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# THE DAY OF JUDGEMENT



One of the six articles of faith in Islam is belief in the Day of Judgement. We believe that every person will be resurrected and brought back to life on this Day before God and held to account for their actions. Depending on that accounting, they will either be rewarded or punished.

Let us take a brief look at this topic...

Every messenger of God throughout human history taught the people about the Day of Judgement and warned them to be prepared for it. The commandment of God is to be conscious of the choices we make as we will be liable for everything we do



# THE AFTERLIFE

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When a person dies in this world they move into the afterlife. They initially move into a transitional dimension of being which is the stage between this life and the hereafter when the Day of Judgement starts. The transitional dimension is an existence in which the soul experiences bliss or punishment from the time of death until the Day of Judgement commences.



# THE LAST DAY BEGINS

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No one knows when the Day of Judgement will be. Towards the end of time however, God will command that the trumpet be blown, as God says in the Quran, “The Trumpet will be sounded, and everyone in the heavens and earth will fall down senseless except those God spares. It will be sounded once again and they will be on their feet, looking on.” 39:68 With this, all of us will stand before God from the first human to the last.



# THE STANDING

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On the Day of Judgement, we will all know that God will hold us to account for every single big or small action we performed. We will stand on that Day, the timespan of which is 50,000 years. God says, "...on a Day whose length is fifty thousand years." 70:4 People will be standing in immense heat with the sun brought close to their heads, and they will therefore sweat profusely in accordance to their deeds, with the evil doers sweating more. People will be in abject fear and terror with children's hair turning white and people appearing to be intoxicated, caring for nothing but themselves, not even their own parents, spouses or children. However, for some they will be shaded by their good deeds.



# PARADISE & HELL

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On the Day of Judgement before people's accounting begins, Paradise and Hell will be displayed before the creation. God says about Hellfire, "When Hell is brought near on that Day – on that Day man will take heed, but what good will that be to him then?" 89:23 The Messenger Muhammad told us that Hellfire is of an immense size and will be dragged forth with seventy thousand chains, each chain will be held by seventy thousand angels.

Paradise will also be brought forth as God says, "But Paradise will be brought close to the righteous and will no longer be distant: That is what you were promised – this is for everyone who turned often to God and kept Him in mind." 50:31-32



# THE ACCOUNTING

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God will have scales of justice which will be used to weigh all deeds, even the smallest ant's weight of good or bad. God says, "We will set up scales of justice for the Day of Resurrection so that no one can be wronged in the least, and if there should be even the weight of a mustard seed, We shall bring it out – We take excellent account." 21:47 God does not just measure the quantity, volume, weight or mass of actions but also the piety and sincerity within them. For example, the Messenger Muhammad informed us that nothing will weigh more heavily on the scales than good character.

Each person will then be given their written record of deeds. The good record will be given in the right hand and for the evil doers their record will be given from the back in the left hand. God says, "Whoever is given his record in his right hand, will have an easy reckoning, and return to his people well pleased. But whoever is given his record from behind his back, will cry out for destruction, he will burn in the blazing Fire." 84:7-12



Each person will then be held to account with the daily ritual devotions being the first thing we are questioned about. We will be asked about things such as how we spent our time and wealth, what we did with God's blessings and about any oppression or injustice we did towards others.

After the accounting, every person will be made to cross the Bridge which is over Hellfire. The Bridge is sharper than a sword and thinner than a strand of hair. People will be in darkness only being guided by the light of their own piety and good deeds in their worldly life. The Bridge will have hooks and those who did not pass the accounting will be dragged down into the Fire. Those who have passed their accounting will pass over the Bridge with ease and quickness.

May God grant us Salvation on that Day

May God's protection, grace and blessings be with you