

What is belief in the day of  
Judgement? // Explore its effects on individual  
and collective life of human beings

### 1) Introduction:-

The belief in the Day of Judgement (Akhirah) is a core belief among the beliefs of Islam.

It stands for the belief in for the belief in the life after death and reward or punishment based on human conduct in this world. The belief itself is a source of motivation and hope.

It encourages individuals to work for their betterment without indulging in the pomp and show of this world. On a collective level, this belief instills unity, perseverance, promotes goodwill and roots out corruption.

Ayat - ?

(2:4) وَالْآخِرَةُ هُمْ يُوقَنُونَ

## 2) Belief in the Day of Judge - ment : Meaning

The word we for this day in Arabic is 'Akhirah' which literally mean 'the end' or 'the last' ✓

In the context of Islam, it means the end of existence for everything and everyone that has existed or exists in this universe. ✓

## 3) AKhirah : A core belief in Islam

AKhirah is the core belief in Islam and is often mentioned in Quran along with other core concepts. ✓

Righteousness is not that you turn your ~~face~~ face towards the east or the west but true righteousness is in one who

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belief in Allah, the Last Day, the angels, the Book and the prophets  
— Quran (2:177)

#### 4) Components of Belief in Akhirah

A clear understanding of the concept demands understanding the sub-concepts of Akhirah

In Towards Understanding Islam,

Abul Aala Maududi delineates the concept of Akhirah into following aspects:-

##### a) Destruction of the World

: Qiyamah

This refers to the destruction of everything and everyone. The word used for this is Qiyamah

##### b) Resurrection of Humans:

Hashr

This refers to the second phase where all beings will be

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brought back to life by the will of Allah (swt)

بِلِ قَدْرِ رِزْقِهِ عَلَى أَنْ سُوِّيَ بِنَاهِ  
(Al-Qiyamah) وَمَا لَهُ أَنْ يَغْرِي الْأَنْسَنَ بِغَيْرِ إِيمَانِهِ

Yes [Indeed] we are most capable of restoring even their fingertips.

Still people want to deny what is yet to come.

### c) Day of Judgement

After resurrection, the Day of Judgement will be established where everyone will be evaluated.

### d) Punishment and Reward

This concept pertains to the punishment of ill deeds and rewarding of good deeds.

بِمِنْ يَعْمَلُ الْأَنْسَنُ أَشْتَأْنَ سِرِّهِ أَمَّا مِنْ

مَنْ يَعْمَلُ مِثْقَالَ ذَرَّةٍ خَيْرًا يُرَأَ

وَمَنْ يَعْمَلُ مِثْقَالَ ذَرَّةٍ شَرًّا يُرَأَ

(Al-Zilzaal: 6-8) That Day people will depart [separated]

into categories to be shown [the result] of their deeds. So whoever comes does an atom's weight of good will see it. And whoever does an atom's weight of evil will see it.

### 5) Effects of Belief in Akhirah on Individual Life :-

A firm belief in Akhirah has the following impacts on individuals-

a) Instills Hope that the Worldly Hardships are temporary

An atheist or non-muslim has high chances of getting depressed and hopeless in the face of hardships of life but a Muslim gets strength

knowing that these hardships are just temporary

(At-Balad)

لقد خلقناك في عذاب

Certainly! we have created man into hardships

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b) Clarifies aim of life

Quran explicitly highlights the aim of life on earth in the following words

بِسْمِ اللَّهِ الرَّحْمَنِ الرَّحِيمِ

(13:29)

Those who believe, joy and act righteously, joy is for them and a blissful home to return to.

c) Encourages individual effort

Unlike the beliefs before Islam, where in those people believed that the consequences of individual act apply to the whole family or tribe of individual, Islam negated this concept. It highlighted that deeds

have individual responsibility. Hence

we see injunctions like

For ~~us~~ is our ~~action~~ deeds, for you is yours (Al-Quran)

#### d) Strengthening of Tauheed

The belief in Akhirah strengthens the belief in Tauheed even more and helps us affirm the fact that it is only Allah who has the power to destroy us and then recreate us.

And who brings out the pasture and [then] makes it black stubble

(Al-Araf, Quran)

#### 5) Effects on Collective Life :-

On collective life, we find following impacts of the concept of Akhirah

##### a) Instills Unity

In a society where everyone has firm belief in Allah and the Day of Judgement has people who are working tirelessly for one goal i.e. Better life hereafter. This goal alone is enough to promote unity amongst society.

## b) Dispels Fear of Death

The belief that everyone has to die by the will of Allah

dispels the fear of death. Iqbal says

موت خیر مرا قنیع می ہو

خواب کی بیر بیسی می ہو

## c) Promotes Love for fellow Beings

This yet another strong impact on collective life because we know that

one sure way to win the blessings

of Allah is to be good for His

creation. In one Hadith, Prophet

Muhammad (PBUH) said.

"On the Day of Judgement, Allah

will ask: 'Where are the ones

who loved each other for the

sake of my glory?' He will

"Then shade them under His shade

#### d) Eliminates Injustice

A society that is striving for betterment with the aim of better after-life also strives to root out corruption, injustice and ~~chaos~~ thus leading to a peaceful collective life.

#### 7) Conclusion:-

The belief in the Day of Judgement is a core belief in Islam and it plays a crucial role in creating a peaceful, harmonious and steadfast society where individuals <sup>only</sup> strive not for the world but also for the life Hereafter.

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