

# *AGAINST EXCUSES*



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Personally, I remain grateful and accept full responsibility for the form in which the materials are now presented.

May His guidance always determine the path we follow. AMEN.

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## FOREWORD

**Qur'an: 55:13** “Which of Allah's favours would you deny?”

I am appreciative of being asked to write a foreword to volume 6 i.e. ‘Against Excuses’ by brother Muhammad Sa’idu Jimada under the auspices of SADAQATU TAYYIBATUN FOUNDATION.

In fact it is a favour from Almighty Allah to be chosen out of thousands of other more qualified people to do this assignment. Although I have not read the preceding five volumes, but I felt highly touched and stimulated by the copious quotations and analysis of Qur'anic verses in this volume. Starting from chapter one, it unveils the parts and gems of Qur'anic immutability as well as undeniable favours by the Cherisher and Nourisher of men. It proceeds to give vivid descriptions of the would-be events of the Day of Judgement to the final sojourn of the righteous in the Paradise and the dismal and humiliation of the unbelievers. The beautiful descriptions leave no doubt in one's mind that mankind would have no excuse against God for not worshipping Him during the short span of his life on this planet. The theme of this volume can be briefly summarised by the Qur'anic verses:

**Qur'an 14:7** “If you are grateful, I will add more (favours) unto you, but if you show ingratitude, truly My punishment is terrible indeed.”

**Q. 4:147** “What can God gain by your punishment if you are grateful and ye believe?”

This book shows us vividly that the essence of Allah's uncountable favours upon us is to recognise Him and show our gratitude to Him by worshipping Him. However, if we fail or refuse to acknowledge and do that, He will visit us with His prepared punishment. I am more than convinced by going through this book and its quotations that Allah's punishments are visited upon the ingrate; otherwise He has nothing to gain by punishing any of His creatures.

I would certainly not hesitate to recommend this book to any serious minded Muslim who wants to have something to guide him in his daily spiritual elevation, for man is a forgetful creature that needs spiritual rejuvenation through a write-up of this kind. I congratulate the author for a job well done and pray that Allah may reward him for his commitment to the cause of Islam.

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## INTRODUCTION

This book is intended to serve as a cap for the preceding five materials, which together will hopefully provide the reader with a fair spectacle of beliefs and practices in Islam. They have been primarily made public and FREE, with the hope that parents will use them to introduce their children to the teachings of Islam. They can also serve as preliminary elements that define the framework for the analysis of an individual(s), groups, nations, generations and events, to arrive at an Islamic perspective. They are not intended to be used for the details of reference in practice. That has been sufficiently done by great jurists like Imam Malik and complemented by a lot of learned scholars.

The first chapter is devoted to the FAVOURS of Allah upon mankind and all creations, to give the reader the consciousness of his shortcomings, considering the power and mercy of Allah at the same time. What I have come to understand is the disclosure of a good number of Allah's attributes through these favours or benefits to mankind. My fear is that with these comprehensive though only highlights of Allah's benefits to mankind, BUT for His Mercy, we haven't and shall have no excuse whatsoever for not devoting all the seconds of our life time to His worship.

The second chapter attempts to give highlights of the DAY OF JUDGEMENT which leads to the third chapter that highlights the nature of the bliss promised by Allah to those who believe and comply by righteousness. For Muslims, this alone, in the light of, or when compared to the benefits provided us here on earth, is something worth striving for with one's utmost ability. In the same vein, the closing chapter draws attention to the characteristics of punishment to be experienced by those who disbelieve and transgress the bounds of Allah. It is more than sufficient to dissuade commissions or omissions that are in contradiction with the commandments of Allah and the example set by the recorded traditions of Muhammad (S.A.W). One can therefore reach Allah's graceful mercy motivated by fear or aspiration/hope. But the inevitable meeting point for both is effort by practice.

I pray that by this set of materials, parents, youths, adults who are Muslims will come to clearly appreciate and comply with joy, satisfaction, confidence and true - consciousness. For non-Muslims, I pray that it will at least enable them to see WHY Muslims are what they are; WHAT they can be, reflected in How they do their things, provided it is informed by the Qur'an and Sunnah.

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**WITHOUT WHICH MAN WILL NOT COME INTO  
EXISTENCE, LIVE OR SURVIVE**

**BASIC FAVOURS FOR THE ACCOMMODATION OF MAN**

Allah in His mercy has structured the best accommodation for mankind and by extension, His creations. This reflects the all-comprehensive, all-expansive and Most Merciful attributes of Allah towards His creations. Take shelter for example, we only need to open our minds, our senses and observe that we are indeed, with or without our houses, already housed – giving us an inalienable dignity of status before Allah – free of charge. The entire earth and its landscape are the couch and the heavens, the canopy.

Who has made the earth your couch,  
And the heavens your canopy ...  
**Qur'an 2:22**

The couch is also spread out and expansive but in a form that invites man to grapple with it. Also, man is able to identify where he is, where he is going to or where he is coming from at any particular point in time. Hence, the kind of temporary alienation that man may experience when he strangely finds himself lost in the middle of a desert or sea is eliminated.

He who has made for you  
The earth like a carpet  
Spread out; has enabled you  
To go about therein by roads  
(And channels)...  
**Qur'an 20:53**

To suit the nature of man's state of existence and what he can control, Allah in addition has made this structural provision(s) stable.

He created the heavens  
Without any pillars that ye  
Can see; He set  
On the earth mountains  
Standing firm, lest it  
Should shake with you...  
**Qur'an 31:10**

For the survival of mankind and all creations, Allah has provided their principal need in variety, of opposite quality and in His Greatness, without either affecting the other, even though they have a meeting point. This need is water.

It is He Who has  
Let free the two bodies  
Of flowing water:



One palatable and sweet,  
And the other salty  
And bitter; yet has He  
Made a barrier between them,  
A partition that is forbidden  
To be passed.

**Qur'an 25:53**

And to be able to find ourselves, not to get lost to ourselves, to change our place of dwelling, to adventure – for leisure, for game/hunting, to find subsistence etc., Allah has provided us with guide posts for anytime of the day in a variety of forms so as to enable us distinguish between them. The secret of identity is difference, not similarity.

...and rivers  
And roads; that ye  
May guide yourselves;  
And marks and sign-posts;  
And by the stars  
(Men) guide themselves.

**Qur'an 16:15 – 16**

It is He Who maketh  
The stars (as beacons) for you,  
That ye may guide yourselves,  
With their help,  
Through the dark spaces  
Of land and sea;  
We detail Our Signs  
For people who know.

**Qur'an 6:97**

And in the earth are tracts  
(Diverse though) neighbouring...

**Qur'an 13:4**

**THE NATURE OF HEAVENLY BODIES CREATED IN FAVOUR OF MANKIND**

By Allah's mercy, He has not only created the Night and the Day (by alternation), the sun, the moon, the stars etc, we take advantage of them by the service they render to us absolutely loyally. By them we also enjoy their beautiful reflection on us and our dwellings. You can imagine the thoughtless madness of unguided Bertrand Russell who said that, in the event a piece or part of the sun was to break and fall on the earth, the world, living, will come to an end. This is logical but outside the realm of Islamic belief.

He has made subject to you  
The Night and the Day;

The Sun and the Moon;  
And the Stars are in subjection  
By His Command: Verily  
In this are Signs  
For men who are wise.

**Qur'an 16:12**

It is We who have set out  
The Zodiacal Signs in the heavens,  
And made them fair-seeming  
To (all) beholders:  
And (moreover) We have guarded them  
From every evil spirit accursed:

**Qur'an 15:16 – 17**

Furthermore, over and above this, Allah has created these in perfection to our advantage and they function in accordance with His command. No cracks, no need for any renovation or repairs, no room for failures, no need for servicing. And unlike man, they do not disobey the directives of Allah. It is only man that is by this means honoured yet he is ungrateful to his Lord.

And He hath made subject  
To you the sun and the moon,  
Both diligently pursuing  
Their courses; and the Night  
And the Day hath He (also)  
Made subject to you.

**Qur'an 14:33**

And a Sign for them  
Is the Night: We withdraw  
Therefrom the Day, and behold  
They are plunged in darkness;

And the Sun  
Runs his course  
For a period determined  
For him: that is  
The decree of (Him),  
The Exalted in might,  
The All-knowing.

And the Moon,  
We have measured for her  
Mansions (to traverse)  
Till she returns  
Like the old (and withered)

Lower part of a date-stalk.

It is not permitted  
To the Sun to catch up  
The Moon, nor can  
The Night outstrip the Day:  
Each (just) swims along  
In (its own) orbit  
(According to Law).

**Qur'an 36:37 – 40**

#### ALLAH'S FAVOURS ON MAN FOR HIS BEINGNESS

It is Allah who created Adam (A.S), then Hauwa'u the first ancestors of mankind. He had earlier created the heavens and the earth. He then placed them on earth (after spending some time in Paradise) to spend a transitory term. Thus, as they came and left after living or exhausting the time appointed for them, likewise the entirety of mankind, their descendents are to consciously live in this world and leave. That is the will of Allah whether we believe or not.

It is He who hath  
Produced you  
From a single person:  
Here is a place of sojourn  
And a place of departure:  
We detail Our Signs  
For people who understand.

**Qur'an 6:98**

Allah, the all-Able, created the first man from dust, even though we are sure, from our historical experience that there is no factory that moulds men like burnt bricks. There is none, no one we can point to, to have come into existence as Allah did.

Among His Signs is this,  
That He created you  
From dust; and then,  
Behold, ye are men  
Scattered (far and wide)!

**Qur'an 30:20**

Also, man is favoured with shape, which relevantly reflects in the limbs that we have, part of our quality that enables us to exert efforts for activities. Consider for instance, the feet, the knees, the hands, the elbows and not the least, the waist. He honoured us by asking the angels to pay their respect to our foremost ancestor. Who says or will deny that a progeny does not share in the honour of its parent?

It is We Who created you  
And gave you shape;

Then We bade the angels  
Bow down to Adam, and they  
Bowed down...

**Qur'an 7:11**

Then by His favour, as His vicegerent and in His principled image, He wills that we have sensual attributes as powers for our beingness and identity, to be different, to be able to differentiate, to choose etc.

... And He  
Gave you hearing and sight  
And intelligence and affections:  
That ye may give thanks  
(To Allah).

**Qur'an 16:78**

It is He who has created  
For you (the faculties of)  
Hearing, sight, feeling  
And understanding: little thanks  
It is ye give!

**Qur'an 23:78**

In His infinite favour, He grants man the means of reproducing himself, through mere intimate relationship between two opposite sexes. And between this, He establishes a process, love and compassion.

It is He Who brought you  
Forth from the wombs  
Of your mothers when  
Ye knew nothing...

**Qur'an 16:78**

It is He Who created  
You from a single person,  
And made his mate  
Of like nature, in order  
That he might dwell with her  
(In love). When they are  
United, she bears a light  
Burden and carries it about  
(Unnoticed)...

**Qur'an 7:189**

And among His Signs  
Is this, that He created  
For you mates from among

Yourselves, that ye may  
Dwell in tranquility with them,  
And He has put love  
And mercy between your (hearts):  
Verily in that are Signs  
For those who reflect.

**Qur'an 30:21**

By His permission, through this simple means, He has enabled man to reproduce his kind in similar sexes of male or female and in numbers, with the implication of the evolvement of the family. A man and woman therefore dwell together and expand into dwelling in company of more and in generations.

And Allah has made for you  
Mates (and companions) of your own nature,  
And made for you, out of them  
Sons and daughters and grandchildren...

**Qur'an 16:72**

Moreover, by His power, He has made this possible through the element of water, rather than dust. Thus, through marriage we reproduce our kind and regenerate in numbers and identity.

It is He Who has  
Created man from water:  
Then has He established  
Relationships of lineage  
And marriage: for thy Lord  
Has power (over all things).

**Qur'an 25:54**

He has by the same means, made it easy for man to identify himself. One distinctive means is the growth, development and even possible death or modification of languages. This difference controls numbers by means of grouping. The same applies to race. It is only barbarians who consider or have the misfortune to grow to believe that this difference replaces the unity of mankind. It is brutes that negate this social reality.

And among His Signs  
Is the creation of the heavens  
And the earth, and the variations  
In your languages  
And your colours: verily  
In that are Signs  
For those who know.

**Qur'an 30:22**

As we come from Him, in His favour, we are not created for fun or abandoned. We therefore multiply and will eventually all return to Him as we constantly experience through birth

and death.

And He has multiplied you  
Through the earth, and to Him  
Shall ye be gathered back.

**Qur'an 23:79**

#### THE FAVOURABLE ADVANTAGES OF THE NIGHT AND DAY FOR MANKIND

Verily in the alternation  
Of the night and the day,  
And in all that Allah  
Hath created, in the heavens  
And the earth, are Signs  
For those who fear Him.

**Qur'an 10:6**

One fundamental favour is that the darkness of night is made as a robe for us to take rest in. Even in the day time, we close our eyes to light, to take rest. These experiences remind us of the reality of life in this world which graduates into another life through death.

And He it is Who makes  
The Night as a Robe  
For you, and Sleep as Repose,  
And makes the Day  
(As it were) a Resurrection.

**Qur'an 25:47**

In contrast but still to our benefit, is that during the day, we are able to see our way through, we are awake, we are alert, we are full, complete etc.

He it is that hath  
Made you the Night  
That ye may rest therein,  
And the Day to make  
Things visible (to you).  
Verily in this are Signs  
For those who listen  
(To His message).

**Qur'an 10:67**

But, these are not the only advantages or favours. Indeed by the creation, existence and alternation of the Night and Day, we are able to irk out our living and also make sense of the phenomenon of Time. We can only imagine what life would be without the relevance or meaning the sense of time contributes to our livelihood.

We have made the Night  
And the Day as two  
(Of Our) Signs: the Sign  
Of the Night have We obscured,  
While the Sign of the Day  
We have made to enlighten  
You: that ye may seek  
Bounty from your Lord,  
And that ye may know  
The number and count  
Of the years: all things  
Have We explained in detail.

**Qur'an 17:12**

It is He Who made the sun  
To be a shining glory  
And the moon to be a light  
(Of beauty), and measured out  
Stages for her; that ye might  
Know the number of years  
And the count (of time).  
Nowise did Allah create this  
But in truth and righteousness.  
(Thus) doth He explain His Signs  
In detail, for those who understand.

**Qur'an 10:5**

He it is that cleaveth  
The day-break (from the dark):  
He makes the night  
For rest and tranquility,  
And the sun and moon  
For the reckoning (of time):  
Such is the judgement  
And ordering of (Him),  
The Exalted in power,  
The Omniscient.

**Qur'an 6:96**

#### OF FAVOURS FOR THE NOURISHMENT OF MANKIND

Out of His mercy, Allah has provided for mankind a lot of things upon which he depends for his survival. Some of these are products of vegetation, and by His will, logic is established between their process of provision and water.

It is He who sendeth down  
Rain from the skies  
With it We produce  
Vegetation of all kinds:  
From some We produce  
Green (crops), out of which  
We produce grain.  
Heaped up (at harvest):  
Out of the date-palm  
And its sheaths (or spathes)  
(Come) clusters of dates  
Hanging low and near:  
And (then there are) gardens  
Of grapes, and olives,  
And pomegranates.  
Each similar (in kind)  
Yet different (in variety)...

**Qur'an 6:99**

Also a tree springing  
Out of Mount Sinai,  
Which produces oil  
And relish for those  
Who use it for food.

**Qur'an 23:20**

And from the fruit  
Of the date-palm and the vine,  
Ye get out wholesome drink  
And food: behold, in this  
Also is a Sign  
For those who are wise.

**Qur'an 16:67**

Aside from vegetation, Allah has generously favoured mankind with similarly numerous and variety of means for our nourishment and survival in the animal world. Like vegetation, the origin of these is not tied to our efforts or knowledge. These favours are beautifully spread across land and sea.

And cattle He has created  
For you (men) ...  
And of their (meat) ye eat.

**Qur'an 16:5**

And verily in cattle (too)  
Will ye find an instructive Sign.  
From what is within their bodies,



Between excretions and blood,  
We produce, for your drink,  
Milk, pure and agreeable  
To those who drink it.

**Qur'an 16:66**

And thy Lord taught the Bee  
To build its cells in hills,  
On trees, and in (men's) habitations;  
Then to eat all  
The produce (of the earth),  
And to find with skill the spacious  
Paths of its Lord: there issues  
From within their bodies  
A drink of varying colours,  
Wherein is healing for men:  
Verily in this is a Sign  
For those who give thought.

**Qur'an 16:68 – 69**

It is He Who has made  
The sea subject, that ye  
May eat there of flesh  
That is fresh and tender,  
And that ye may extract  
Therefrom ornaments to wear ...

**Qur'an 16:14**

#### OF FAVOURS FOR THE SHELTER OF MANKIND

In His mercy, Allah has provided mankind with means and sources for his shelter. By shelter, he is covered, protected and beautified, for convenience. The levels of this also include, for his resting time and place; and while in activity like travel or war. By His will, these have been provided as consistent by-products from the sources for nourishment – meeting several ends through the same sources. In addition, mankind uses other earthly creations like animal products, iron, mountains or rocks to derive or enhance his shelter.

It is Allah who made your habitation  
Homes of rest and quiet  
For you; and made for you,  
Out of the skins of animals,  
(Tents for) dwellings, which  
Ye find so light (and handy)  
When ye travel and when  
Ye stop (in your travels);  
And out of their wool,

And their soft fibres  
(Between wool and hair),  
And their hair, rich stuff  
And articles of convenience  
(To serve you) for a time.

It is Allah Who made  
Out of the things He created,  
Some things to give you shade;  
Of the hills He made some  
For your shelter: He made you  
Garments to protect you  
From heat, and coats of nail  
To protect you from  
Your (mutual) violence.  
Thus, does He complete  
His favours on you, that  
Ye may bow to His will  
(In Islam).

**Qur'an 16:80 – 81**

And cattle He has created  
For you (men): from them  
Ye derive warmth...

**Qur'an 16:5**

#### OF SHELTER FOR THE HONOUR OF MANKIND

Beyond food, drink and shelter, mankind is provided with and enjoys honour that arises out of or an off shoot of the surplus possession and control of these favours for his survival. This is the reflective effect of ownership expressed in the form of satisfaction. Yet, the sources are rooted in vegetation and animals.

...When they begin to bear fruit,  
Feast your eyes with the fruit  
And the ripeness thereof.  
Behold! In these things  
There are Signs for people  
Who believe.

**Qur'an 6:99**

And cattle He has created  
For you (men)...

And ye have a sense  
Of pride and beauty in them  
As ye drive them home

In the evening, and as ye  
Lead them forth to pasture  
In the morning.

**Qur'an 16:5 – 6**

But the honour is not limited to their provision in the form of possession alone. It includes the use to which these are put other than for food, drinks and shelter. This is critically defined by the means of transport which Allah has consequently made a logical derivative of His favours upon mankind. In this respect, it is sourced from plants, animals and flowing water.

We have honoured the sons  
Of Adam; provided them  
With transport on land and sea;  
Given them for sustenance things  
Good and pure; and conferred  
On them special favours,  
Above a great part  
Of Our creation.

**Qur'an 17:70**

And cattle He has created  
For you (men)...

And they carry your heavy loads  
To lands that ye could not  
(Otherwise) reach except with  
Souls distressed: for your Lord  
Is indeed Most kind, Most Merciful.

And (He has created) horses,  
Mules and donkey for you  
To ride and use for show;  
And He has created (other) things  
Of which ye have no knowledge.

**Qur'an 16:5, 7-8**

Your Lord is He  
That maketh the ship  
Go smoothly for you  
Through the sea, in order that  
Ye may seek of His Bounty.  
For He is unto you  
Most Merciful.

**Qur'an 17:66**

In order that ye may  
Sit firm and square.  
On their backs, and when  
So seated, ye may  
Celebrate the (kind) favour  
Of your Lord...

**Qur'an 43:13**

These favours culminating in honour, with the implication of safety is manifested in Prophet Noah (A.S)'s Ark.

And a Sign for them  
Is that We bore  
Their race (through the Flood)  
In the loaded Ark.

**Qur'an 36:41**

In consequence, our generation is a witness to the seeming wonderful derivations in the forms of all modes of transport today -the cycle, automobile, train, ships, aeroplane etc.

And We have created  
For them similar (vessels)  
On which they ride.

**Qur'an 36:42**

**ELEMENTS OF DYNAMISM IN FAVOUR OF MANKIND'S SURVIVAL**

With the nature of man in enjoying all the variant favours provided by Allah, such as loss and gain; success and failure; rising and falling, Allah in His mercy has provided the necessary interventions for needy phenomenon of dynamism which cuts across the entire livelihood of mankind and all creations. By these elements, factors, activities, processes or experiences, man is able to derive the maximum good of rising whenever he happens to fall, at the risk of falling or in fear of not rising.

And among His Signs,  
He shows you the lightning,  
By way both of fear  
And of hope, and He sends  
Down rain from the sky  
And with it gives life to  
The earth after it is dead  
Verily in that are Signs  
For those who are wise.

**Qur'an 30:24**

He is the One that sends down  
Rain (even) after (men) have  
Given up all hope,  
And scatters His Mercy

(Far and wide). And He  
Is the protector, Worthy  
Of all praise.

**Qur'an 42:28**

It is Allah Who sends  
Forth the Winds, so that  
They raise up the Clouds,  
And We drive them  
To a land that is dead,  
And revive the earth therewith  
After its death: even so  
(Will be) the Resurrection!

**Qur'an 35:9**

Among His Signs is this,  
That He sends the Winds,  
As heralds of Glad Tidings,  
Giving you a taste  
Of His (Grace and) Mercy...

**Qur'an 30:46**

#### ALLAH'S FAVOUR ON MANKIND BY MEANS OF A RE-GENERATIONAL BASE FOR ALL HIS FAVOURS

It is certainly not enough to simply have favours at one's disposal regardless of their quantities, qualities and varieties. For the purpose of continuity, it is more important to be able to expand this by reproduction. By Allah's Mercy, that is All-encompassing, both men and the means or sources of favours are made reproduce-able.

Glory to Allah, Who created  
In pairs all things that  
The earth produces, as well as  
Their own (human) kind  
And (other) things of which  
They have no knowledge.

**Qur'an 36:36**

With Allah, owner and controller of inexhaustible resources, mankind is comfortably provided with even more than what he is at any time aware or familiar with. As a result, he is not responsible for their reproduction.

How many are the creatures  
That carry not their own  
Sustenance? It is Allah  
Who feeds (both) them and you:

For He hears and knows  
(All things).

**Qur'an 29:60**

Thus, there is no denial or lacking that man can justifiably claim or make against his creator. Moreover, the favours of Allah cover everybody, irrespective of whether one believes or not.

O ye children of Adam!  
We have bestowed raiment  
Upon you to cover  
Your shame, as well as  
To be an adornment to you.  
But the raiment of righteousness,  
That is the best.  
Such are among the Signs  
Of Allah, that they  
May receive admonition!

**Qur'an 7:26**

#### THE FAVOUR OF THE RIGHT TO PARTICIPATE IN EXPANDING THE FAVOURS

Living the life of this world given the nature of man's blessed creation would have been unappreciative if the fun and role of participating, of acting, of working, of reproducing were absent. Hence, we are by Allah's mercy not only created and provided with more than what is sufficient for us; we are also given the right to TRY their employment in our favour. To this end, there is no limit to the types or scope of resources we may employ.

It is We Who have  
Placed you with authority  
On earth, and provided  
You therein with means  
For the fulfillment of your life;  
Small are thanks  
That ye give!

**Qur'an 7:10**

Do ye not see  
That Allah has subjected  
To your (use) all things  
In the heavens and on earth,  
And has made His bounties  
Flow to you in exceeding  
Measure, (both) seen and unseen? ...

**Qur'an 31:20**

Of the bounties of thy Lord  
We bestow freely on all -  
These (believers) as well as  
Those (unbelievers):  
The bounties of thy Lord  
Are not closed (to anyone).

**Qur'an 17:20**

#### THE ULTIMATE FAVOUR FOR ALL CREATIONS

But for man's ingratitude to his Lord, over and above all of the favours, the content, the scope, the nature and order of these, this life is freed from dullness. Allah, the All-Beneficent, the All-Merciful has provided for us to transit from this life, to meet Him in the life after through death. This covers all creations.

And among His Signs  
Is the creation of  
The heavens and the earth,  
And the living creatures  
That He has scattered  
Through them: and He  
Has power to gather them  
Together when He wills.

**Qur'an 42:29**

And among His Signs is this,  
That heaven and earth  
Stand by His Command:  
Then when He calls you,  
By a single call, from the earth,  
Behold, ye (straightaway) come forth.

**Qur'an 30:25**

To meet Him in peace and to attain the bliss that He has promised the righteous, the fundamental means of judgement will be the witness of His Apostle(s) for or against each generation of mankind (depending on whether they believe or not). How can you claim that His Message has not reached you?

To every people (was sent)  
An Apostle: When their Apostle  
Comes (before them), the matter  
Will be judged between them  
With justice, and they  
Will not be wronged.

**Qur'an 10:47**

My dear brothers and sisters;

Then which of the favours  
Of your Lord will ye deny?

**Qur'an 55:13.**

FOR OUR GENERATION

Man is definitely blind and ignorant but Allah sees and knows. When we consider that man could be made to see and to know, the difference is that Allah is All-Seeing and All-Knowing. If Allah had not shown us and taught us, we wouldn't have been able to. It is the difference between reality and observation. In ordinary day to day living, it makes the difference between a lay man and a scientist or a client and a consultant or a physically blind person against a seeing man. Allah therefore favours mankind with knowledge and evidence of His Reality.

O mankind! Verily  
There hath come to you  
A convincing proof  
From your Lord:  
For We have sent unto you  
A light (that is) manifest.

**Qur'an 4:174**

For our generation, He has specifically made it easy for us by favouring us in a homely manner. It is one of our kinds, a human being that He has sent to us, made instrumental for our knowledge and for His evidence. He revealed to him the Qur'an which was conveyed to us and he was guided to live as an example for us to model after.

Allah did confer  
A great favour  
On the Believers  
When He sent among them  
An Apostle from among  
Themselves, rehearsing  
Unto them the Signs  
Of Allah, sanctifying them,  
And instructing them  
In scripture and Wisdom,  
While before that  
They had been  
In manifest error.

**Qur'an 3:164**

The consequence of this is that it has made us in principle and from the record of practical experience, the best of all peoples, enjoining good and increasing goodness, amongst ourselves and in our relationship with those who remain or decide to be blind and ignorant.



Ye are the best  
Of peoples, evolved  
For mankind,  
Enjoining what is right,  
Forbidding what is wrong,  
And believing in Allah...

**Qur'an 3:110**

This favour by Allah's Mercy is not peculiar to our generation and is not denied us against what He did for the generations before us.

A similar (favour  
Have ye already received)  
In that We have sent  
Among you an Apostle  
Of your own, rehearsing to you  
Our Signs, and sanctifying  
You, and instructing you  
In Scripture and Wisdom,  
And in new knowledge.

**Qur'an 2:151**

Indeed, beyond what previous generations had from His mercy, He has favoured us with the completion and perfection of His light, His guidance.

...This day have I  
Perfected your religion  
For you, completed  
My favour upon you,  
And have chosen for you  
Islam as your religion...

**Qur'an 5:3**

**THE AID AND TERMS OF ALLAH'S FAVOURS TO ENABLE MANKIND GET THE COVER OF HIS MERCY**

Over and above the provisions Allah has made for mankind that are undoubtedly more than sufficient as resources to effectively enable them submit totally to Him, we are aided only in needed terms. Thus, His favours or provisions for individuals, groups, communities, nations and indeed entire mankind and especially those who believe, are in measures that will not spoil them. Even amongst men it is evident that those who face the greatest risk of misperception, wrong understanding, and improper actions informed by truncated presumptions are those who come from a family background blessed with excess power, wealth, knowledge or number. Such men may have the misfortune of mistaking or ignoring the true nature of reality. They are in a worse stance, compared with those who extremely lack these. The latter only need to act out while the former are already in actions that men can commit themselves, to irk out living. It is therefore a favour to

mankind and to believers to experience the restriction or measure of our blessings in the benefits we get from Allah's bounties.

If Allah were to enlarge  
The provisions for His Servants,  
They would indeed transgress  
Beyond all bounds  
Through the earth;  
But He sends (it) down  
In due measure  
As He pleases.  
For He is with His servants  
Well-acquainted, Watchful.

**Qur'an 42:27**

And were it not that  
(All) men might become  
Of one (evil) way of life,  
We would provide  
For everyone that blasphemes  
Against (Allah) Most Gracious,  
Silver roofs for their houses,  
And (silver) stair-ways  
On which to go up.

And (silver) doors  
To their houses, and thrones  
(Of silver) on which  
They could recline,

And also adornments  
Of gold. But all this  
Were nothing but conveniences  
Of the present life:  
The Hereafter, in the sight  
Of thy Lord, is  
For the Righteous.

**Qur'an 43:33 – 35**

In addition, as a way of encouraging mankind to strive and attain His Mercy, He rewards believers who perform good deeds with more than what they have sown; and for those who disbelieve, He promises not more than the evil they have committed.

If any does good, the reward  
To him is better than  
His deed: but if any

Does evil, the doers of evil  
Are only punished (to the extent)  
Of their deeds.

**Qur'an 28:84**

#### THE FAVOURABLE TERMS OF SUBMITTING

Allah in His mercy has provided mankind with most considerate and favourable terms of submitting to Him. For the framework, the first element is by not burdening man, or a believer with what is beyond him. The evidence is that, in all actions, Allah gives room for exceptional circumstances. These allow or serve as conveniences that could have ordinarily amounted to spoiling the absolute logic of consistent submission. Thus, He provides for exceptions for the sick, the old, children, the insane, the unclean, the poor and one in the state of risking his life. These cut across period of war or unrest, in fasting, the menstruating woman, paying the Zakkat, giving of charity or when one is not immediately accessible to permissible food.

On no soul do We  
Place a burden greater  
Than it can bear:  
Before Us is a record  
Which clearly shows the truth:  
They will never be wronged.

**Qur'an 23:62**

In the process of complying with Allah's commandments, non-deliberate wrong commissions or omissions that are realised and corrected are ignored, as additional favour for believers.

If any one does evil  
Or wrongs his own soul  
But afterwards seeks  
Allah's forgiveness, he will find  
Allah Oft-Forgiving,  
Most Merciful.

**Qur'an 4:110**

Allah accepts the repentance  
Of those who do evil  
In ignorance and repent  
Soon afterwards; to them  
Will Allah turn in mercy  
For Allah is full of knowledge  
And wisdom.

**Qur'an 4:17**

The scope of this favourable framework covers an entire community not just an individual. This serves as an opening for a people that are given to practices or tradition or culture or elements

of this that are contrary to what is permissible. Under this phase of His favourable framework, those who mix up the permissible and the impermissible have an opportunity to correct things provided they are not deliberately, insistently closed to correction. Those who therefore do not hold anything unknown to them as sacred against the guidance of Allah, have the hope of His mercy.

Nor would thy Lord be  
The One to destroy  
Communities for a single wrong-doing,  
If its members were likely  
To mend.

**Qur'an 11:117**

Because Allah will never change  
The Grace which He hath bestowed  
On a people until they change  
What is in their (own) souls:  
And verily Allah is He  
Who heareth and knoweth (all things).

**Qur'an 8:53**

And the latitude of His favour extends through all of one's life time until he is due to meet Him. The security here is that Islam does not permit maximisation of evil doing before recanting or repenting. This is because, all sensible men know that we don't know when we shall die. In addition, deliberate arrangement is not permissible. Allah's Mercy is for the innocent, those who are not lucky or opportuned to know or get reached early in life.

Say to the Unbelievers,  
If (now) they desist (from unbelief),  
Their past would be forgiven them;  
But if they persist, the punishment  
Of those before them is already  
(A matter of warning for them).

**Qur'an 8:38**

## IN THE HOME FRONT

It was our brothers who disagreed and the result was the loss of one, to the shock, embarrassment and hopelessness of the other. He did not even know and therefore could not hide the corpse of his brother, without the sympathetic guide of Allah. These were the children of Adam (A.S), our ancestor.

Then Allah sent a raven,  
Who scratched the ground,  
To show him how to hide  
The shame of his brother...

**Qur'an 5:31**

Take the case of our leader in the generation that has past. Yusuf (A.S) was faced with the tempting evil of his Master's wife. The critical nature and state was her desiring him. As a servant in the house, the way was open to him to respond and satisfy her with the dubious distinction of satisfying and also protecting himself against the possible wrath of his Master if he refused; and he was sure to be reported wrongly. But, Allah came to his aid, because he did not abandon his faith. He feared Allah more. Allah saw them and made it part of a design that was to uplift him to His nearness and entrusting him with the welfare and security of his nation.

And (with passion) did she  
Desire him, and he would  
Have desired her, but that  
He saw the evidence  
Of his Lord: thus  
(Did We order) that We  
Might turn away from him  
(All) evil and shameful deeds:  
For he was one of Our servants,  
Sincere and purified.

**Qur'an 12:24**

But no less did Allah favour our arrogant brother. We pray that He does not associate us with him. This is because the company of Allah excludes the unrighteous. Other prominent examples are the son of Noah (A.S), the wife of Lut (A.S) and the uncle of Muhammad (S.A.W) who are not one of us.

The arrogant brother in reference is *Qarun*.

*Qarun* was doubtless,  
Of the people of Moses; but  
He acted insolently towards them:  
Such were the treasures We  
Had bestowed on him, that  
Their very keys would  
Have been a burden to  
A body of strong men...

**Qur'an 28:76**

In our lineage, the mother of our leader in the generation that has past is another example. When by Allah's will Maryam bore Isa (A.S) the pangs of labour caught her and she declared preparedness to give up.

But (a voice) cried to her  
From beneath the (palm-tree):  
Grieve not! For thy Lord  
Hath provided a rivulet  
Beneath thee;

And shake towards thyself  
The trunk of the palm-tree:  
It will let fall  
Fresh ripe dates upon thee.

So eat and drink  
And cool (thine) eye...

**Qur'an 19:24 – 26**

There were also the initial elders of our community, our generation, under the leadership of the final and perfect leader, Muhammad (S.A.W). For the spread of Allah's message, they were despised and were to be dealt with. But Allah, the owner and controller of inexhaustible openings favoured them with an outlet, a guide, support, that culminated in strength. Allah is the Truth!

Call to mind when ye  
Were a small (band),  
Despised through the land,  
And afraid that men might  
Despoil and kidnap you;  
But He provided a safe asylum  
For you, strengthened you  
With His aid, and gave you  
Good things for sustenance:  
That ye might be grateful.

**Qur'an 8:26**

Finally, for our generation, for me and you, with righteousness as the ultimate standard of securing Allah's Mercy by submitting totally to Him for guidance supported by compliance, what else do we want more and better than the OPENING of the QUR'AN?

And We have bestowed  
Upon thee the Seven  
Oft-repeated (verses)  
And the Grand Qur'an.

**Qur'an 15:87**

## THE REMINDER AGAINST INDECISION AND NEGLECT TO SUBMIT

### ON THE TIME

Lest we forget that indulging in the affairs of this world is only temporary as a matter of determination by the Creator of the Worlds, we have the benefit of being reminded that when it becomes due, it will be as if we have been taken unawares. Our sense of measuring the time we have spent in this world will be lost because of the suddenness with which we will experience it. Then it will be a great loss, for those who spend their life in this world and die in the rejection of Allah and refuse or fail to comply with His Commandments by way of total submission.

The Day they see it,  
(It will be) as if they  
Had tarried but a single  
Evening, or (at most till)  
The following morn!

**Qur'an 79:46**

The suddenness with which the Day will come will be like a flash. This reminds us of the unity of Allah in the power and control of all things, because when He wills a thing, he only commands: "BE" and it becomes. For us therefore, it will be any time, at any place, anyhow – while we are actively or meekly in the process of this life.

To Allah belongeth the Mystery  
Of the heavens and the earth.  
And the Decision of the Hour  
(Of Judgement) is as  
The twinkling of an eye,  
Or even quicker:  
For Allah hath power  
Over all things.

**Qur'an 16:77**

It may be that  
Some of the events which  
Ye wish to hasten on  
May be (close) in your pursuit!

**Qur'an 27:72**

Then the experience will come to pass. We have no control of it. We have no knowledge of its time. We cannot avoid it. It will not be an accident. The affair is absolutely and entirely of Allah alone.

...The appointment to you  
Is for a Day, which ye  
Cannot put back for an hour  
Nor put forward.

**Qur'an 34:30**

Nay, it may come to them  
All of a sudden and confound  
Them: no power will they  
Have then to avert it,  
Nor will they (then)  
Get respite.

**Qur'an 21:40**

With thy Lord is  
The Limit fixed therefor.

**Qur'an 79:44**

**IN RESPECT OF THE HEAVENS AND THE EARTH**

Even the accommodation that we now live in and enjoy the implication of the decision of the Day is that when it becomes due there will be some tremendous effects on the entire structure and setting. In other words, when Allah commands nothing stands on its way or on its own – all submit willingly or unwillingly and immediately too. The knowledge of the highlights of the consequence of this coming experience further reveals the Greatness of Allah and for all creations to note, if only they will be wise and heed the guidance towards Him. It will be a gross under-estimation to say that it will be a crises or collapse of what we now experience, understand and enjoy as a perfect system.

The (Day) of  
Noise and Clamour.

**Qur'an 101:1**

The Day the heaven shall be  
Rent asunder with clouds,  
And angels shall be sent down,  
Descending (in ranks).

**Qur'an 25:25**

When the Stars  
Are scattered.

**Qur'an 82:2**

When the stars  
Fall, losing their lustre.

**Qur'an 81:2**

Then when the stars  
Become dim.

**Qur'an 77:8**



When the Sun  
(With its spacious light)  
Is folded up.

**Qur'an 81:1**

And the moon is  
Buried in darkness.

And the sun and moon  
Are joined together.

**Qur'an 75:8-9**

At length, when  
The sight is dazed.

**Qur'an 75:7**

In this descriptive circumstance, not even imagination will be able to grasp the noise, the clamour and the prospect of life on earth. And this is without discrimination between those that live in space, on the surface of the earth, inside water or inside the earth. Allah has reminded us that His command extends and cuts across all of these.

When the Oceans  
Are suffered to burst forth.

**Qur'an 82:3**

When the earth shall be  
Shaken to its depths.

And the mountains shall  
Be crumbled to atoms,

Becoming dust scattered abroad.

**Qur'an 56:4 – 6**

Verily what is on earth  
We shall make but as  
Dust and dry soil  
(Without growth or herbage).

**Qur'an 18:8**

He will leave them as plains  
Smooth and level;

Nothing crooked or curved  
Wilt thou see in their place.

**Qur'an 20:106 – 107**

Then Allah, the All-Powerful, will revive all that He wills and desires. The experience of death is therefore not the FINALITY of MAN.

...And We shall gather them,  
All together, nor shall We  
Leave out any one of them.

**Qur'an 18:47**

And when the Graves  
Are turned upside down

**Qur'an 82:4**

On that Day will she  
Declare her tidings

For that thy Lord will  
Have given her inspiration.

**Qur'an 99:4-5**

**AWAKENING IN RESPONSE TO THE CALL OF ALLAH**

For the understanding of men, since we are endowed to grasp things only in stages, Allah benefits us with the reminder that following the crushing of all things and all beings, He will revive all. No man shall be exempted, whether we die in sleep, inside water, mud, fire, in the air or wherever.

The trumpet shall be  
Sounded, when behold!  
From the sepulchres (men)  
Will rush forth  
To their Lord!

They will say: "Ah!  
Woe unto us! Who  
Hath raised us up  
From our beds of repose?"  
(A voice will say :)  
"This is what (Allah)  
Most Gracious had promised.  
And true was the word  
Of the Apostles!"

**Qur'an 36:51 – 52**

On that Day will they follow  
The Caller (straight): no crookedness  
(Can they show) him: all sounds  
Shall humble themselves in  
The presence of (Allah) Most Gracious:  
Nothing shalt thou hear  
But the tramp of their feet  
(As they march).

**Qur'an 20:108**

And there will come forth  
Every soul: with each  
Will be an (angel) to drive,  
And an (angel) to  
Bear witness.

**Qur'an 50:21**

And his companion will say:  
"Here is (his Record) ready  
With me!"

**Qur'an 50:23**

A Day when (all) mankind  
Will stand before  
The Lord of the Worlds.

**Qur'an 83:6**

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.

**Qur'an 6:38**

#### ON THE STATE OF MAN ON THE DAY

What Allah has promised, which will come to pass is that the identity of men shall become levelled. The exception will be their deeds in this world in the light of guidance and submission to the unity of Allah.

(It is) a Day whereon  
Men will be like moths  
Scattered about.

**Qur'an 101:4**

The Day ye shall see it,  
Every mother giving suck  
Shall forget her suckling babe,  
And every pregnant female  
Shall drop her load (unformed):  
Thou shall see mankind  
As in a drunken riot  
Yet not drunk: but dreadful  
Will be the Wrath of Allah.

**Qur'an 22:2**

And no friend will ask  
After a friend,

Though they will be put  
In sight of each other...

**Qur'an 70:10 – 11**

That Day shall a man  
Flee from his own brother,  
And from his mother  
And his father,  
And from his wife  
And his children.  
Each one of them  
That Day, will have  
Enough concern (of his own)  
To make him indifferent  
To the others.

**Qur'an 80:34 – 37**

The following intervening event will be REALITY. The scrolls of men's deeds will be unrolled, the hidden, the unseen will become revealed, the Fire will no more be news and the Garden will be within reach.

When the Scrolls  
Are laid open.

When the World on High  
Is unveiled.

When the Blazing Fire  
Is kindled to fierce heat

And when the Garden  
Is brought near.

**Qur'an 81:10 – 13**

Then will men inevitably respond to the TRUTH and REALITY before them. The question of doubt will be no more. The question of opportunity will be no more. Men will simply know and be sure and therefore respond.

Some Faces that Day  
Will be beaming,  
Laughing, and rejoicing.  
And other faces that Day  
Will be dust-stained;  
Blackness will cover them.

**Qur'an 80:38 – 41**

Some faces, that Day,  
Will be humiliated,  
Labouring (hard), weary.

**Qur'an 88:2 – 3**

That day, mankind shall be made to belong according to their record of deeds, in the light of obedience or rejection of Allah's unity in the life of this world.

When the souls  
Are sorted out,  
(Being joined, like with like)

**Qur'an 81:7**

On that Day will men  
Proceed in companies sorted out,  
To be shown the Deeds  
That they (had done).

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.

**Qur'an 99:6 – 8**

And ye shall be sorted out  
Into three classes.

Then (there will be)  
The companions of

The Right Hand...

And the companions of  
The Left Hand...

And those Foremost  
(In Faith)...

**Qur'an 56:7 – 10**

## ON QUESTIONING

In His fairness, Allah reminds us that He will question both His Apostles in respect of their duty of conveying His Message on one side and our receiving the same on the other. By implication, it means, especially for our generation, the Qur'an, the example of Muhammad (S.A.W), the advice of scholars or leaders of devotion, those who call to prayer and success. It also includes the advice of brothers, sisters, parents, teachers and friends - in the course of Allah.

Then shall We question  
Those to whom Our Message  
Was sent and those by whom  
We sent it.

**Qur'an 7:6**

One day We shall call  
Together all human beings  
With their (respective) *Imams*...

**Qur'an 17:71.**

One day We shall raise  
From all peoples a Witness:  
Then will no excuse be accepted  
From Unbelievers, nor will they  
Receive any favours.

**Qur'an 16:84**

The Qur'an specifically promises those of us belonging to the generation of Muhammad (S.A.W) that he will be a witness against us. It also relates what will happen to the people of Isa (A.S) – those who have chosen to distort the Message Allah sent him to convey in respect of His unity.

One day We shall raise  
From all peoples a witness  
Against them, from amongst themselves:  
And We shall bring thee (O Muhammad)  
As a witness against these  
(Thy people)...

**Qur'an 16:89**

And behold! Allah will say:  
"O Jesus the son of Mary!  
Didst thou say unto men,  
Worship me and my mother  
As gods in derogation of Allah?"  
He will say: "Glory to Thee!  
Never could I say  
What I had no right  
(To say). Had I said  
Such a thing, Thou wouldst  
Indeed have known it..."

**Qur'an 5:116**

"Never said I to them  
Aught except what Thou  
Didst command me  
To say, to wit. 'Worship  
Allah, my Lord and your Lord'..."

**Qur'an 5:117**

Consequently, men shall follow up with confirmation of their deeds according to the records kept on them while in this world to be supported by the witnessing or confirmation of by their limbs.

Every man's fate  
We have fastened  
On his own neck:  
On the Day of Judgement  
We shall bring out  
For him a scroll,  
Which he will see  
Spread open.

(It will be said to him :)  
"Read thine (own) record:  
Sufficient is thy soul  
This day to make out  
An account against thee."

**Qur'an 17:13 – 14**

And the Book of (Deeds)  
Will be placed (before you)...

**Qur'an 18:49**

On the Day when their tongues,  
Their hands, and their feet  
Will bear witness against them

As to their actions.

**Qur'an 24:24**

The Day shall We set  
A seal on their mouths.  
But their hands will speak  
To Us, and their feet  
Bear witness, to all  
That they did.

**Qur'an 36:65**

The rejecters of the unity of Allah, who refuse or fail to comply with His commandments or are found wanting in submitting to Him, will discover to their greatest embarrassment that they are bearing witness against themselves. This is because Allah is All-Able.

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 bear ye witness  
Against us?" They will say:  
"Allah hath given us speech...  
Ye did not seek  
To hide yourselves, lest  
Your hearing, your sight,  
And your skins should bear  
Witness against you! But  
Ye did think that Allah  
Knew not many of the things  
That ye used to do!"

**Qur'an 41:20 – 22**



## THE PROMISE OF ALLAH FOR THOSE WHO MEET HIS MERCY

For those who believe in the unity of Allah and sufficiently invest in patience and perseverance to overcome the sorrows and strains of this life in the course of complying with the commandments of Allah will be recompensed with permanent relief and happiness. The joy of being a bride or bridegroom for the whole of one's life in this world or getting one's helpful contributions to enlighten the *Ummah* published every second is nothing compared to the promised happiness.

...Shall be made happy  
In the Mead of Delight.

**Qur'an 30:15**

...Reward them with a Garden  
And (garments of) silk.  
Reclining in the (Garden)  
On raised thrones,  
They will see there neither  
The sun's (excessive heat)  
Nor (the moon's) excessive cold.

**Qur'an 76:12 – 13**

(They will be) among  
Lote-trees without thorns,  
Among Talh trees  
With flowers (or fruits)  
Piled one above another.

**Qur'an 56:28 – 29**

And the shades of the (Garden)  
Will come low over them,  
And the bunches (of fruit),  
There, will hang low  
In humility.

And amongst them will be  
Passed round vessels of silver  
And goblets of crystal,

They will determine  
The measure thereof  
(According to their wishes).

To drink thereof a Cup  
(Of wine) mixed  
With *Zanjabil*,

A fountain there,  
Called *Salsabil*.

And round about them  
Will (serve) youths  
Of perpetual (freshness):  
If thou seest them,  
Thou wouldst think them  
Scattered pearls.

...A Bliss and  
A Realm Magnificent

...And heavy brocade,  
And they will be adorned  
With Bracelets of silver...

**Qur'an 76:14 – 21**

Their thirst will be slaked  
With pure Wine sealed:

**Qur'an 83:25**

...Mixed with *Kafur*.

**Qur'an 76:5**

Free from headiness;  
Nor will they suffer  
Intoxication therefrom.

**Qur'an 37:47**

The seal thereof will be  
Musk...

With it will be (given)  
A mixture of *Tasnim*:

A spring, from (the waters)  
Whereof drink  
Those nearest to Allah.

**Qur'an 83:26 – 28**

And We shall bestow  
On them, of fruit and meat,  
Anything they shall desire.

**Qur'an 52:22**

Where they shall hear  
No (word) of vanity.

**Qur'an 88:11**

And the flesh of fowls...

**Qur'an 56:21**

And Cushions set in rows,  
And rich carpets  
(All) spread out.

**Qur'an 88:15 – 16**

And beside them will be  
Chaste women restraining  
Their glances, (companions)  
Of equal age.

**Qur'an 38:52**

...With big eyes  
(Of wonder and beauty).  
As if they were  
(Delicate) eggs closely guarded.

**Qur'an 37:48 – 49**

The companions of the Garden  
Will be well, that Day,  
In their abode, and have  
The fairest of places for repose.

**Qur'an 25:24**

In His Mercy, Allah has promised that devotees will not experience loneliness. This is because family members that believe and comply with Allah's commandments will be joined together in this bliss.

And those who believe  
And whose families follow  
Them in faith, to them  
Shall We join their families...

**Qur'an 52:21**

## OF THE VACANCIES

By Allah's bountiful provisions, He has not limited the vacancies in terms of spaces, rather by classes or groups according to one's degree of devotion. Thus, there will those who will belong to class 'A', 'B', and so on. By the Power of Allah who is the Creator of all and to whom we shall all return, each and every generation will meet Him and be judged accordingly. Thus, it includes the entire generations passed and this last one of Muhammad (S.A.W) to which we belong.

And those foremost  
(In faith) will be  
Foremost (in the Hereafter).

These will be  
Those Nearest to Allah:

In Garden of Bliss:

A number of people  
From those of old,

And a few from those  
Of later times.

**Qur'an 56:10 – 14**

For the Companions  
Of the Right Hand.

A (goodly) number  
From those of old,  
And a (goodly) number  
From those of later times.

**Qur'an 56:38 – 40**

## THE DURATION OF BLISS

By His Graceful Mercy, Allah has promised devotees unlimited happiness – forever.

...Their eternal home...

**Qur'an 4:57**

...to dwell  
Therein forever...

**Qur'an 4:122**

...They will dwell therein  
For all the time that  
The heavens and the earth  
Endure, except as thy Lord  
Willeth: a gift without break.

**Qur'an 11:108**

...Perpetual is the enjoyment thereof...

**Qur'an 13:35**

...They will dwell (there) for aye:  
A promise to be prayed for  
From thy Lord.

**Qur'an 25:16**

...(They will be) in  
A position of security.

**Qur'an 44:51**

...In peace and security

**Qur'an 44:55**

Nor will they there  
Taste Death, except the first  
Death; and He will preserve  
Them from the Penalty  
Of the Blazing Fire.

As a Bounty from thy Lord!  
That will be  
The supreme achievement!

**Qur'an 44:55 – 57**

## **WARNING, FOR THE BENEFIT OF UNBELIEVERS**

### NOTATIONS FOR THE DAY AFTER

Believers and especially unbelievers must note that after death, when men are revived to life – as promised and will surely be – by Allah, the control of all affairs will not be shared by anyone. In other words, there will no more be any form of veil over the reality of Islam. No intervening, obstructing or helpful factors will be required by mankind to realise the truism of the unity of Allah. Therefore, the consequence of regret unbelievers will experience due to their disbelief in this life cannot be helped. It will be too late.

That Day, the dominion  
As of right and truth,  
Shall be (wholly) for (Allah)  
Most Merciful: it will be  
A Day of dire difficulty  
For the Misbelievers.

**Qur'an 25:26**

For the benefit of doubt, the destination and resting place for those who reject Allah or mix up the unity of Allah with other things will be the Fire. That is where they will find reception, where they will belong.

Verily ye, (Unbelievers),  
And the (false) gods that  
Ye worship besides Allah,  
Are (but) fuel for Hell!  
To it will ye (surely) come!

**Qur'an 21:98**

It will be a matter of greatest regret as such when mankind will realise how ungrateful they were to Allah and against their own interest. This is in consideration of the numerous and variety of benefits we have been endowed with. In addition, Allah has made it possible for some of us to enjoy these benefits in degrees far beyond the ordinary.

Until, when We seize  
In punishment those of them  
Who received the good things  
Of this world, behold,  
They will groan in supplication!

**Qur'an 23:64**

One of the sources of this regret is the denial of life after death.

Nay, they deny the Hour  
(Of the Judgement to come):

But We have prepared  
A Blazing Fire for such  
As deny the Hour.

**Qur'an 25:11**

Thereafter, submission to the unity of Allah is the responsibility or choice of oneself. Those who call others to the way of Allah will have nothing to lose. Each man or woman shall be for oneself.

These two antagonists dispute  
With each other about their Lord:  
But those who deny (their Lord),  
From them will be cut out  
A garment of Fire:  
Over their heads will be  
Poured out boiling water.

**Qur'an 22:19**

Indeed, Allah will remind them:

My Signs used to be  
Rehearsed to you, but ye  
Used to turn back  
On your heels  
In arrogance: talking nonsense  
About the (Qur'an), like one  
Telling fables by night.

**Qur'an 23:66 – 67**

## THE HELL FIRE

For the unbelievers, Allah has prepared the Hell Fire. And as Allah is Most Beneficent, Most Merciful, He is strict and stern in punishment. The Fire is accordingly not only generous in terms of the scope of what it can and will accommodate, its quality is expectedly high.

When the Blazing fire  
Is kindled to fierce heat:

**Qur'an 81:12**

When it sees them  
From a place far off,  
They will hear its fury  
And its raging sigh.

**Qur'an 25:12**

Allah, the All-Able, has promised this residence that descriptively does not rest on a ground as we experience of things in this life. The home of the unbelievers can be literally grasped as resting in or through a through-fare made of fire.

Will have his home  
In a (bottomless) pit.

And what will explain  
To thee what this is?

(It is) a Fire  
Blazing fiercely!

**Qur'an 101:9 – 11**

It is a home which takes in whoever is admitted into it. Allah has placed absolutely some obedient guards over it. The resident is neither guaranteed life nor death. He or she is only assured of constant transformation due to the burning process. The experience will be all-reaching.

And what will explain  
To thee what Hell-Fire is?

Naught doth it permit  
To endure, and naught  
Doth it leave alone!

Darkening and changing  
The colour of man!

Over it are Nineteen.

**Qur'an 74:27 – 30**

By no means!  
For it would be  
The Fire of Hell!

Plucking out (his being)  
Right to the skull!

**Qur'an 70:15 – 16**

It is this Fire, this abode, this home that unbelievers will be presented with for their rejection of the unity of Allah. It is going to be a presentation they will witness, not be able to reject or escape from. And just as they ignored the acceptance and submission to the unity of Allah, they will be alienated in Hell Fire with no idea, no opportunity, no break, no chance for other than the Fire.

And We shall present  
Hell that day for Unbelievers  
To see, all spread out.

**Qur'an 18:100**



And they will not be  
Able to keep away therefrom.

**Qur'an 82:16**

To those who reject  
Our Signs and treat them  
With arrogance, no opening  
Will there be of the gates  
Of heaven, nor will they  
Enter the Garden, until  
The camel can pass  
Through the eye of the needle:  
Such is Our reward  
For those in sin.

**Qur'an 7:40**

For an idea of what to expect in the life through Fire, unbelievers can be sure that not only the special nature of the Fire being a through-fare that defines the home is total. Indeed, even the facilities can only be captured in a similar special context. Unlike in this life where liquid could quench thirst, in addition to the boiling provision that contrasts with what is cool, the drink(s) will enhance extreme thirst comparable only with the absolute absence of water in a desert. The occupants will not be running around, they will be tied up. They shall experience more and worse.

...But those who reject Him  
Will have draughts  
Of boiling fluids,  
And a penalty grievous,  
Because they did reject Him.

**Qur'an 10:4**

For the Rejecters  
We have prepared  
Chains, Yokes and  
A Blazing Fire.

**Qur'an 76:4**

And other penalties  
Of a similar kind,  
To match them!

**Qur'an 38:58**

## IN THE BEGINNING INSIDE THE FIRE

Allah in His Mercy forewarns unbelievers so that they may guard against their admission into Hell Fire. The result of which will be followed by their regrets and consequent confession that will be too late and unacceptable. In other words, inside the Fire is not the right place or time to realise the need to submit to Allah.

They will then confess  
Their sins: but far  
Will be (forgiveness)  
From the companions  
Of the Blazing Fire!

**Qur'an 67:11**

They will further say:  
"Had we but listened  
Or used our intelligence,  
We should not (now)  
Be among the Companions  
Of the Blazing Fire!"

**Qur'an 67:10**

They will say: "Our Lord!  
Our misfortune overwhelmed us,  
And we became a people  
Astray!  
Our Lord! Bring us out  
Of this: if ever we return  
(To evil), then shall we be  
Wrong-doers indeed!

**Qur'an 23:106 – 107**

But the unbelievers will have no excuse whatsoever, to be provided with other than the prepared Fire. Their plea for respite will not be accepted because they will not be able to deny their evil deeds when reminded of the ample opportunities they had in this life to be righteous. Moreover, they will be admitted into the Fire based on their rejection of Allah's message supported by witnesses and records.

Therein will they cry  
Aloud (for assistance):  
"Our Lord! Bring us out:  
We shall work righteousness,  
Not the (deeds) we used  
To do!" "Did We not  
Give you long enough life  
So that he that would

Should receive admonition?  
And (moreover) the Warner  
Came to you? So taste ye  
(The fruits of your deeds):  
For the wrong-doers  
There is no helper".

**Qur'an 35:37**

He will say: What number  
Of years did ye stay  
On earth?  
They will say: "We stayed  
A day or part of a day:  
But ask those who  
Keep account."  
He will say: "Ye stayed  
Not but a little  
If ye had only known!"  
Did ye then think  
That We had created you  
In jest, and that ye  
Would not be brought back  
To us (for account)?

**Qur'an 23:112 – 115**

Inside the Fire, the rejecters of Faith will submit disgracefully against their arrogance in this life. Their heads, their faces, their lips used for the display of audacity will be humbled in terrible punishment. Their appeal will not count and they will have no excuse to give so as to avoid or escape from the offer and experience, since it will be informed and justified by their life and livelihood in this transient world.

The Day that their faces  
Will be turned upside down  
In the Fire, they will say:  
"Woe to us! Would that  
We had obeyed Allah  
And obeyed the Apostle!

**Qur'an 33:66**

And they will say,  
"We do believe (now)  
In the (Truth)," but how  
Could they receive (Faith)  
From a position (so) far off.

**Qur'an 34:52**

The Fire will burn their faces,  
And they will therein  
Grin, with their lips displaced.

Were not My Signs rehearsed  
To you, and ye did but  
Treat them as falsehoods?

**Qur'an 23:104 – 105**

With ignominy Allah will dismiss their baseless pleas and leave them in Hell-Fire – the encompassing, all-surrounding, the terrible, the horrible, the unpleasant, etc.

...“Depart ye to that  
Which ye used to reject  
As false!  
Depart ye to a Shadow  
(Of smoke ascending)  
In three columns.  
(Which yields) no shade  
Of coolness, and is  
Of no use against  
The fierce Blaze.  
Indeed it throws about  
Sparks (huge) as Forts,  
As if there were  
(A string of) yellow camels  
(Marching swiftly).”

**Qur'an 77:29 – 33**

#### THE PROMISE OF ALLAH TO UNBELIEVERS FOR LIVELIHOOD IN HELL-FIRE

The most dreadful essence of going into Hell Fire is unlike falling from a fifty storey building or being thrown into a furnace in this world. For this world, the ultimate, eventual or immediate consequence is death; which ends the torment or experience. But the promise of Allah is that there will be livelihood in Hell-Fire, meaning that death is out of question; and living is next to nothing. Before this, unbelievers shall be bundled into it, in disregard and handicapped with even the most valuable senses.

...On the Day of Judgement  
We shall gather them together,  
Prone on their faces,  
Blind, dumb, and deaf;  
Their abode will be Hell.  
Every time it shows abatement,  
We shall increase for them  
The fierceness of the Fire.

**Qur'an 17:97**

For nourishment, which logically appears to be the need for the sustenance of man in this world, Allah – the All-Able will offer them with provisions that will neither nourish nor satisfy and they will still not die. The implication is that they cannot be said to be normally alive.

The while they enter  
The Blazing Fire,  
The while they are given,  
To drink, of a boiling hot spring,  
No food will there be  
For them but a bitter *Dhari*  
Which will neither nourish  
Nor satisfy hunger.

**Qur'an 88:4 – 7**

Hell! They will burn  
Therein, - an evil bed  
(Indeed, to lie on)!

Yea, such! - Then  
Shall they taste it,  
A boiling fluid, and a fluid  
Dark, murky, intensely cold!

**Qur'an 38:56 – 57**

Verily the tree  
Of *Zaqqum*  
Will be the food  
Of the sinful,  
Like molten brass;  
It will boil  
In their insides,  
Like the boiling  
Of scalding water.

**Qur'an 44:43 – 46**

With it will be scalded  
What is within their bodies,  
As well as (their) skins.  
In addition there will be  
Maces of iron (to punish) them.

**Qur'an 22:20 – 21**

Indeed ye shall drink  
Like diseased camels

Raging with thirst!  
Such will be their entertainment  
On the Day of Requit!

**Qur'an 56:55 – 56**

Furthermore, the torment will not be interrupted by any form of relief or rest. It will not only be continuous, terrible, and horrible, it will be all-surrounding, all-over, all-covering.

Truly Hell is  
As a place of ambush,  
For the transgressors  
A place of destination:  
They will dwell therein  
For ages.  
Nothing cool shall they taste  
Therein, nor any drink.

**Qur'an 78:21 – 24**

Nothing (will there be)  
To refresh, nor to please:

**Qur'an 56:44**

And thou wilt see  
The sinners that day  
Bound together in fetters;  
Their garments of liquid pitch  
And their faces covered with Fire.

**Qur'an 14:49 – 50**

And in the shades  
Of Black Smoke.

**Qur'an 56:43**

For them there is  
Hell, as a couch  
(Below) and folds  
Of covering above: such  
Is Our requital of those  
Who do wrong.

**Qur'an 7:41**

Every time they wish  
To get away therefrom,  
From anguish, they will be  
Forced back therein...

**Qur'an 22:22**

There, sobbing will be  
Their lot, nor will they  
There hear (aught else).

**Qur'an 21:100**

#### ALL UNBELIEVERS MEETING IN HELL-FIRE

For the fact that Allah did not create mankind and Jinns but to SERVE HIM, those who refuse shall irrespective of the generation they belong to, meet in Hell-Fire.

When they are cast therein,  
They will hear  
The (terrible) drawing in  
Of its breath  
Even as it blazes forth.

Almost bursting with fury:  
Every time a Group  
Is cast therein, its Keepers  
Will ask, "Did no Warner  
Come to you?"  
They will say: "Yes indeed,  
A Warner did come to us,  
But we rejected him  
And said, "Allah never  
Sent down any (Message):  
Ye are in nothing but  
An egregious delusion!"

**Qur'an 67:7 – 9**

Submission to the unity of Allah requires that all creations serve Him alone. In this respect, there is no difference, between kinds and generations. Thus, those who refuse to do so or reject all together will belong to the same company.

And We have destined  
For them intimate companions  
(Of like nature), who made  
Alluring to them what was  
Before them and behind them;  
And the sentence among  
The previous generations of Jinns  
And men, who have passed away,  
Is proved against them:  
For they are utterly lost.

**Qur'an 41:25**

In the Fire, there will be complete dissociation of people belonging to different generations.

He will say: "Enter ye  
In the company of  
The peoples who passed away  
Before you - men and Jinns,  
Into the Fire. Every time  
A new people enters,  
It curses its sister - people  
(That went before), until  
They follow each other, all  
Into the Fire. Saith the last  
About the first: "Our Lord!  
It is these that misled us:  
So give them a double  
Penalty in the Fire:  
He will say: "Doubled  
For all" ...  
Then the first will say  
To the last: "See then,  
No advantage have ye  
Over us: So taste ye  
Of the penalty for all  
That ye did."

**Qur'an 7:38 – 39**

Allah has provided for the final return of unbelievers a Fire that will be all-ready, all-accommodating, all-desirous and more. A situation whereby there will be no space to contain more entrants shall not arise.

One Day We will  
Ask Hell, "Art thou  
Filled to the full?"  
It will say, "Are there  
Any more (to come)?"

**Qur'an 50:30**

#### FOR THE BENEFIT OF OUR IMAGINATION

Allah, in His Mercy provides us with limits that will enable us imagine the summary state, orientation and ultimate status of anyone who chooses to disbelieve, to ignore or to reject His guidance. Occupants will witness the truth of insecurity apart from what Allah provides. They will wish to submit but it is too late.

...They will quake  
With terror: but then  
There will be no escape



(For them), and they will be  
Seized from a position  
(Quite) near.

**Qur'an 34:51**

And when they are cast,  
Bound together, into a  
Constricted place therein, they  
Will plead for destruction  
There and then!

“This day plead not  
For a single destruction  
Plead for destruction oft-repeated!”

**Qur'an 25:13 – 14**

Those in the Fire will say  
To the Keepers of Hell:  
"Pray to your Lord  
To lighten us the penalty  
For a Day (at least)!"

**Qur'an 40:49**

They will cry: "O *Malik!*  
Would that thy Lord  
Put an end to us!"  
He will say, "Nay, but  
Ye shall abide!"

**Qur'an 43:77**

Inside the Hell-Fire, Allah will dismiss unbelievers with ignominy. This will confirm their eternal hopelessness.

He will say: "Be ye  
Driven into it (with ignominy)!  
And speak ye not to Me!

**Qur'an 23:108**

(It will be said):  
"Groan not in supplication  
This day: for ye shall  
Certainly not be helped by Us.

**Qur'an 23:65**

"Burn ye therein:  
The same is it to you  
Whether ye bear it

With patience, or not:  
Ye but receive the recompense  
Of your (own) deeds."

**Qur'an 52:16**

Also, the duration will in consequence be established as permanent.

...No term shall be determined  
For them, so they should die,  
Nor shall its penalty  
Be lightened for them...

**Qur'an 35:36**

They will dwell therein  
For all the time that  
The heavens and the earth  
Endure, except as thy Lord  
Willeth: for thy Lord  
Is the (sure) Accomplisher  
Of what He Planneth.

**Qur'an 11:107**

The Sinners will be  
In the punishment of Hell,  
To dwell therein (for aye):

**Qur'an 43:74**

To dwell therein forever:  
No protector will they find,  
Nor helper.

**Qur'an 33:65**

Those who reject  
Our Signs, We shall soon  
Cast 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 Allah  
Is Exalted in Power, Wise.

**Qur'an 4:56**

O Allah! Grant us your mercy and protect us from Hell-Fire. Amen.