

How Allah predestines humans for hell and heaven

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Allah created some for hell

Quran verses

The author of the Quran writes how some were created for hell:

And certainly We have created for Hell many of the jinn and men. For them (are) hearts (but) not they understand with them, and for them (are) eyes (but) not they see with them, and for them (are) ears (but) not they hear with them. Those (are) like cattle, nay they (are) more astray. Those - they (are) the heedless.

— S. 7:179 Corpus

And surely, We have created many of the jinns and mankind for Hell. They have hearts wherewith they understand not, they have eyes wherewith they see not, and they have ears wherewith they hear not (the truth). They are like cattle, nay even more astray; those! They are the heedless ones.

— S. 7:179 Hilali & Khan

We have destined many men and jinn for hell. They have hearts but do not understand, eyes but do not see. They have ears but do not hear. They are worse than lost cattle. These are the heedless ones.

— S. 7:179 Muhammad Sarwar

Many are the Jinns and men we have made for Hell: They have hearts wherewith they understand not, eyes wherewith they see not, and ears wherewith they hear not. They are like cattle,- nay more misguided: for they are heedless (of warning).

— S.7:179 Yusuf Ali

More verses on predestination:

Indeed, all things We created with predestination.

— S. 54:49 Sahih International

Verily, We have created all things with Qadar (Divine Preordinances of all things before their creation, as written in the Book of Decrees Al-Lauh Al-Mahfuz).

— S. 54:49 Hilali & Khan

Disaster from Allah:

No affliction befalls in the earth or in yourselves, but it is in a Book, before We create it; that is easy for God;

— S. 57:22 Arberry

Not strikes any disaster in the earth and not in yourselves, but in a Register before that We bring it into existence. Indeed, that for Allah (is) easy.

— S. 57:22 Corpus

Everything that affects Mankind, is duly measured and destined, Allah reminds of His *measuring and deciding the destiny of all things before He created the creation*, (No calamity occurs on the earth nor in yourselves) meaning, ‘there is nothing that touches you or happens in existence,’ (but it is inscribed in the Book of Decrees before We bring it into existence.) meaning, ‘before We created the creation and started life.’ Qatadah commented on this Ayah, ...

— Ibn Kathir on 57:22

Hadiths

A’isha, the mother of the believers, said that Allah’s Messenger (ﷺ) was called to lead the funeral prayer of a child of the Ansar. I said: Allah’s Messenger, *there is happiness for this child who is a bird from the birds of Paradise for it committed no sin nor has he reached the age when one can commit sin. He said: ‘A’isha, per adventure, it may be otherwise, because God created for Paradise those who are fit for it while they were yet in their father’s loins and created for Hell those who are to go to Hell. He created them for Hell while they were yet in their father’s loins.*

— Sahih Muslim 2662c

Allah guides and misguides people himself

And We have sent no Messenger save with the tongue of his people, that he might make all clear to them; then **God leads astray whomsoever He will, and He guides whomsoever He will**; and He is the Allmighty, the All-wise.

— S. 14:4 Arberry

And not We sent any Messenger except with the language (of) his people so that he might make clear for them. Then **Allah lets go astray whom He wills and guides whom He wills**. And He (is) the All-Mighty, the All-Wise.

— S. 14:4 Corpus

And We sent not a Messenger except with the language of his people, in order that he might make (the Message) clear for them. **Then Allah misleads whom He wills and guides whom He wills**. And He is the All-Mighty, the All-Wise.

— S. 14:4 Hilali & Khan

All the Messengers that We sent spoke the language of their people so that they could explain (their message to them). **God guides or causes to go astray whomever He wants**. He is Majestic and All-wise.

— S. 14:4 Muhammad Sarwar

If God had willed, He would have made you one nation; but He leads astray whom He will, and guides whom He will; and you will surely be questioned about the things you wrought.

— S. 16:93 Arberry

And if Allah (had) willed surely He (could) have made you a nation one, but He lets go astray whom He wills and guides whom He wills. And surely you will be questioned about what you used (to) do.

— S. 16:93 Corpus

Whomsoever God desires to guide, He expands his breast to Islam; **whomsoever He desires to lead astray, He makes his breast narrow, tight**, as if he were climbing to heaven. So God lays abomination upon those who believe not.

— S. 6:125 Arberry

So whoever wants Allah that He guides him - He expands his breast to Islam; and **whoever He wants that He lets him go astray He makes his breast tight and constricted** as though he (were) climbing into the sky. Thus places Allah the filth on those who (do) not believe.

— S. 6:125 Corpus

Unless Allah wills, we cannot will

And not you will except that wills Allah. Indeed, Allah is All-Knower, All-Wise.

— S. 76:30 Corpus

But you cannot will, unless Allah wills. Verily, Allah is Ever All-Knowing, All-Wise.

— S. 76:30 Hilali & Khan

And not you will except that wills Allah, Lord (of) the worlds.

— S. 81:29 Corpus

Some more hadiths

Narrated ‘Abdullah bin Mus’ud: Allah’s Messenger (ﷺ), the true and truly inspired said, “(The matter of the Creation of) a human being is put together in the womb of the mother in forty days, and then he becomes a clot of thick blood for a similar period, and then a piece of flesh for a similar period. Then **Allah sends an angel who is ordered to write four things. He is ordered to write down his (i.e. the new creature’s) deeds, his livelihood, his (date of) death, and whether he will be blessed or wretched (in religion).** Then the soul is breathed into him. So, a man amongst you may do (good deeds till there is only a cubit between him and Paradise and then **what has been written for him decides his behavior** and he starts doing (evil) deeds characteristic of the people of the (Hell) Fire. And similarly a man amongst you may do (evil) deeds till there is only a cubit

between him and the (Hell) Fire, and then *what has been written for him decides his behavior*, and he starts doing deeds characteristic of the people of Paradise.”

— [Sahih al-Bukhari 3208](#)

Further reading

- https://www.answering-islam.org/authors/shamoun/hell_purpose_m.html
- https://www.answering-islam.org/authors/shamoun/hell_purpose_c.html