### I. Belief in the Day of Judgment

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#### A. Introduction

The belief in the Day of Judgment is one of the six articles of faith in Islam. It is the belief that Allah will resurrect all people after their death and judge them according to their deeds in this life. Those who obeyed Allah and followed His guidance will be rewarded with Paradise (Jannah), while those who disobeyed Allah and rejected His message will be punished with Hellfire (Jahannam). The belief in the Day of Judgment has a profound impact on the worldview, ethics, and spirituality of Muslims. It is the belief that motivates Muslims to do good and avoid evil, to seek Allah's pleasure and avoid His wrath, and to hope for His mercy and fear His justice. It is the belief that gives Muslims a sense of purpose, direction, and accountability in their life. It is the belief that assures Muslims of Allah's fairness, wisdom, and power in His creation and His decree.

#### B. Importance of Believing in the Day of Judgment.

i. If there is no day of judgment, then good guys and bad guys end up equal. Explain how they are the same. Is it fair?

If there is no day of judgment, then good guys and bad guys end up equal in terms of their ultimate fate. They both die and cease to exist, without any accountability or recompense for their actions in this life. This is not fair, because it means that the good guys who followed Allah's commands and avoided what He prohibited wasted their time and effort, while the bad guys who disobeyed Allah and committed sins enjoyed their life without any consequences. It also means that the victims of injustice and oppression have no hope of justice or compensation, while the perpetrators of evil and corruption have no fear of punishment or retribution.

ii. If there is no day of judgment, then it will make no sense for us to fight our temptations and lower desires. Explain why.

If there is no day of judgment, then it will make no sense for us to fight our temptations and lower desires, because there will be no reward for doing so, nor any penalty for giving in to them. We will have no motivation to restrain ourselves from indulging in what is harmful or forbidden, nor any incentive to pursue what is beneficial or obligatory. There will be no moral standards or ethical values to guide our behavior, nor any divine authority or revelation to inspire our faith. There will be no religion and no reason to follow Allah and the Quran.

iii. What would you say about a judge who makes good guys equal to bad guys? How this is related to belief in the Day of Judgment?

A judge who makes good guys equal to bad guys is an unjust and corrupt judge, who does not uphold the law or the truth. He does not deserve to be a judge, and he should be removed from his position and held accountable for his wrongdoing. This is related to the belief in the Day of Judgment, because Allah is the ultimate judge of all people, and He is the most just and the most wise. He will not make good guys equal to bad guys, but He will distinguish between them and give each one what he or she deserves. He will reward the good guys with His mercy and grace, and He will punish the bad guys with His wrath and justice. He will establish His law and His truth on the Day of Judgment, and He will not wrong anyone in the least.

### iv. What are the three spiritual motivations that will motivate someone wakeup very early in the morning and go to Fajr?

The three spiritual motivations that will motivate someone to wake up very early in the morning and go to Fajr are:

- Love of Allah: A Muslim loves Allah more than anything else, and he or she wants to
  please Him and obey Him in everything. Allah loves those who pray Fajr, and He has
  promised great rewards for them in this life and the next. Therefore, a Muslim wakes up
  early and goes to Fajr out of love for Allah and hope for His rewards.
- Fear of Hell: A Muslim fears Allah and His punishment, and he or she wants to avoid His
  anger and displeasure. Allah has warned those who neglect Fajr, and He has threatened
  them with severe consequences in this life and the next. Therefore, a Muslim wakes up
  early and goes to Fajr out of fear of Allah and His punishment.
- Hope for Paradise: A Muslim hopes for Allah's mercy and forgiveness, and he or she
  wants to attain His paradise and His pleasure. Allah has prepared the best of His blessings
  for those who pray Fajr, and He has made it a means of entering His paradise and His
  nearness. Therefore, a Muslim wakes up early and goes to Fajr out of hope for Allah's
  mercy and paradise.

# v. How many rounds we have? The true winner is the one who wins which one of them? Explain.

We have two rounds in our life: the first round is this worldly life (Dunya), and the second round is the hereafter (Akhira). The true winner is the one who wins the second round, which is the final and decisive round. The second round is the Day of Judgment, when Allah will judge all people according to their deeds in the first round, and He will grant them either eternal success or eternal failure. The one who wins the second round is the one who believes in Allah and the Day of Judgment, and who does righteous deeds in accordance with Allah's guidance. The one who loses the second round is the one who disbelieves in Allah and the Day of Judgment, and who does evil deeds in defiance of Allah's commands.

## vi. Prove logically that the society that has faith gives more charity than the society that doesn't have faith.

The society that has faith gives more charity than the society that doesn't have faith, because the society that has faith has more motivation and incentive to give charity, and less disincentive and deterrent to withhold charity, than the society that doesn't have faith.

People can be divided into three broad categories:

- 1. Those who will always do good deeds regardless of their faith. Some are believers and others are non-believers. This is the right extreme.
- 2. Those who will always do bad deeds regardless of their faith. Some are believers and others are not non-believers. This is the left extreme.
- 3. Between these two extremes are those people who need to be motivated by faith to do good deeds. If they have no faith, then they would do bad deeds. Most of the people belong to this middle group. If the society has faith, then those people would be motivated by their faith to give charity. If the society doesn't have faith, then these people will not give charity.

#### vii. Briefly describe what will happen in the Day of Judgement?

The Day of Judgment is the day when Allah will resurrect all people from their graves and gather them for their final reckoning. It is the day when the angel Israfil will blow the trumpet twice: the first blow will cause all living beings to die, and the second blow will cause all dead beings to rise. It is the day when the earth will be changed into a different earth, and the heavens will be split asunder. It is the day when the sun will be brought near, and the moon will be eclipsed, and the stars will fall. It is the day when the scales will be set up, and the books will be distributed, and the records will be shown. It is the day when the bridge will be laid over Hell, and the believers will cross it, and the disbelievers will fall into it. It is the day when the intercession will be granted, and the mercy will be bestowed, and the justice will be done. It is the day when the paradise will be opened, and the hellfire will be kindled, and the people will enter their final abodes.