

In the Name of Allah, Most Gracious, Most Merciful

Punishment in the Grave

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The Quraan commands us to Think or See and to do Research:

Take a case of a similar sins, a person may committed **ten thousands** of years ago and the other **just few seconds** before the Day of Judgment. If they were getting lashes on each morning and evening, then the one who is in the Grave for ten thousands of years ago might receive millions of lashes, while the other might not receive any single lashes. Is this a True Justice? This way not a single person on the whole world could prove that this is a True Justice. I haven't yet found any who can prove this as a True Justice.

If there is any punishment before the trial then what is the need of the Day of Judgment?

PURPOSE to send the Quraan was to warn the human kind from the Day of Judgment and the Punishment in the HELL and NOT in the GRAVE. This is the Natural Process to be crumbled bones in the Grave, NOT a punishment. The main arguments of the disbelievers were that after the bones getting crumbled in the Grave, we will have SECOND life to get the punishment. Please Re-Read the whole Quraan again and try to understand. I will strongly recommend to re-read followings specially:

Al_Quraan_002.001 – 029

Al_Quraan_050.001 – 045

Al_Quraan_056.001 – 096

Al_Quraan_075.001 – 040

Yes there are some exceptional cases including, a person is being killed on the way of Allah, and Allah already told us about them that don't say them that they are dead, BUT they are alive and we don't have capacity to understand that. For reference please see Al_Quraan_002.154.

Sprit (Soul) is one of Allah's Command:

And they ask you about the soul. Say: The soul is one of the commands of my Lord, and you are not given aught of knowledge but a little, (Al_Quraan_017.085).

Before we were Born, Allah already had taken Bear Witness against our own Soul, without the Body: But We people don't remember this Bear Witness in this Life, BUT sure we will on the Day of Judgment i.e. in the Second Life.

And when your Lord brought forth from the children of Adam, from their backs, their descendants, and made them bear witness against their own souls: Am I not your Lord? They said: Yes! we bear witness. Lest you should say on the day of resurrection: Surely we were heedless of this, (Al_Quraan_007.172).

Life and Death: Life is Body with Sprit (Soul) in it, and Dead is without Sprit or Body:

How disbelieve you in Allah when you were dead and He gave life to you! Then he will give you death, then life again, and then unto Him you will return, (Al_Quraan_002.028).

They say: Our Lord! Twice hast Thou made us die, and twice hast Thou made us live. Now we confess our sins. Is there any way to go out, (Al_Quraan_040.011)?

Disbelievers will be Crying on the Day of Judgment:

Crying: Woe upon us! Who has raised us from our place of sleep (Rest not Punishment)??? This is that which the Beneficent did promise, and the messengers spoke truth, (Al_Quraan_036.052).

Hell not yet started giving fire: Switch is not yet turned on:

Think of a huge electric fire, which is ready to switch on. All the wirings are ready, it just needs to turn the switch on.

And when the Hell is lighted, (Al_Quraan_081.012).

Experiences during Sleep or being Dead:

Such We raised them up that they might question each other. Said one of them "How long have you stayed (here)?" They said "We have stayed a day or part of a day." (At length) they (all) said "Allah (alone) knows best how long you have stayed here...Now send you then one of you with this money of yours to the town: let him find out which is the best food (to be had) and bring some to you that (you may) satisfy hunger herewith: and let him behave with care and courtesy and let him not inform anyone about you, (Al_Quraan_018.019).

Or (take) the similitude of one who passed by a hamlet all in ruins to its roofs. He said: "Oh! How shall Allah bring it (ever) to life after (this) its death?" But Allah caused him to die for a hundred years then raised him up (again). He said: "How long didst thou tarry (thus)?" He said: "(perhaps) a day or part of a day." He said: "Nay thou hast tarried thus a hundred years; but look at thy food and thy drink; they show no signs of age; and look at thy donkey: and that We may make of thee a Sign unto the people look further at the bones how We bring them together and clothe them with flesh! When this was shown clearly to him he said: "I know that Allah has power over all things, (Al_Quraan_002.259).

They were dead for years and yet they thought they were asleep for day or part of it, no punishment of grave here?

What happens to us when we die? Death is exactly like sleep because Allah says so:

It is Allah that takes the souls (of men) at death: and those that dies not (He takes) during their sleep: those on whom He has passed the decree of death He keeps back (from returning to life) but the rest He sends (to their bodies) for a term appointed. Verily in this are Signs for those who reflect, (Al_Quraan_039.042).

The above verse clearly says that sleep is like death in both cases the souls are taken by Allah, now if sleep is like death then do we have anything called punishment during sleep?

Angels Ask Questions just BEFORE death and NOT in the Grave:

And who is more unjust than he who forges a lie against Allah, or says: It has been revealed to me; while nothing has been revealed to him, and he who says: I can reveal the like of what Allah has revealed? and if you had seen when the unjust shall be in the agonies of death and the angels shall spread forth their hands: Give up your souls; today shall you be recompensed with an ignominious chastisement because you spoke against Allah other than the truth and (because) you showed pride against His communications, (Al_Quraan_006.093).

When the angels (come to) take the souls of those who die in sin against their souls, they say (just before taking the soul out): in what (plight) were you? They reply: weak and oppressed were we in the earth. They say: was not the earth of Allah spacious enough for you to move yourselves away (from the evil)? Such men will find their abode in Hell (NOT in Grave), what an evil refuge, (Al_Quraan_004.097).

Please DON'T impose exceptional cases over General Rules of Quraan.

TIPS to Understand the Quraan:

Before giving the reference of any Ayaat, you MUST understand some of the verses before and after that Ayaat. You need to understand the THEME and the TOPIC on which Allah wants us to understand. What is the TOPIC on which the talk going on?

When Allah says "**Paradise**", means "**REALLY HEAVEN** and **NOT** the **GRAVE**". BUT it could be the interpretation, which might have been twisted.

When Allah says "**Hell (NAAR)**", means "**REALLY HELL** and **NOT** the **GRAVE**". BUT it could be the interpretation, which might have been twisted.

When Allah says "**EASY**", means "**REALLY EASY**". BUT it could be the interpretation, which might have been twisted.

When Allah says, "**CLEAR**", means "**CRISTAL CLEAR**". BUT it could be the interpretation, which might have been twisted.

When Allah says "**ANYONE**", means "**MUSLIMS also included**". BUT it could be the interpretation, which might have been twisted.

When Allah says "**AFTER**", means "**NEVER EVER BEFORE** and **nor IN-BETWEEN**". BUT it could be the interpretation, which might have been twisted.

When Allah says you will get the Reward **TODAY** on the **Day on Judgment**, means "**TODAY** and **not YESTERDAY** in the **GRAVE**". BUT it could be the interpretation, which might have been twisted.

When Allah says "**WILL BE**", means "**WILL BE** in the **FUTURE** and **NOT WAS** in the **PAST**". BUT it could be the interpretation, which might have been twisted.

To Feel the Pain You Must have Skin, and you cannot have skin without body:

First let us see what Allah has said about pain. Modern Science has also recently discovered this Fact.

Lo! Those who disbelieve Our revelations, We shall expose them to the Fire. As often as their SKINs are consumed We shall exchange them for fresh skins that they may TASTE the torment. Lo! Allah is ever Mighty, Wise, (Al_Quraan_004.056).

As we know, several times mosquitoes or bugs bites during the sleep and we don't feel any pain immediately unless it is severe or poison is strong and spreading very quickly. To Feel PAIN it is Necessary to have SOUL and BODY, with FULL Attention, NOT during Sleep, NOR during Dizziness, and WITHOUT any Drug to Reduce the Pain.

Before we born (not existed), Allah considered it as death as well:

Or some created thing that is yet greater in your thoughts! Then they will say: Who shall bring us back (to life). Say: He who created you at the first. Then will they shake their heads at thee, and say: When will it be? Say: It will perhaps be soon, (Al_Quraan_017.051).

Two Lives and Two Deaths:

How disbelieve you in Allah when you were dead and He gave life to you! Then he will give you death, then life again, and then unto Him you will return, (Al_Quraan_002.028).

They say: Our Lord! Twice hast Thou made us die, and twice hast Thou made us live. Now we confess our sins. Is there any way to go out, (Al_Quraan_040.011)?

Basic Questions Raised by Non-Muslims (Punishment in Hell NOT in Grave):

This is the NATURAL Process to be crumbled bones in the Grave, NOT a punishment. Allah knows the best.

(Now) they are saying: Shall we really be restored to our first state (to get punishment in the hell, NOT before in the Grave), (Al_Quraan_079.010).

Even after we are crumbled bones, (Al_Quraan_079.011)?

They say: Then that would be a vain proceeding, (Al_Quraan_079.012).

Surely it will need but one shout, (Al_Quraan_079.013).

And lo! they will be awakened, (Al_Quraan_079.014).

What did Allah Mention about Grave (BARRIER):

Literal meaning of **BARZAK** is **BARRIER**. Since Allah put it as a secret, so we should not open the secret of this Barrier. It is the Process to Unite All the people Before and After.

Until, when death comes unto one of them, he says: My Lord! Send me back, That I may do right in that which I have left behind! BUT no! It is a word that he speaks; and behind them is a BARRIER until the day when they will be raised, (Al_Quraan_023.099-100).

This is the Day of Decision, We have brought you and the men of old together, (Al_Quraan_077.038).

How you can prove that Allah will do TRUE justice if you believe on Punishment in the Grave, it is a challenge to all. From ANY angel you CANNOT see that Allah is UNJUST:

Take an example of similar SIN done by a person **10,000** years ago and a person will die just **few seconds** before the Day of Judgment. Some person might be having millions of hunter in the Grave and the other might be having just few hunters on the commitments of same type of SIN. Is it a real justice?

What do you say about those who were never buried in the Grave?

Take an example of Hindus:

Hindus burn the body of their relatives & then pour the ashes in the river, so what about their Punishment in the Grave? Does that mean, for them there is no Punishment in the Grave?

Take an example of the Donors of their Organs (parts of bodies) after their deaths:

At present, people can donate their eyes, kidneys & Heart etc. Now Surgeon is capable to do Heart Transplant. Heart Transplant for infants under one year of age needs no checkup for their blood groups for donor of under one year of age. Surgeons also started using bones of dead persons to fix patients problem. So it might be possible that some parts of the body is used to fixed a Muslim, while the other parts of that person to non-believers. Possibly some parts will be burned into ashes for a Hindu acceptor, while the other part may go to a Muslim's Grave, so what about their Punishment in the

Grave? Does that mean, for them there is no Punishment in the Grave? If science gets good progress and over **50%** of the body may be reused over and over again till the Day of Judgment, then what will be your answer?

Concept of Conversion of FINITE System to INFINITE System:

If you know the Advanced Mathematics, then Perhaps You might Understand it Easily. This world is FINITE but the life after death is INFINITE.

You cannot divide infinite numbers by any finite number. If a person performs **50%** good deeds and commits **50%** sins, In an **INFINITE SYSTEM**, he cannot be in the Hell for **50%** of time and will come out of it and go to heaven for rest of the **50%** of time. The only SYSTEM works for it, to convert from FINITE to INFINITE is, as Allah explains in the Quraan.

If you AVOID the GREAT (SINS), which you are forbidden, We will REMIT from you your all the (small) evil deeds and make you enter at a noble gate, (Al_Quraan_004.031).

So Never ever go near to any of the GREAT SINS by disobeying any of Allah's commands. Wish you all the BEST and See you in the Heaven, Inshaa Allah, AMEEN.

Possible Answers to some Questions regarding Punishment in the Grave:

Remember, Islaam is True Scientific, Logical and Practical Religion.

Sleep is Rest and not a Punishment:

Crying: Woe upon us! Who has raised us from our place of sleep, (Al_Quraan_036.052)?

A person in sleep may awake if anybody tries to make him awake, but not the dead person.

If there is any punishment before the trial then what is the need of the Day of Judgment?

Can any body prove that usually people get full punishment in the jail, before the trial in the court, THEN what is the need of court?

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In the above Ayaat, Deliver your soul means :::>>> at that time that person is alive and he / she has his/her soul in his body, which Angel is asking to Deliver (to Return) his /her soul. A person who is dead (or in the Grave) cannot deliver his soul, since it is not in his body any longer. Here this day means, whatever sustain that person had in this world is taken away, Ending of his / her happy life is here. BUT punishment has not yet started. It will be cleared in another Ayaat at another place, Inshaa Allah.

When the angels (come to) take the souls of those who die in sin against their souls, they say (just before taking the soul out): in what (plight) were you? They reply: weak and oppressed were we in the earth. They say: was not the earth of Allah spacious enough for you to move yourselves away (from the evil)? Such men will find their abode in Hell (NOT in Grave), what an evil refuge, (Al_Quraan_004.097).

"And if you could see when the angels (come to) take away the souls of the disbelievers, they beat their faces and their backs, (saying) 'Taste the punishment of the blazing Fire. This is because of that which your hands had sent forward. And indeed, Allah is not unjust to His slaves", (Al_Quraan_008:050-051).

""Then how will it be when the angels will take their souls at death, beating their faces and their backs", (Al_Quraan_047:027)?

Every soul will taste the Death, which is really very painful. BUT the Disbeliever will be having Extremely Horrific Pain at the time of death, while delivering their soul. Allah knows the best.

Both the above Ayaat speaks of a beating by the angels and not after the death BUT **at the time of death**, when the angel comes to take the soul, by beating their faces and their backs. Some Disbelievers may take few extremely painful days if not months to deliver their soul. Allah knows the best.

"The Fire; they are exposed to it morning and evening. And on the Day when the Hour will be established, it will be said: Cause Pharaoh's people to enter the most severe torment", (Al_Quraan_040:046).

The above Ayaat is about the day of the judgment and the Hell and not about the Grave.

"It was said to him (when the disbelievers killed him): 'Enter Paradise'. He said: 'Would that my people knew that my Lord has forgiven me and made me one of the honored ones", (Al_Quraan_036:026-027).

The above Ayaat is about the exceptional case when a person is killed on the way of Allah. Remember Paradise means Heaven and not the Grave. Also remember Allah already said about those who were killed on the way of Allah, don't call them dead BUT they are alive and you don't have knowledge about that.

"Those whose lives the angels take while they are in a pious state, saying to them, 'Peace be upon you, enter Paradise because of the good which you used to do in the world", (Al_Quraan_016:032).

In the above Ayaat, enter PARADISE means enter into HEAVEN and not talking about the Grave. This is also for a special case.

"Think not of those who are killed in the Way of Allah as dead! Nay! They are alive, with their Lord, where they have provisions. They rejoice what Allah has bestowed upon them from His bounties. Rejoicing for the sake of those who have not yet joined them but are left behind (not yet martyred) that on them no fear shall come nor shall they grieve", (Al_Quraan_003:069-170).

The above Ayaat is for an exceptional case.

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Horrid Death of a Disbeliever:

And who is more unjust than he who forges a lie against Allah, or says: It has been revealed to me; while nothing has been revealed to him, and he who says: I can reveal the like of what Allah has revealed? and if you had seen when the unjust shall be in the agonies of death and the angels shall spread forth their hands: Give up your souls; today shall you be recompensed with an ignominious chastisement because you spoke against Allah other than the truth and (because) you showed pride against His communications, (Al_Quraan_006:093).

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None argue concerning the revelations (Ayaat) of Allah BUT those who Disbelieves ..., (Al_Quraan_040.004).

Those who don't read the Quraan with understanding/translation and Practice on Allah's commandments are like ASS/Donkey carrying books, (Ref: Al_Quraan_062.005).

Allah never destroys any good nation, (Ref: Al_Quraan_011.116-117).

Hypocrites Read the Quraan BUT Practices Something Else.

Non-Practicing Muslims are like ASS / Donkey carrying books, (Ref: Al_Quraan_062.005).

IF QURAN CANNOT CONVINC YOU NOTHING WILL, (Ref: Al_Quraan_004:087, 007:185, 039:023, 052:033-034, 053:056-059, 056:075-082, 068:044, 077:050).

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