created you without purpose and that you would not be returned to Us?"

(Surah Al-Mu'minun)

Five
Questions

1- Concerning One's life: How he spent it.

2- About his Youth: How he took care of it

3- About his wealth: How he earned it.

4- About his wealth: How he spent it.

5- About his knowledge: How he acted upon it.

→ Quran about The Life Hereafter:

The Holy Quran says:

"And all will come to Him on the Day of Resurrection alone."
(Surah Maryam)

"On that Day you will be brought to judgement and none of your secrets will remain hidden."

(Al-Goran)

→ Holy Prophet about Life Hereafter: (PBUH)

1- Truth will Prevail:

The Holy Prophet (SAW)

said:

"On the Day of Judgment, Allah will hold the whole earth and fold the heavens with His right hand and say, 'I am the King, where are the kings of the Earth?'"

2- Prophet (PBUH) intercession:

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Hadith of the Holy Prophet (PBUH):

"For every Prophet was a prayer with which he prayed for his Ummah, but I have reserved my prayer for the intercession of my Ummah on the Day of Judgment."

→ Importance of the Concept:

According to Maulana Maududi:

The word 'Akhira' (Hereafter) is a comprehensive one and it applies to an amalgamation of many beliefs which include:

- ① Man are not irresponsible in this world and are answerable to Allah for all deeds.

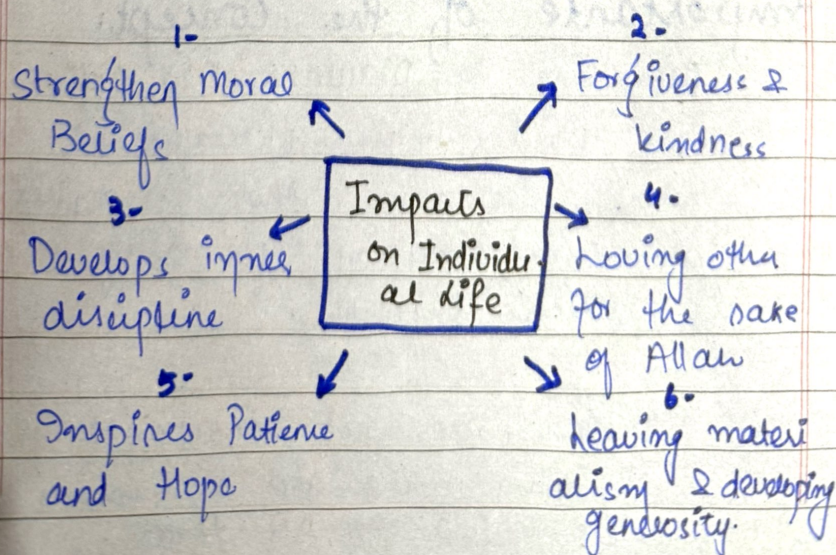
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- ② Present system of world is infinite. Only God knows when it will end.
- ③ Allah will create another world, create entire human race from the beginning and hold them accountable for their actions.
- ④ Good deeds will go to heaven and bad people will go to hell.
- ⑤ Real criterion of success and failure is not prosperity or misery but successful is the one who succeeds in final judgment.

Impacts on Individual life and Collective life

a- Individual Life:



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1- Strengthen Moral Beliefs:

Belief in life Hereafter and accountability before Allah makes people cautious about right and wrong.

2- Forgiveness and kindness:

Knowing final justice lies with Allah, helps forgive others easily. It also encourages kindness towards others.

3- Develops inner discipline:

Constant awareness of divine judgment helps in developing self-control.

4- Loving others for the sake of Allah:

For reward purpose individuals focus on building relationships with sincerity and generosity.

5- Inspires patience and Hope:

Having faith that this world is temporary, gives patience during hardships and hope for divine justice.

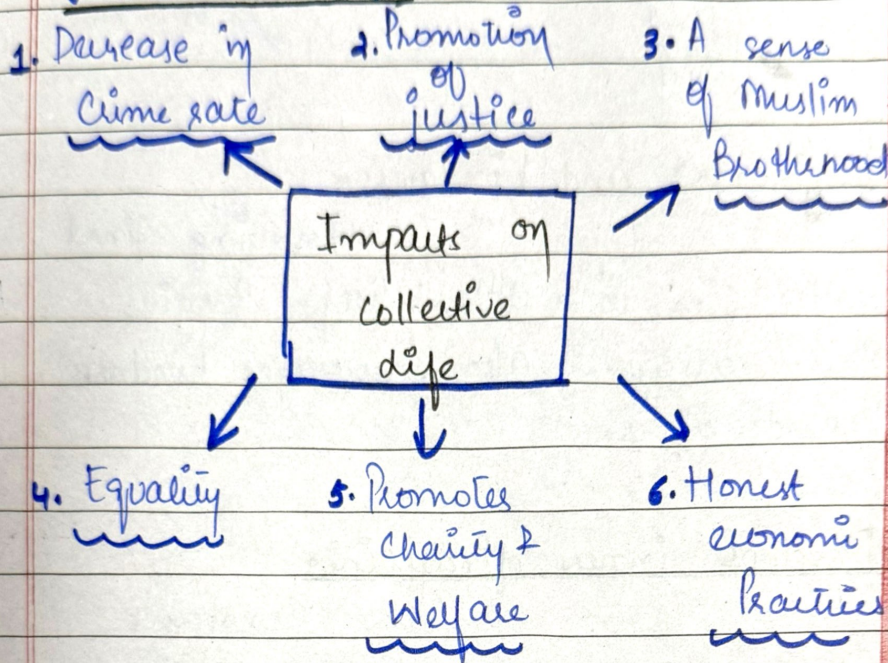
6- Leaving materialism and developing generosity:

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hates detachment from materialism and promotes generosity.

b. Collective Life:



1. Decrease in Crime Rate:

divine judgment ^{& punishment} discourages crime comm-
itments in society. Fear of

2. Promotion of justice:

When people believe that ultimate justice will be done by Allah. They strive to be fair & just.

3. A sense of Muslim Brotherhood:

Belief in accountability unites muslims under a shared purpose. All equal before Allah strengthens brotherhood.

4-Equality:

Wealth, status, race does not matter before Allah. Judgment will be done by actions and faith.

5- Promotes Charity and welfare:

Believers give Zakat and Sadqa to earn Allah's pleasure & reward.

6- Honest Economic Practices:

Belief in life hereafter fosters fair dealings and avoidance of cheating and dishonesty.

Exegesis:

All people will be resurrected on the Day of Resurrection. Nothing goes unnoticed. Belief in life hereafter helps Muslims stay away from sins.

Conclusion:

As emphasized in the Holy Quran, life hereafter reminds all actions to be judged by Allah. It encourages people to live with generosity. Moreover, it gives hope to good doers and warns wrong doers.

