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Introduction:

In Islam, the Day of Judgment, also known as **Qiyamah** or Yawm al-Din, is a fundamental concept that plays a pivotal role in shaping a Muslim's faith, values, and actions. It refers to the ultimate reckoning when every individual will be held accountable for their deeds, words, and intentions in this life.

Belief in the Day of Judgment is one of the six articles of faith in Islam, emphasizing its significance in the Islamic creed. This belief serves as a **reminder of the purpose of life**, which is to worship Allah and strive for righteousness, with the ultimate goal of attaining Paradise and avoiding Hellfire. The Day of Judgment is a powerful motivator for Muslims to lead a virtuous life, cultivating good morals, and avoiding sinful behaviors. Here, we will delve into the Islamic concepts and beliefs surrounding the Day of Judgment, exploring its significance, purpose, rewards, and punishments, as well as addressing doubts and misconceptions about this critical aspect of Islamic theology.

What will happen on the day of Judgement?

The day of Judgement, also known as Qiyamah or Yawm al-Din, is the Day when every individual will be held accountable for their actions, deeds and decisions made during their lifetime.

Events Leading upto the Day of Judgement:

The angel Israfil will blow the trumpet, signaling the end of the whole world. The earth will be destroyed and the mountains will be reduced to dust. All humans and Jinn, will be resurrected from their graves.

The Day of Judgement:

The Gathering:

On the Day of Judgement, Allah will gather all creatures, including humans, jinn, angels, and animals, from the beginning of creation to the end of time. Allah says in Surah Al-Takwir:

"And when the wild beasts are gathered together."

Book of Deeds:

Each individual will be presented with their Book of Deeds, which contains a record of all their actions.

In Suran Al-Israa: (17:36)

"Verily! The hearing, and the sight. and the heart; about each of those you will be questioned (by Allah)"

The Accountability:

The scale's of Justice will be setup, and each person's good deeds will be weighed against the bad deeds. Allah will judge each person's deeds. and they will be rewarded or punished accordingly.

Prophet Muhammad (S.A.W) said:

"The scales will be set up on the Day of Judgement, and the deeds will be weighed. The weights will be the words of Allah, and the deeds will be the actions of the slaves."

The Bridge of Sirat:

A bridge will be stretched over Hellfire and each person will have to cross it. Those who are righteous will cross safely while the wicked will fall into Hellfire.

In a Hadith Prophet Muhammad (SAW) said:

"The Bridge of Sirat is a bridge that spans the Hellfire, and it is thinner than a hair and sharper than a sword."

The Final Destination:

Each person will be sent to either Paradise (Jannah) or Hellfire (Jahannum). based on their deeds and the mercy of Allah.

A Hadith says:

"Paradise is surrounded by adversity, and Hellfire is surrounded by lusts."
Ṣaḥīḥ Muslim 2822.

Need for the Day of Judgement:

A man's **rational thinking** makes him believe in the day of judgement and the Afterlife. Everyone understands that good deeds yield good rewards, and the consequences of bad deeds are punishments. As Allah also says in the Quran:

بَلَىٰ مَنْ كَسَبَ سَيِّئَةً وَأَحَاطَتْ بِهِ خَاطِئَتُهُ فَأُولَٰئِكَ أَصْحَابُ النَّارِ ۖ هُمْ فِيهَا خَالِدُونَ ﴿٨١﴾ وَالَّذِينَ ءَامَنُوا وَعَمِلُوا الصَّالِحَاتِ أُولَٰئِكَ أَصْحَابُ الْجَنَّةِ ۖ هُمْ فِيهَا خَالِدُونَ

"Why will the fire not touch you ?, whoever earns evil and his sin has encompassed him – those are the companions of the Fire; they will abide therein eternally. But they who believe and do righteous deeds – those are the companions of Paradise; they will abide therein eternally."

(Surah Al-Baqarah 2:81-82)

People in this world, do good and bad deeds. As we know some good people who do virtuous deeds are still spending difficult and miserable lives and they are tortured and even martyred for preaching the *Haqq*. It looks like their deeds are not being well rewarded in life.

And also, on the other hand, there are ill people, always doing wrong things, being cruel, disobeying God, and still living a luxurious life and it seems that they are not being punished for their disobedience. for this very reason there will be a day of Judgement as Allah also says in the Quran

وَلَا تَحْسَبَنَّ اللَّهَ غَفْلًا عَمَّا يَعْمَلُ الظَّالِمُونَ ۚ إِنَّمَا يُؤَخِّرُهُمْ لِيَوْمٍ تَشْخَصُ فِيهِ الْأَبْصَارُ ۚ

"And never think that Allah is unaware of what the wrongdoers do. He only delays them for a Day when eyes will stare [in horror]."

(Surah Ibrahim 14:42)

On the Day of Judgement, the right people who went through the trials of Allah, who suffered their whole life or part of life **will be remedied for their sufferings** and their steadfastness in the face of trial. Allah will bless them with eternal life in Paradise. People who did bad deeds their entire lives, and Allah had given them some flexibility in their temporary life will now be held accountable and **they will be given chastisement in Hell.**

مَثَلُ الْجَنَّةِ الَّتِي وَعَدَ الْمُتَّقُونَ^ط فِيهَا أَنْهَارٌ مِنْ مَّاءٍ غَيْرِ آسِنٍ وَأَنْهَارٌ مِنْ لَبَنٍ لَمْ يَتَغَيَّرْ طَعْمُهُ وَأَنْهَارٌ مِنْ خَمْرٍ
لَذَّةٍ لِلشَّارِبِينَ وَأَنْهَارٌ مِنْ عَسَلٍ مُصَفًّى وَلَهُمْ فِيهَا مِنْ كُلِّ الثَّمَرَاتِ وَمَغْفِرَةٌ مِنْ رَبِّهِمْ^ط كَمَنْ هُوَ خَالِدٌ فِي
النَّارِ وَسُقُوا مَاءً حَمِيمًا فَقَطَّعَ أَمْعَاءَهُمْ

"The description of Paradise, which the righteous are promised: therein are rivers of water unaltered, rivers of milk the taste of which never changes, rivers of wine delicious to those who drink, and rivers of purified honey, in which they will have from all [kinds of] fruits and forgiveness from their Lord. [Are these] like those who abide eternally in the Fire and are given boiling water to drink that will sever their intestines?"

(Surah Muhammad 47:15)

Allah created Man for his Worship, and man must praise him and worship him sincerely. On the day of the Judgement **Allah will test how well has the man done in this duty**, his deeds will be weighed and will be rewarded accordingly.

As every Muslim believes there is an eternal afterlife, after Qayamah, On Qayamah, **the fate of man's internal life will be decided**, whether he will spend his afterlife in Jannah with luxuries or will go through great chastisement in Jahannam.

The justice of this world is at fault and can be biased. The justice system sometimes act corruptly and supports the culpable due to their influence and power, innocent people are found guilty , and often guiltful people escape from punishment on behalf of their worldly influence and power. But Allah says in the Quran:

وَالْوَزْنُ يَوْمَئِذٍ الْحَقُّ

“And the Weighing on that day is definite.”

(Surah Al Araf 7:8)

The scale on which Allah will weigh our deeds will be accurate, there will be no chance of error in it and it will be **free of any bias**, as compared to the justice system of this world which is incomplete and inaccurate.

We can take the example of a court system, some people with good cases have bad lawyers and people with bad cases can come up with good lawyers, now there is little chance of justice being dependent on the oratory and professional skills of a lawyer. And in one other scenario, where shariah is implemented, but the man with the good case is countered by fake evidence or fake testimonies, and the verdict is given in the favour of the guilty, here as it is said “Law is served but the justice is not.”

Therefore on the day of judgement, all these cases will be truthfully resolved, true justice will be served and the right people will get their right verdict.

فَمَنْ يَعْمَلْ مِثْقَالَ ذَرَّةٍ خَيْرًا يَرَهُ وَمَنْ يَعْمَلْ مِثْقَالَ ذَرَّةٍ شَرًّا يَرَهُ-

“Then shall anyone who has done an atom's weight of good, see it! And anyone who has done an atom's weight of evil shall see it.”

(Surah Al Zal'Zal 99:7-8)

Importance of The Day of Judgement for Muslims:

Judgment Day is a significant belief in Islam, representing the end of this universe and the start of the afterlife. For Muslims, the Day of Judgement, or Yawm al-Qiyamah, is a central tenet of faith, emphasizing accountability for actions and the ultimate justice of Allah, encouraging a life of righteousness and preparation for the afterlife.

In Surah Al-Baqarah (Ayat 48)

وَاتَّقُوا يَوْمًا لَا تَجْزِي نَفْسٌ عَنْ نَفْسٍ شَيْئًا وَلَا يُقْبَلُ مِنْهَا شَفَعَةٌ وَلَا يُؤْخَذُ مِنْهَا عَدْلٌ وَلَا هُمْ يُنصَرُونَ

"And fear a Day when no soul will suffice for another soul at all, nor will intercession be accepted from it, nor will compensation be taken from it, nor will they be aided."

Central Tenet of Faith:

The belief in the Day of Judgement is one of the six articles of Islamic faith and is considered a fundamental aspect of Islamic eschatology (study of the end times).

Accountability and Justice:

On this day, all individuals will be resurrected and judged based on their deeds and intentions during their earthly lives.

In Surah Al-Imran (Ayat 9):

رَبَّنَا إِنَّكَ جَامِعُ النَّاسِ لِيَوْمٍ لَا رَيْبَ فِيهِ إِنَّ اللَّهَ لَا يُخْلِفُ الْمِيعَادَ

"Our Lord, surely You will gather the people for a Day about which there is no doubt. Indeed, Allah does not fail in His promise."

Eternal Consequences:

The Day of Judgement symbolizes the eternal consequences of one's choices, with those whose good deeds outweigh their bad deeds being granted entrance to Paradise, and those whose sins dominate potentially facing punishment in Hell.

Motivation for Righteous Conduct:

The belief in the Day of Judgement motivates Muslims to live a life of righteousness, seek forgiveness for transgressions, and strive for salvation in the afterlife.

Surah Al-Baqarah (Ayat 212)

زُيِّنَ لِلَّذِينَ كَفَرُوا الْحَيَاةُ الدُّنْيَا وَيَسْخَرُونَ مِنَ الَّذِينَ ءَامَنُوا وَالَّذِينَ اتَّقَوْا فَوْقَهُمْ يَوْمَ الْقِيَمَةِ ۗ وَاللَّهُ يَرْزُقُ مَنْ يَشَاءُ بِغَيْرِ حِسَابٍ

“Beautified for those who disbelieve is the life of this world, and they ridicule those who believe. But those who fear Allah are above them on the Day of Resurrection. And Allah gives provision to whom He wills without account.”

Reminder of the Transient Nature of Life:

The Day of Judgement serves as a reminder of the transient nature of worldly life and the importance of preparing for the Hereafter through faith, righteousness, and good deeds.

Abu Huraira (rz) reported Allah's Messenger (may peace be upon him) as saying:

“A bulky person would be brought on the Day of judgment and he would not carry the weight to the eye of Allah equal even to that of a gnat.”

Divine Mercy:

While the Day of Judgement is a day of reckoning, Muslims also believe in

the mercy of Allah, who will ultimately judge fairly and justly.

Signs of the day of Judgement:

The signs of the Day of Judgment (**Qayyimah**) are categorized into minor and major signs.

Major Signs:

The Appearance of the Dajjal (The False Messiah/Antichrist):

Dajjal (the Antichrist) is a great deceiver who will spread immense corruption on Earth. He will perform false miracles to deceive people into believing he is divine.

The Prophet ﷺ said:

"There is no tribulation on Earth since the creation of Adam greater than that of the Dajjal." (**Sahih Muslim, 2946**)

The Descent of Prophet Isa (Jesus):

Prophet Isa (Jesus) will return to Earth to defeat Dajjal and restore justice. He will follow the Shariyyah of Prophet Muhammad ﷺ.

وَإِنَّهُ لَعِلْمٌ لِلسَّاعَةِ فَلَا تَمْتَرَنَّ بِهَا وَاتَّبِعُونِ هَذَا صِرَاطٌ مُسْتَقِيمٌ

"And indeed, he [Jesus] will be a sign for the Hour. So do not doubt it and follow Me. This is a straight path." (**Surah Az-Zukhruf 43:61**)

The Prophet ﷺ said:

"By Him in Whose Hand is my life, the son of Mary will soon descend among you as a just ruler." (**Sahih al-Bukhari, 3448**)

The Emergence of Ya'juj and Ma'juj (Gog and Magog):

Ya'juj and Ma'juj are wild, destructive tribes that will break free from their barrier and cause immense havoc.

حَتَّىٰ إِذَا فُتِحَتْ يَأْجُوجُ وَمَأْجُوجُ وَهُمْ مِنْ كُلِّ حَدَبٍ يَنْسِلُونَ

"But when Gog and Magog are let loose and they rush down from every slope"
(Surah Al-Anbiya 21:96)

The Prophet ﷺ said:

"Gog and Magog will break through the barrier and swarm over mankind. They will drink up all the water and cause destruction until Isa (Jesus) prays to Allah to destroy them." **(Sahih Muslim, 2937)**

The Rising of the Sun from the West:

One of the most shocking signs will be the sun rising from the west instead of the east.

هَلْ يَنْظُرُونَ إِلَّا أَنْ تَأْتِيَهُمُ الْمَلَائِكَةُ أَوْ يَأْتِيَ أَمْرُ رَبِّكَ ۚ كَذَلِكَ فَعَلَ الَّذِينَ مِنْ قَبْلِهِمْ ۚ وَمَا ظَلَمَهُمُ
اللَّهُ وَلَكِنْ كَانُوا أَنْفُسَهُمْ يَظْلِمُونَ

"The Day when some of your Lord's signs come, no soul will benefit from its faith if it had not believed before." **(Surah Al-An'am 6:158)**

The Prophet ﷺ said:

"The first of the signs will be the rising of the sun from the west. When it rises and people see it, they will all believe, but that will be when faith will not benefit a soul that did not believe before." **(Sahih Muslim, 157)**

Minor Signs:

Honest people will be regarded as liars, and liars will be trusted:

The Prophet ﷺ said:

"There will come upon people years of deception, in which the liar will be believed, the truthful will be disbelieved, the treacherous will be trusted, and the trustworthy will be accused of treachery." **(Musnad Ahmad 7891, Sahih)**

Increase in killings and bloodshed:

The Prophet ﷺ said:

“The Day of Judgment will not come until there is much Harj.” The Sahabah asked, “What is Harj, O Messenger of Allah?” He said, “Killing, killing.” (Sahih Muslim 157, Sahih Bukhari 7061)

Widespread interest (riba) and bribery:

Allah says in the Quran:

وَأَخْذِهِمُ الرِّبَا وَقَدْ نُهُوا عَنْهُ وَأَكْلِهِمْ أَمْوَالَ النَّاسِ بِالْبَاطِلِ وَأَعْتَدْنَا لِلْكَافِرِينَ مِنْهُمْ عَذَابًا أَلِيمًا

“And (they) take Riba (usury) although they were forbidden to take it, and they devour people’s wealth unjustly.” (Quran 4:161)

Increase in natural disasters (earthquakes, floods, fires, etc):

The Prophet (saww) said:

“The Hour will not be established until earthquakes increase in number.”

The Doubts of Deniers of Day of Judgement and Their Quranic Answers:

Infidels raised doubts on day of Judgement, when preached , but Quran counter these doubts clearly.

Doubts:

Surah Al Anaam :

وَقَالُوا إِن هِيَ إِلَّا حَيَاتُنَا الدُّنْيَا وَمَا نَحْنُ بِمَبْعُوثِينَ (29)

They Say , ‘ There is nothing but our life of this world , and we shall not be resurrected

Surah Sajdaah :

وَقَالُوا أَإِذَا ضَلَلْنَا فِي الْأَرْضِ أَإِنَّا لَفِي خَلْقٍ جَدِيدٍ ۚ بَلْ هُمْ بِلِقَاءِ رَبِّهِمْ كَافِرُونَ ١٠

They say, ‘When we have been lost in the dust, shall we be indeed created anew?’ Indeed , they disbelieve in the encounter with their Lord.

Surah Yaseen :

وَضَرَبَ لَنَا مَثَلًا وَنَسِيَ خَلْقَهُ ^ط قَالَ مَنْ يُحْيِي الْعِظَامَ وَهِيَ رَمِيمٌ ۚ ٧٨

And they argue with Us forgetting they were created saying, “Who will give life to decayed bones?”

Quranic Answers:

Surah Yaseen :

قُلْ يُحْيِيهَا الَّذِي أَنْشَأَهَا أَوَّلَ مَرَّةٍ ^ط وَهُوَ بِكُلِّ خَلْقٍ عَلِيمٌ ۚ ٧٩

Say, ‘O Prophet,’ “They will be revived by the One Who produced them the first time, for He has ‘perfect’ knowledge of every created being.

Surah Ar-Room :

وَهُوَ الَّذِي يَبْدَأُ الْخَلْقَ ثُمَّ يُعِيدُهُ وَهُوَ أَهْوَنُ عَلَيْهِ ^ج وَلَهُ الْمَثَلُ الْأَعْلَىٰ فِي السَّمَوَاتِ وَالْأَرْضِ ^ج
وَهُوَ الْعَزِيزُ الْحَكِيمُ ۚ ٢٧

“And He is the One Who originates the creation then will resurrect it—which is even easier for Him. To Him belong the finest attributes in the heavens and the earth. And He is the Almighty, All-Wise. ”

Surah Qiayamah :

أَيَحْسَبُ الْإِنْسَانُ أَنْ يُتَّجَعَ عِظَامُهُ ۚ ٣
بَلَىٰ قَدَرِينَ عَلَىٰ أَنْ تُسَوَّىٰ بَنَانُهُ ۚ ٤

“Do people think We cannot reassemble their bones?”

“Yes ‘indeed’! We are ‘most’ capable of restoring ‘even’ their very fingertips.”

Rewards or Punishment at the day of judgement:

Islamic teachings offer a thorough framework of divine justice on the Day of Judgement (Yawm-al-Qiyamah), when people are held responsible for their deeds and beliefs and receive rewards and punishments.

1. Believers (Muslims):

- **Righteous Believers:** Those who have faithfully followed Islamic teachings, carried out good actions, and kept a real faith in Allah are known as virtuous believers. Eternal joy in Paradise (Jannah) is promised to them.

Paradise: It is a place of contentment, a land of luxury and fulfillment containing ever-lasting bliss and delight where Muslims will get gardens, beautiful houris, wine that has no aftereffects, and "divine pleasure.

إِنَّ الَّذِينَ آمَنُوا وَعَمِلُوا الصَّالِحَاتِ كَانَتْ لَهُمْ جَنَّاتُ الْفِرْدَوْسِ نُزُلًا

" Indeed, those who have believed and done righteous deeds—they will have the Gardens of Paradise as a lodging." (Quran 18:107)

Sinful Believers: Muslims who have remained faithful despite crimes they have committed. According to Islamic beliefs, these people may be temporarily punished in Hell (Jahannam) for purification before being accepted into the Paradise.

إِنَّ اللَّهَ لَا يَغْفِرُ أَنْ يُشْرَكَ بِهِ وَيَغْفِرُ مَا دُونَ ذَلِكَ لِمَنْ يَشَاءُ وَمَنْ يُشْرِكْ بِاللَّهِ فَقَدْ

افْتَرَىٰ إِثْمًا عَظِيمًا

"Indeed, Allah does not forgive association with Him, but He forgives what is less than that for whom He wills and whoever associates others with Allah has certainly fabricated a tremendous sin."

(Quran 4:48)

2. Disbelievers (Non-Muslims):

- **Those Who Rejected Faith:** Individuals who knowingly denied the truth of Islam and persisted in disbelief. They are warned of eternal punishment in Hell.

Hell: A place of fire, torment, and separation from God, where those who have rejected God or lived wicked lives are destined to suffer.
Quranic Reference:

وَالَّذِينَ كَفَرُوا وَكَذَّبُوا بِآيَاتِنَا أُولَٰئِكَ أَصْحَابُ الْجَحِيمِ

"But those who disbelieved and denied Our signs—they are the companions of Hellfire." (Quran 5:10)

Allah says, *"The Fire will scorch their faces and their lips will be twisted in pain". Every time the skins of the disbelievers will burn off, Allah will replace them with new skins, so that they can continuously feel the punishment of the burning fire.*

- **People of the Book (Jews and Christians):** The Quran acknowledges Jews and Christians as recipients of earlier Word of God. Their judgment is believed to be based on their adherence to their respective revelations and recognition of the final prophethood of Muhammad.
Quranic Reference:

إِنَّ الَّذِينَ آمَنُوا وَالَّذِينَ هَادُوا وَالنَّصَارَى وَالصَّابِئِينَ مَنْ آمَنَ بِاللَّهِ وَالْيَوْمِ الْآخِرِ
وَعَمِلَ صَالِحًا فَلَهُمْ أَجْرُهُمْ عِنْدَ رَبِّهِمْ وَلَا خَوْفٌ عَلَيْهِمْ وَلَا هُمْ يَحْزَنُونَ

"Indeed, those who believed and those who were Jews or Christians or Sabeans—those [among them] who believed in Allah and the Last Day and did righteousness—will have their reward with their Lord and no fear will there be concerning them, nor will they grieve." (Quran 2:62)
divine wisdom.

Afterlife:

In Islam afterlife is a fundamental belief that describes what happens after death. Following are the stages of afterlife in Islam:

- Barzakh (Interim Phase)
- Qabar
- The Day of Judgement
- Bridge of Sirat
- Paradise
- Hell

The key concept of afterlife in Islam is the accountability on our actions. Means every human being will be responsible for their actions and will be judged by Allah on the Day of Judgement. Everything we do good or bad is recorded by two angels (Kiraman Katibin). On that day, our deeds will be weighted, and we will be rewarded with paradise for righteousness or punished in hell for sins. However, Allah's mercy plays a major role and sincere repentance can lead to forgiveness.

Preparing for Akhirah:

It's right for us to have fear of that day that we all have to face.

“O you who believe! Fear Allah, and let every soul look to what it has put forth for tomorrow, and fear Allah. Indeed, Allah is Acquainted with what you do” (Quran 29:64)

The Day of Resurrection is a day of distress and deep regret. We should start to prepare ourselves for that day, since it is the crossroads on the long journey of our existence. From there, we will head either to paradise or to hell-fire. Those who enter paradise will dwell therein for all eternity in perpetual happiness and enjoyment, while those who go to Hell will face torture, and the inhabitants of Hell will find to their distress that they have eternal lives as well.

The fear that we have Day of Resurrection should motivate us to be more **devoted in worship** and more ready to engage in good deeds,. We should prepare and fast more often and renew our efforts to make pilgrimage. We should be good to our families and show kindness to our parents. We should read Quran and contemplate its meaning. We should consider its rulings and

appreciate the goods that it promises us as well as the warnings that it gives us. We should read about the life of Prophet S.A.W. We should study how he conducted himself in obedience to Allah and how **he abstained from overindulgence in worldly pleasures.**

Conclusion:

In conclusion, believing in the Day of Judgment is a vital part of being a Muslim. It helps us remember that we will be accountable for all our actions, big or small, good or bad. This belief motivates us to be good people, to make wise choices, and to **treat others with kindness and respect.** It reminds us to live our lives according to Allah's guidance, and to strive for His pleasure. By embracing this belief, we can live our lives with purpose, direction, and a sense of responsibility.

Through our discussion on the Day of Judgment, we have learned the importance of living a righteous life, being accountable for our actions, and striving for the pleasure of Allah. We have also gained a deeper understanding of the significance of this belief in Islam and how it shapes our values and behaviors. It reminds us to live our lives according to Allah's guidance, and to strive for His pleasure. By living righteously in anticipation of the day of judgement, we can attain a sense of peace and security in this life, and hope for a favorable outcome in the next. **May Allah guide us on this journey, and may we all be successful in the hereafter.**