

18. The Final Judgement

The Quran indicates that besides the Final Judgement and award of Heaven or Hell, at least three more purposes are served by the resurrection of human beings and their meeting with Allah. One purpose is to convince the unbelievers of the truth about resurrection – a promise Allah had made.

وَأَقْسَمُوا بِاللَّهِ جَهْدَ أَيْمَانِهِمْ لَا يَبْعَثُ اللَّهُ مَنْ يَمُوتُ بَلَىٰ وَعْدًا عَلَيْهِ حَقًّا وَلَكِنَّ أَكْثَرَ النَّاسِ لَا يَعْلَمُونَ لِيُبَيِّنَ لَهُمُ الَّذِي
يَخْتَلِفُونَ فِيهِ وَلِيَعْلَمَ الَّذِينَ كَفَرُوا أَنَّهُمْ كَانُوا كَاذِبِينَ

16:38-39 They swear their strongest oaths by Allah, that Allah will not raise up those who die: Nay, but it is a promise (binding) on Him in truth: but most among mankind realize it not. (They must be raised up), in order that He may manifest to them the truth of that wherein they differ, and that the rejecters of Truth may realize that they had indeed (surrendered to) Falsehood.

وَقَالُوا إِن هِيَ إِلَّا حَيَاتُنَا الدُّنْيَا وَمَا نَحْنُ بِمَبْعُوثِينَ ۚ وَلَوْ تَرَىٰ إِذِ انقُضُوا عَلَىٰ رُءُوسِهِمْ هَذَا بَالِحًا ۚ قَالَوا بَلَىٰ وَرَبِّنَا ۚ
قَالَ فَذُوقُوا الْعَذَابَ بِمَا كُنْتُمْ تَكْفُرُونَ ۚ قَدْ خَسِرَ الَّذِينَ كَذَّبُوا بِلِقَاءِ اللَّهِ حَتَّىٰ إِذَا جَاءَهُمُ السَّاعَةُ بَغْتَةً قَالُوا يَا حَسْرَتَنَا عَلَىٰ
مَا فَرَطْنَا فِيهَا وَهُمْ يَحْمِلُونَ أَوْزَارَهُمْ عَلَىٰ ظُهُورِهِمْ ۚ أَلَا سَاءَ مَا يَزُرُونَ ۚ

6:29-31 And they say: There is no (more life) except our life on this earth and we will not be raised up again (after death). If you could see when they are made to stand before their Lord! He will ask (them): Is this not the truth? They will say: Yea, by our Lord! He will say: Then you taste the penalty because you had been rejecters of Faith. Those who treated the meeting with Allah as falsehood had indeed lost. Thus when, all of a sudden, that (Final) Hour comes to them, they will say: Ah! Woe to us in what we have neglected. And they will carry their burdens on their backs. Look! How bad is what they bear!

Another is to show human beings the records of their performance in the test and to convince them of Allah's fairness in the judgement. That will also convince people of the justification of their reward based on their own deeds.

يَوْمَئِذٍ يَصُدُّرُ النَّاسُ أَشْتَاتًا لِيُرَوْا أَعْمَالَهُمْ فَمَنْ يَعْمَلْ مِثْقَالَ ذَرَّةٍ خَيْرًا يَرَهُ وَمَنْ يَعْمَلْ مِثْقَالَ ذَرَّةٍ شَرًّا يَرَهُ
99:6-8 That Day humanity will come out in groups to be shown their deeds. Then whoever has done good of the weight of an atom, he will see it (in his Record)! And whoever has done evil of the weight of an atom, he will see it (in his Record)!

The third purpose is to pass judgement in religious matters of dispute among the people.

اللَّهُ يَحْكُمُ بَيْنَكُمْ يَوْمَ الْقِيَامَةِ فِيمَا كُنْتُمْ فِيهِ تَخْتَلِفُونَ
22:69 Allah will judge among you on the Day of Judgment in matters in which you differ.

Finally, the award of Heaven or Hell will be made to the resurrected human robots. This happens after the record of performance is examined by every human being.

وَلِكُلِّ أُمَّةٍ رَسُولٌ فَأِذَا جَاءَ رَسُولُهُمْ قُضِيَ بَيْنَهُمْ بِالْقِسْطِ وَهُمْ لَا يُظْلَمُونَ
10:47 To every nation (*ummah*) is an apostle. Thus upon arrival of their apostle (as witness), judgement would be passed (on the Day of Judgment) between them with justice and they will not be dealt with unjustly.

The Day of Judgement

Through many verses Allah portrays the scenario on the Day of Judgement. Only a few are quoted here.

وَيَوْمَ يُحْشَرُهُمْ جَمِيعًا يَا مَعْشَرَ الْجِنِّ قَدِ اسْتَكْبَرْتُمْ مِنَ الْإِنْسِ وَقَالَ أَوْلِيَاؤُهُمْ مِنَ الْإِنْسِ رَبَّنَا اسْتَمْتَعَ بَعْضُنَا بِبَعْضٍ
وَبَلَّغْنَا أَجَلَنَا الَّذِي أَجَلْتَ لَنَا قَالَ النَّارُ مَثْوَاكُمْ خَالِدِينَ فِيهَا إِلَّا مَا شَاءَ اللَّهُ إِنَّ رَبَّكَ حَكِيمٌ عَلِيمٌ

6:128 The Day He gathers them (humans and *jinn*s) all together (and say): “O assembly of *jinn*s! You have (misled) many of the human beings.” The (*jinn*’s) friends among human beings will say: “Our Lord! We took advantage with each other and we have reached the end of our term assigned for us by You.” Allah will say: “The Fire is your dwelling place. You (all) except whom Allah wishes will dwell therein for ever.” Verily your Lord is Wise, Omniscient.

وَاتَّقُوا يَوْمًا لَا تَجْزِي نَفْسٌ عَنْ نَفْسٍ شَيْئًا وَلَا يُقْبَلُ مِنْهَا عَدْلٌ وَلَا تَنْفَعُهَا شَفَاعَةٌ وَلَا هُمْ يُنصَرُونَ

2:123 Then fear a Day when no soul can benefit another, no penitence will be accepted from it (i.e., the soul), no intercession will benefit it (i.e., the soul) and they will not be helped.

وَاتَّقُوا يَوْمًا تُرْجَعُونَ فِيهِ إِلَى اللَّهِ ثُمَّ تُوَفَّى كُلُّ نَفْسٍ مَا كَسَبَتْ وَهُمْ لَا يُظْلَمُونَ

2:281 And fear the Day when you shall be brought back to Allah. Then every soul will be given in full what it had earned and none shall be dealt with unjustly.

يَوْمَ تَجِدُ كُلُّ نَفْسٍ مَا عَمِلَتْ مِنْ خَيْرٍ مُحْضَرًا وَمَا عَمِلَتْ مِنْ سُوءٍ تَوَدُّ لَوْ أَنَّ بَيْنَهَا وَبَيْنَهُ أَمَدًا بَعِيدًا وَيُحَذِّرُكُمُ اللَّهُ نَفْسَهُ
وَاللَّهُ رَعُوفٌ بِالْعِبَادِ

3:30 The Day every soul finds out what good it has done and what evil it has done! It will wish that (Day) is quite far off from it. Allah cautions you about Himself. And Allah is full of kindness to (His) servants.

يَوْمَ تَبْيَضُّ وُجُوهٌ وَتَسْوَدُّ وُجُوهٌ فَأَمَّا الَّذِينَ اسْوَدَّتْ وُجُوهُهُمْ أَكْفَرْتُمْ بَعْدَ إِيمَانِكُمْ فَذُوقُوا الْعَذَابَ بِمَا كُنْتُمْ تَكْفُرُونَ وَأَمَّا
الَّذِينَ ابْيَضَّتْ وُجُوهُهُمْ فَفِي رَحْمَةِ اللَّهِ هُمْ فِيهَا خَالِدُونَ

3:106-107 The Day some faces will be white (i.e., bright) and some faces will be black (i.e., gloomy) black! Then whose faces are black, (they will be said): “Did you reject Faith after believing in it? Taste then the penalty for rejecting Faith.” But those whose faces are white, they will be in Allah’s mercy (i.e., Heaven). They will dwell therein for ever.

وَيَوْمَ نَحْشُرُهُمْ جَمِيعًا ثُمَّ نَقُولُ لِلَّذِينَ أَشْرَكُوا مَكَانَكُمْ أَنْتُمْ وَشُرَكَائِكُمْ فَرَيْلْنَا بَيْنَهُمْ وَقَالَ شُرَكَائُهُمْ مَا كُنْتُمْ إِلَّا نَا تَعْبُدُونَ
فَكَفَى بِاللَّهِ شَهِيدًا بَيْنَنَا وَبَيْنَكُمْ إِنْ كُنَّا عَنْ عِبَادَتِكُمْ لِغَافِلِينَ هُنَالِكَ تَبْلُو كُلُّ نَفْسٍ مَا أَسْلَفَتْ وَرُدُّوا إِلَى اللَّهِ مَوْلَاهُمُ الْحَقَّ
وَضَلَّ عَنْهُمْ مَا كَانُوا يَفْتَرُونَ

10:28-30 The Day We gather them all together and ask those who joined partners (with Us): Be at your place, you and your partners. We shall separate them and their partners will say: “You were not worshipping us. Enough is Allah as witness between us and you. Indeed, we were unaware of your worship.” There, every soul will experience (the fruits of) the deeds it had done before. They will be returned to Allah, their true Lord, and whatever they had fabricated (against Allah) will leave them in the lurch.

وَيَوْمَ يُحْشَرُهُمْ كَأَن لَّمْ يَلْبَثُوا إِلَّا سَاعَةً مِنَ النَّهَارِ يَتَعَارَفُونَ بَيْنَهُمْ قَدْ خَسِرَ الَّذِينَ كَذَّبُوا اللَّهَ وَكَانُوا مُهْتَدِينَ

10:45 The Day He gathers them together! (They will feel on resurrection that) they had spent hardly an hour of a day. They will recognize each other. Surely those who denied the meeting with Allah had lost (everything) and they did not receive guidance.

وَالْوَزْنُ يَوْمَئِذٍ الْحَقُّ فَمَنْ ثَقُلَتْ مَوَازِينُهُ فَأُولَئِكَ هُمُ الْمُفْلِحُونَ

7:8 The weighing (good and bad) that Day will be true. Then whose scale is heavy, they are the successful ones.

يَوْمَ تَأْتِي كُلُّ نَفْسٍ تُجَادِلُ عَنْ نَفْسِهَا وَتُوَفَّى كُلُّ نَفْسٍ مَا عَمِلَتْ وَهُمْ لَا يُظْلَمُونَ

16:111 The Day every soul comes pleading for itself and every soul will be fully recompensed for all its actions, and none will be dealt with unjustly!

As discussed earlier, the evaluation of the record of performance of human being during the test life was over at the time of death itself. The Judgement Day is the occasion for mankind to meet with the Creator and hear the final verdict. On that Day every prophet will stand as witness for his people. The judgement of every individual will be passed. It is also on that Day Allah passes judgement in the presence of their prophets (witnesses) in matters in which people disputed.

وَجَاهِدُوا فِي اللَّهِ حَقَّ جِهَادِهِ هُوَ اجْتَبَاكُمْ وَمَا جَعَلَ عَلَيْكُمْ فِي الدِّينِ مِنْ حَرَجٍ مَلَّةً أَيْكُمْ إِبْرَاهِيمَ هُوَ سَمَّاكُمُ الْمُسْلِمِينَ مِنْ قَبْلُ وَفِي هَذَا لِيَكُونَ الرَّسُولُ شَهِيدًا عَلَيْكُمْ وَتَكُونُوا شُهَدَاءَ عَلَى النَّاسِ فَأَقِيمُوا الصَّلَاةَ وَآتُوا الزَّكَاةَ وَاعْتَصِمُوا بِاللَّهِ هُوَ مَوْلَاكُمْ فَنِعْمَ الْمَوْلَى وَنِعْمَ النَّصِيرُ

22:78 “.....He (Allah) has chosen you and He has imposed no difficulties on you in religion. It is the religion of your father Abraham. It is He who named you Muslims, both before and in this (Quran). (That is) for the messenger to be a witness for you, and you (i.e., believers) the witnesses for the mankind. So establish the Prayer, give charity and hold on to Allah firmly. He is your guardian – the best to protect and the best to help.”

إِنَّا أَرْسَلْنَا إِلَيْكُمْ رَسُولًا شَاهِدًا عَلَيْكُمْ كَمَا أَرْسَلْنَا إِلَىٰ فِرْعَوْنَ رَسُولًا

73:15 We have sent to you (O men!) an apostle to be a witness on you like We sent an apostle to Pharaoh.

وَنَزَعْنَا مِنْ كُلِّ أُمَّةٍ شَهِيدًا فَقُلْنَا هَاتُوا بُرْهَانَكُمْ فَعَلِمُوا أَنَّ الْحَقَّ لِلَّهِ وَضَلَّ عَنْهُمْ مَا كَانُوا يَفْتَرُونَ

28:75 And from each people We will bring a witness (i.e., the prophet). Then We will say: “Produce your proof.” Then they will realize that the truth is with Allah and the (lies) which they had fabricated will leave them in lurch.

وَلِكُلِّ أُمَّةٍ رَسُولٌ فَإِذَا جَاءَ رَسُولُهُمْ قُضِيَ بَيْنَهُمْ بِالْقِسْطِ وَهُمْ لَا يُظْلَمُونَ

10:47 To every nation (*ummah*) is an apostle. Thus upon arrival of their apostle, judgement would be passed (on Day of Judgement) between them with justice and they will not be dealt with unjustly.

وَأَشْرَقَتِ الْأَرْضُ بِنُورِ رَبِّهَا وَوُضِعَ الْكِتَابُ وَجِيءَ بِالنَّبِيِّينَ وَالشُّهَدَاءِ وَقُضِيَ بَيْنَهُمْ بِالْحَقِّ وَهُمْ لَا يُظْلَمُونَ

39:69 And the earth will glow with the Light of its Lord; the record (of deeds) will be placed (open); the prophets and the witnesses will be brought and verdict will be passed among them (i.e., the resurrected people). And they will not be dealt with unjustly (in the least).

إِنَّمَا جُعِلَ السَّبْتُ عَلَى الَّذِينَ اخْتَلَفُوا فِيهِ وَإِنَّ رَبَّكَ لَيَحْكُمُ بَيْنَهُمْ يَوْمَ الْقِيَامَةِ فِيمَا كَانُوا فِيهِ يَخْتَلِفُونَ

16:124 The Sabbath was made (strict) for those who disputed about it (as to its observance). And Allah will certainly pass judgement among them on the Day of Judgment in whatever matters they disputed.

وَأَتَيْنَاهُمُ بَيِّنَاتٍ مِنَ الْأَمْرِ فَمَا اخْتَلَفُوا إِلَّا مِنْ بَعْدِ مَا جَاءَهُمُ الْعِلْمُ بَعْيًا بَيْنَهُمْ إِنَّ رَبَّكَ يَقْضِي بَيْنَهُمْ يَوْمَ الْقِيَامَةِ فِيمَا كَانُوا فِيهِ يَخْتَلِفُونَ

45:17 And We have given them (children of Israel) clear instructions (in religion). It was only after knowledge had come to them they split up because of the rivalry among them. Verily your Lord will judge between them on the Day of Judgment in matters in which they dispute.

Every individual will have an escort also.

وَجَاءَتْ كُلُّ نَفْسٍ مَعَهَا سَائِقٌ وَشَهِيدٌ

50:21 Every soul will come with an escort and a witness.

Allah will ask the prophets about the response of the people to the divine messages they conveyed. A prophet can know the response of the people only for the period he was with them. But Allah alone knows the response of the people after the death of the prophet.

يَوْمَ يَجْمَعُ اللَّهُ الرُّسُلَ فَيَقُولُ مَاذَا أُجِبْتُمْ قَالُوا لَا عِلْمَ لَنَا إِنَّا كُنَّا نَعْلَمُ عِلْمَ الْغُيُوبِ

5:109 The day Allah will assemble the apostles together! He will ask: What was the response you received (from people to the message you conveyed to them)? They will say: We have no knowledge. Certainly it is You who have full knowledge of the mysteries.

The Day of Judgement offers the opportunity for all the human robots to examine records of their performance during their test life.

وَكُلُّ إِنْسَانٍ أَلْمَنَاهُ طَائِرَهُ فِي عُنُقِهِ وَنُخْرِجُ لَهُ يَوْمَ الْقِيَامَةِ كِتَابًا يَلْقَاهُ مَنشُورًا اقْرَأْ كِتَابَكَ كَفَىٰ بِنَفْسِكَ الْيَوْمَ عَلَيْكَ حَسِيبًا
17:13-14 “...On the Day of Judgement, We shall bring out for him a scroll, which he will see spread open. (He will be told): Read your (own) Record; sufficient is yourself this day to make an account about yourself.”

وَوُضِعَ الْكِتَابُ فَتَرَى الْمُجْرِمِينَ مُشْفِقِينَ مِمَّا فِيهِ وَيَقُولُونَ يَا وَيْلَتَنَا مَا لِي هَذَا الْكِتَابِ لَا يُغَادِرُ صَغِيرَةً وَلَا كَبِيرَةً إِلَّا أَحْصَاهَا وَوَجَدُوا مَا عَمِلُوا حَاضِرًا وَلَا يَظْلِمُ رَبُّكَ أَحَدًا

18:49 And the dossier (of deeds of each person) will be placed. Then you will see the sinners getting frightened of what is (recorded) therein; they will say, “Ah! Woe to us! What a dossier this is! It leaves out nothing small or great without recording it.” They will find whatever they did (in the life of this world) presented (in it): And your Lord will not treat anyone with injustice.

The record mentioned in the verses above is the information relating to one’s conscious activities stored in *sadr*, which after the death of the individual is stored in *Illiyyoon* or *Sijjeen* depending on the success or failure of the individual in the test.

Since the dossier of activities during the test life is given on the Day of Judgement to every individual for reading and evaluation by himself, it is necessary that the individual has information about his activities during his test life in tact in his *sadr*. Otherwise, they will not be able to recollect their past and evaluate the record given to them. The Quran also informs that the resurrected people will recognize each other (10:45 quoted above). The Quran further indicates that every one will be able to remember their past deeds. This means the information stored in the previous *sadr* has been fully restored during resurrection and is available in the *sadr* of the clone or the resurrected person. This is evident from the reactions of human individuals on seeing their records.

وَوُضِعَ الْكِتَابُ فَتَرَى الْمُجْرِمِينَ مُشْفِقِينَ مِمَّا فِيهِ وَيَقُولُونَ يَا وَيْلَتَنَا مَالِ هَذَا الْكِتَابِ لَا يُغَادِرُ صَغِيرَةً وَلَا كَبِيرَةً إِلَّا أَحْصَاهَا^٥ وَوَجَدُوا مَا عَمِلُوا حَاضِرًا^٦ وَلَا يَظْلِمُ رَبُّكَ أَحَدًا

18:49 “...You will see the sinful in great terror because of what is recorded therein; they will say: Ah, woe to us! What a book is this! It leaves out nothing small or great, but takes account thereof...”

The verse indicates that the *sadr* with its stored information is in tact in the resurrected people as reflected in their reactions while going through their dossiers. Another verse on joining with own righteous spouses in Heaven also indicates we will be able to recollect our past thereby confirming the restoration of *sadr* with its contents during resurrection.

وَالَّذِينَ آمَنُوا وَاتَّبَعَتْهُمْ ذُرِّيَّتُهُمْ بِإِيمَانٍ أَلْحَقْنَا بِهِمْ ذُرِّيَّتَهُمْ وَمَا أَلَتْنَاهُمْ مِنْ عَمَلِهِمْ مِنْ شَيْءٍ^٥ كُلُّ امْرِئٍ بِمَا كَسَبَ رَهِينٌ
52:21 And those who believe and whose families follow them in Faith – to them shall We join their families: Nor shall We deprive them (of the fruit) of aught of their works: (Yet) is each individual in pledge for his deeds.

The installation of the dossier of one’s test life during resurrection enables one to recollect his past life and examine the record to his satisfaction. It will also convince him of the fairness of Allah’s judgement and His verdict. This implies that at the time of death the angel removes not only *nafs* of the individual but also all the information stored in *sadr* and other body cells. The *nafs* along with all other information is subsequently stored in biomemetic niches in the soil. At the time of resurrection, the information retrieved from the *sadr* gets stored in the *sadr* of the resurrected body and the information retrieved from other tissues of the body gets stored in the respective tissues. This would explain how one is enabled to recollect his past deeds and how his tissues could speak about their activities in support of what is stored in the *sadr*.

الْيَوْمَ نَخْتِمُ عَلَىٰ أَفْوَاهِهِمْ وَتُكَلِّمُنَا أَيْدِيهِمْ وَتَشْهَدُ أَرْجُلُهُمْ بِمَا كَانُوا يَكْسِبُونَ
36:65 That Day We shall seal their mouths. But their hands will speak to us, and their feet bear witness, to all that they did.

حَتَّىٰ إِذَا مَا جَاءُوهَا شَهِدَ عَلَيْهِمْ سَمْعُهُمْ وَأَبْصَارُهُمْ وَجُلُودُهُمْ بِمَا كَانُوا يَعْمَلُونَ وَقَالُوا لَوْلَا دُعِينَا لَهُمْ لِمَ شَهِدْتُمْ عَلَيْنَا^٥ قَالُوا أَنْطَقَنَا اللَّهُ الَّذِي أَنْطَقَ كُلَّ شَيْءٍ وَهُوَ خَلَقَكُمْ أَوَّلَ مَرَّةٍ وَإِلَيْهِ تُرْجَعُونَ وَمَا كُنْتُمْ تَسْتَكْبِرُونَ أَنْ يَشْهَدَ عَلَيْكُمْ سَمْعُكُمْ وَلَا أَبْصَارُكُمْ وَلَا جُلُودُكُمْ وَلَكِنْ ظَنَنْتُمْ أَنَّ اللَّهَ لَا يَعْلَمُ كَثِيرًا مِمَّا تَعْمَلُونَ وَذَلِكُمْ ظَنُّكُمُ الَّذِي ظَنَنْتُمْ بِرَبِّكُمْ أَرْدَاكُمْ فَأَصْبَحْتُمْ مِنَ الْخَاسِرِينَ

41:20-23 At length, when they reach the (Fire), their hearing, their sight, and their skins will bear witness against them, as to (all) their deeds. They will say to their skins: Why you bear witness against us? They will say: (Allah) has given us speech; (He) Who gives speech to everything: He created you for the first time and to Him you are to return. You did not seek to hide yourselves, lest your hearing, your sight, and your skins should bear witness against you! But you did think that Allah knew not many of the things that you used to do! But this thought of yours which you did entertain concerning your Lord, has brought you to destruction, and (now) you have become those utterly lost!

People will be questioned and called to explain their past deeds on that Day.

ثُمَّ لِنُسْأَلَنَّ يَوْمَئِذٍ عَنِ النَّعِيمِ

102:8 Then, that Day you will be questioned about the pleasures (you had indulged in the life of the world).

Allah's judgement will be with full justice. Not a single human robot will He treat with injustice.

وَوُضِعَ الْكِتَابُ فَتَرَى الْمُجْرِمِينَ مُشْفِقِينَ مِمَّا فِيهِ وَيَقُولُونَ يَا وَيْلَتَنَا مَالِ هَذَا الْكِتَابِ لَا يُغَادِرُ صَغِيرَةً وَلَا كَبِيرَةً إِلَّا أَحْصَاهَا^٤ وَوَجَدُوا مَا عَمِلُوا حَاضِرًا^٥ وَلَا يَظْلِمُ رَبُّكَ أَحَدًا

18:49 "...They will find all that they did, placed before them and not one will your Lord treat with injustice."

وَنَضَعُ الْمَوَازِينَ الْقُسْطَ لِيَوْمِ الْقِيَامَةِ فَلَا تُظْلَمُ نَفْسٌ شَيْئًا^٦ وَإِنْ كَانَ مِثْقَالَ حَبَّةٍ مِنْ خَرْدَلٍ أَتَيْنَا بِهَا^٧ وَكَفَىٰ بِنَا حَاسِبِينَ

21:47 We shall set up scales of justice for the Day of Judgement, so that not a single individual (*nafs*) will be dealt with unjustly in the least. And if there be (no more than) the weight of a mustard seed (good or evil deed) We will bring it (to account). And enough are We to take account.

Further Allah says that He is extremely fast in Judgement.

وَالَّذِينَ كَفَرُوا أَعْمَالُهُمْ كَسَرَابٍ بِقِيَعَةٍ يَحْسَبُهُ الظَّمْآنُ مَاءً حَتَّىٰ إِذَا جَاءَهُ لَمْ يَجِدْهُ شَيْئًا وَوَجَدَ اللَّهَ عِنْدَهُ فَوَفَّاهُ حِسَابَهُ^٨ وَاللَّهُ سَرِيعُ الْحِسَابِ

24:39 "...And Allah is swift in taking account."

ثُمَّ رُدُّوا إِلَى اللَّهِ مَوْلَاهُمْ الْحَقَّ^٩ ۗ لَا لَهُ الْخُكْمُ وَهُوَ أَسْرَعُ الْحَاسِبِينَ

6:62 Then they were returned to Allah, their real protector. The power of judgement rests with Him. And He is the swiftest in taking account.

الْيَوْمَ تُجْزَىٰ كُلُّ نَفْسٍ بِمَا كَسَبَتْ^{١٠} ۗ لَا ظُلْمَ الْيَوْمَ ۗ إِنَّ اللَّهَ سَرِيعُ الْحِسَابِ

40:17 That Day every soul will be rewarded what it earned. There will be no injustice that Day. Indeed Allah is swift in taking account.

The entire process of evaluation and judgement of billions of human robots with equally numerous physical variables, biological attributes and their potentials, and their interactions is beyond human comprehension. Allah informs us that He will mete out everyone justly and no injustice will be done to anybody. We may visualize the process with our limited knowledge as follows. The judgement with full justice to all implies Allah will take into consideration all the variables that make one individual different from the other. These include one's physical potentials, mental potentials, wealth, other assets and deficiencies he had during his test life on Earth. This is evident from Allah's message that He does not expect from an individual beyond his capacity. Think of an evaluation equation with weight assigned to each of the pluses and minuses. Such a judgement howsoever impossible it may appear to us will only be an easy matter for God. Allah's message that He is swiftest in taking account tells it all. In fact the evaluation of one's record of performance is over at the time of death itself. What probably meant by the Final Judgement could be the formal declaration of the award of Heaven or Hell after the individual is convinced of the veracity of the record of his performance given to him for verification.

Heaven – the Muslim Earth

Following Judgement, the successful human robots will be awarded Heaven while the unsuccessful will get punishment in Hell (Q. 84:7-12). Allah will welcome the successful robots to His Heaven with utmost satisfaction. A lot of information is given about Heaven and Hell in the Quran. However, only a few verses that have scientific significance are considered here.

يَا أَيُّهَا النَّفْسُ الْمُطْمَئِنَّةُ ارْجِعِي إِلَىٰ رَبِّكِ رَاضِيَةً مَّرْضِيَّةً فَادْخُلِي فِي عِبَادِي وَادْخُلِي جَنَّاتِي

89:27-30 (To the righteous will be said) O (you) *nafs* in (complete) rest and satisfaction; come back you to your Lord well pleased (yourself) and well pleasing to Him; enter you then among My robots; and enter you My Heaven.

Heaven is the re-created Earth (of the next universe) which the successful human robots will inherit and live there forever serving Allah.

وَلَقَدْ كَتَبْنَا فِي الزَّبُورِ مِنْ بَعْدِ الذِّكْرِ أَنَّ الْأَرْضَ يَرِثُهَا عِبَادِيَ الصَّالِحُونَ

21:105 Before this, We wrote in the *Zaboor* (the Book given to Prophet David) after the Reminder (*Taurat* given to Moses) that My righteous robots (servants) will inherit the earth.

Since only the righteous human robots will be deployed in Heaven, it may be rightly called the “Muslim Earth”, the planet inhabited by only Muslims – the human robots who submitted themselves to the will of Allah. There is only one death; that is on the present earth. The next life is eternal without death. This means there will be no more deletion of the biomemome (*nafs*) from the body as happened during the life on this earth. Present life is a test life and death is required to terminate the test period of an individual. Further, Satan virus will also be absent in our biomemome of our next life and we will be free of evil influences. As the mission of *Iblis* would be over with the end of this world and he was given respite by Allah till that day (Q. 7:12-18), the biomemomes of the resurrected people will not be carrying the Satan virus program. Satan virus was introduced into human biosystem (through Adam’s *nafs*) to make the human robot testing efficient. The next life is not test life. Further Satan will say goodbye to human race on that Day.

وَقَالَ الشَّيْطَانُ لَمَّا قُضِيَ الْأَمْرُ إِنَّ اللَّهَ وَعَدَكُمْ وَعَدَ الْحَقُّ وَوَعَدْتُكُمْ فَأَخْلَفْتُكُمْ وَمَا كَانَ لِي عَلَيْكُمْ مِنْ سُلْطَانٍ إِلَّا أَنْ دَعَوْتُكُمْ فَاسْتَجَبْتُمْ لِي فَلا تَلُومُونِي وَلوُمُوا أَنفُسَكُمْ مَا أَنَا بِمُصْرِخِكُمْ وَمَا أَنْتُمْ بِمُصْرِخِيَّ إِنِّي كَفَرْتُ بِمَا أَشْرَكْتُمُونِ مِنْ قَبْلُ إِنَّ الظَّالِمِينَ لَهُمْ عَذَابٌ أَلِيمٌ

14:22 And the Satan will say when the matter is decided: “It was Allah who gave you true promise. I too promised you, but I violated (it). I had no authority over you except that I invited you (and) then you answered me. Therefore do not blame me but you blame yourselves. I am not your helper and you are not my helper. I reject your associating me earlier with Allah. Verily, the wrongdoers have a painful punishment.”

The Quran provides a fairly good account of the physical environment of the new Earth (Heaven) as well as its biosphere. The environment in Heaven will not be excessively hot or cold. It will be full of fruits hanging low in humility, where people will wear silk and they will have everything in plenty. Insofar as the present earth is the venue for testing human robots, it represents only a miniature model of the next Earth or Heaven. To say the least, we cannot even fathom the kind of things and resources provided in Heaven. The environmental conditions of the present Earth and the next Earth must be similar as both are created as habitat for human beings. The physics, chemistry and biology of the next universe may also be expected to be more or less the same. The next Earth will have the width of the present universe, i.e., the sizes of the present Earth and skies put together.

وَسَارِعُوا إِلَىٰ مَغْفِرَةٍ مِنْ رَبِّكُمْ وَجَنَّةٍ عَرْضُهَا السَّمَاوَاتُ وَالْأَرْضُ أُعِدَّتْ لِلْمُتَّقِينَ

3:133 Be quick in the race for forgiveness from your Lord, and for a Garden (Heaven) whose width is that (of the whole) of the skies and the earth, prepared for the righteous.

سَابِقُوا إِلَىٰ مَغْفِرَةٍ مِّن رَّبِّكُمْ وَجَنَّةٍ عَرْضُهَا عَرْضُ السَّمَاءِ وَالْأَرْضِ أُعِدَّتْ لِلَّذِينَ آمَنُوا بِاللَّهِ وَرُسُلِهِ ۗ ذَٰلِكَ فَضْلُ اللَّهِ يُؤْتِيهِ مَن يَشَاءُ ۗ وَاللَّهُ ذُو الْفَضْلِ الْعَظِيمِ

57:21 Be you foremost (in seeking) Forgiveness from your Lord, and a Garden (of Bliss), the width whereof is as the width of the sky and the earth, prepared for those who believe in Allah and His apostles: that is the Grace of Allah, which He bestows on whom He pleases: and Allah is the Lord of Grace abounding.

The biosphere will be composed of not only human beings but all other living beings (plants, animals, etc.) as well.

وَمَا مِنْ دَابَّةٍ فِي الْأَرْضِ وَلَا طَائِرٍ يَطِيرُ بِجَنَاحَيْهِ إِلَّا أُمَمٌ أَمْثَلُكُمْ ۗ مَا فَرَّطْنَا فِي الْكِتَابِ مِنْ شَيْءٍ ۗ ثُمَّ إِلَىٰ رَبِّهِمْ يُحْشَرُونَ
6:38 There is not an animal (that lives) on the earth, nor a being that flies on its wings, but (forms part of) communities like you. Nothing have we omitted from the Book, and they (all) shall be gathered to their Lord in the end.

The picture of the next Earth – the Heaven promised to the righteous – Allah gives is far beyond human imagination and perception. Only a few verses are quoted here.

مَثَلُ الْجَنَّةِ الَّتِي وُعدَ الْمُتَّقُونَ فِيهَا أَنْهَارٌ مِنْ مَّاءٍ غَيْرِ آسِنٍ وَأَنْهَارٌ مِنْ لَبَنٍ لَمْ يَتَغَيَّرَ طَعْمُهُ وَأَنْهَارٌ مِنْ خَمْرٍ لَذَّةٍ لِلشَّارِبِينَ وَأَنْهَارٌ مِنْ عَسَلٍ مُصَفًّى ۖ وَلَهُمْ فِيهَا مِنْ كُلِّ الثَّمَرَاتِ وَمَغْفِرَةٌ مِّن رَّبِّهِمْ ۗ كَمَنْ هُوَ خَالِدٌ فِي النَّارِ وَسُقُوا مَاءً حَمِيمًا فَقَطَّعَ أَمْعَاءَهُمْ

47:15 “(Here is) a Parable of the Garden which the righteous are promised: in it are rivers of water incorruptible; rivers of milk of which the taste never changes; rivers of wine, a joy to those who drink; and rivers of honey pure and clear. In it there are for them all kinds of fruits; and Grace from their Lord...”

مُتَّكِنِينَ فِيهَا عَلَى الْأَرَائِكِ ۗ لَا يَرَوْنَ فِيهَا شَمْسًا وَلَا زَمْهَرِيرًا ۖ وَدَانِيَةً عَلَيْهِمْ ظِلَالُهَا وَذُلَّتْ أَلْفُوفُهَا تَدْلِيلًا وَيُطَافُ عَلَيْهِمْ بِآنِيَةٍ مِّن فِضَّةٍ وَأَكْوَابٍ كَانَتْ قَوَارِيرًا قَوَارِيرًا مِّن فِضَّةٍ قَدَرُوا مَن تَقْدِيرًا وَيُسْقَوْنَ فِيهَا كَأْسًا كَانَتْ مِرَاجِحًا زَنْجَبِيلًا ۚ عِينًا فِيهَا تَسْمَىٰ سَلْسَبِيلًا وَيَطُوفُ عَلَيْهِمْ وِلْدَانٌ مُّخَلَّدُونَ إِذَا رَأَيْتَهُمْ حَسِبْتَهُمْ لُؤْلُؤًا مَّنثُورًا وَإِذَا رَأَيْتَ ثَمَرًا رَأَيْتَ نَعِيمًا وَمَلَكًا كَبِيرًا ۚ عَلَيْهِمْ ثِيَابٌ سُنْدُسٌ خُضْرٌ وَإِسْتَبْرَقٌ ۖ وَحُلُوعٌ أَسْوَدٌ مِنْ فِضَّةٍ وَسَقَاهُمْ رَبُّهُمْ شَرَابًا طَهُورًا ۗ إِنَّ هَٰذَا كَانَ لَكُمْ جَزَاءً وَكَانَ سَعْيُكُمْ مَشْكُورًا

76:13-22 Reclining in the (Garden) on raised thrones they will see there neither sun’s (excessive heat) nor excessive cold. And the shadows of the (Garden) will come near over them and the fruit bunches there will be within their easy reach. And silver vessels and crystal goblets will be passed around them (serving food and drinks). (That is), crystal made of silver. They have fixed its measure. And they will be given a cup of drink there; it will be a mix of ginger. A spring called *Salsabil* is there. And perpetual youths will be around them. If you see them, you will think of them as scattered pearls. And when you see there, you will notice blessings and a great kingdom. They will be wearing garments of green fine silk and thick silk, and they will be adorned with silver bracelets; and their Lord will give them pure drink. Verily, this is a reward for you. And (thus) your endeavour (on earth) finds acceptance with gratefulness (with Allah).

وَيُنشَرُ الَّذِينَ آمَنُوا وَعَمِلُوا الصَّالِحَاتِ أَنَّ لَهُمْ جَنَّاتٍ تَجْرِي مِنْ تَحْتِهَا الْأَنْهَارُ ۖ كُلَّمَا رُزِقُوا مِنْهَا مِنْ ثَمَرَةٍ رَزَقُوا قَالُوا هَٰذَا الَّذِي رُزِقْنَا مِنْ قَبْلُ ۖ وَأَنُوتُوا بِهِ مُنْسَابِهًا ۖ وَلَهُمْ فِيهَا أَزْوَاجٌ مُّطَهَّرَةٌ ۖ وَهُمْ فِيهَا خَالِدُونَ

2:25 But give glad tidings to those who believe and work righteousness, that their portion is Gardens, beneath which rivers flow. Every time they are fed with fruits there from, they say: “Why, this is what we were fed with before,” for they are given things in similitude; and they have therein companions pure (and holy); and they abide therein (for ever).

قُلْ أَذَلِكَ خَيْرٌ أَمْ جَنَّةُ الْخُلْدِ الَّتِي وَعَدَ الْمُتَّقُونَ ۚ كَانَتْ لَهُمْ جَزَاءً وَمَصِيرًا لَّهُمْ فِيهَا مَا يَشَاءُونَ خَالِدِينَ ۚ كَانَ عَلَىٰ رَبِّكَ
وَعَدًا مَسْئُولًا

25:16 Whatever they wish they will get therein (Heaven). They will dwell (there) forever, a promise to be asked for from your Lord.

These messages are a pointer to the variety and richness of the bounties promised by Allah for His obedient robots in Heaven.

Hell – the place of punishment

Hell is the place of punishment but not of elimination. The rejecters of Faith (Islam) will be destroyed ‘alive’ in Hell. They will not taste death, but only continue to live under punishment in the Fire.

يَتَجَرَّعُهُ وَلَا يَكَادُ يُسِيغُهُ وَيَأْتِيهِ الْمَوْتُ مِنْ كُلِّ مَكَانٍ وَمَا هُوَ بِمَيِّتٍ ۚ وَمِنْ وَرَائِهِ عَذَابٌ غَلِيظٌ

14:17 “...Death will come to him from every quarter, yet will he not die...”

It is impossible for us to fathom the magnitude of the eternal punishment in fire without death. Allah informs us that the body tissues will be replaced anew as soon as they wither. This would mean that the program will be so given that the regeneration of the burnt tissues occurs at the same rate as its destruction. Then the individual will experience only the punishment and pain with the body organs intact. The Holy Quran points to such a mechanism.

إِنَّ الَّذِينَ كَفَرُوا بِآيَاتِنَا سَوْفَ نُصَلِّيهِمْ نَارًا كَلَّمًا تَضِجَتْ جُلُودُهُمْ بَدَّلْنَاهُمْ جُلُودًا غَيْرَهَا لِيَذُوقُوا الْعَذَابَ ۗ إِنَّ اللَّهَ كَانَ
عَزِيزًا حَكِيمًا

4:56 Those who reject Our signs (the Quran), We shall soon cast them into the Fire. As often as their skins are roasted through, We shall change them for fresh skins that they may taste the penalty. For God is exalted in Power, Wise.

With the award of Heaven and Hell, the divine mission will come to an end.

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