

# Journey of our soul:

According to Quran and Ahadith (Saying of Prophet Muhammad [SAW]), there are six lives of a human soul and five transfers of this soul to different life stages.

Six Lives in different worlds are:

- 1) Life in “Alam-e-Arwah”
- 2) Life in mother womb.
- 3) Life in this world.
- 4) Life in graveyard (called Alam-e Burzakh)
- 5) Life after resurrection to give our accountability to our Lord (Rabb).
- 6) Life in paradise or Hell fire (eternal life, depending on our faith and deeds in this third life of this world.

There are five transfers of soul to different worlds, which are:

- 1) Transfer from “Alam-e-Arwah” to our mother’s womb.
- 2) Transfer from our mother’s womb to this world.
- 3) Transfer from this world to “Alam Burzakh” the temporary station in graveyards before resurrection.
- 4) Transfer from Alam-e Burzakh to Day of Judgment.
- 5) From Day of Judgment to either Paradise or Hell fire.

Before we discuss each life of our soul and its transfer in detail, let’s be clear that this life of this world where we live is a very tiny fraction (in term of time line) of our entire life journey Allah has in His grand scheme.

Most people including Muslims think that this worldly life is the only life we have and once we die is the end of story. So enjoy, use it to full extent and nobody is willing to leave it thinking, why I want to leave my family, wealth, houses, cars etc when there is nothing left to look forward after my death. That is the prime reason that people do all sorts of thing (moral, immoral, legitimate or illegitimate) so they do not miss any sort of comfort, entrainment and enjoyment of this world. For these kinds of people, there is a bad news. The reality is this that this worldly life is only one part of human soul’s life and

it is the shortest (except in mother's womb for most people) in terms of time as compared to other lives as mentioned above.

Before discussing each soul's different stages of life in different worlds, it is necessary to understand concept of Allah and His creation of human being's (us) life in Islam briefly.

Who is Allah? Allah is The One and The Only God who created the worlds, Angels (created by light), Jinn (created by Fire), Satan (devil) is an outcast Jinn, man (created from sounding clay), animals and contents of the universes. Allah is One, there is no God other than Him, without any partners, He is eternal without a beginning and enduring without end, Absolute, Self-Sufficient, Self-Existing, never dies, not borne nor gives birth, has no companion and nothing is comparable to Him. He never sleeps nor slumbers. All-Knowing, All-Hearing, All-Seeing. Nothing happens except what He wills. He gives life and death. He is The Most Gracious and The Most Merciful. He is intensively and continuously merciful to his creatures even though Non Muslims do not believe in him. He is far above from any created being. He is The Creator of everything in the universe, heaven and earth and its content. He will never perish or come to an end. When Allah wants anything to happen he says "Be" and it is. Muslims do not believe that Allah assumed Human form and came down to this earth. Human body form has animal properties and animal characteristics are created by Allah. Allah is high above all the creations.

### **Creation of Mankind**

The first Man's (Adam ) body was created from sounding clay. His companion woman "Havva" (Eve) was created from Adam's rib. All his descendant's bodies are created by sperm of man and ovum of women. Jesus (Prophet ISA) son of Mariam (Mary) was created by Allah's word (Be and it is) like Adam but in Mariam's womb. Jesus was a human prophet and not son of God. He was not crucified but taken up alive (Holy Quran).

Allah breathed into the body of man part of His spirit called (Ruh) Soul. When the soul enters the body it becomes alive. When this soul is withdrawn from the body it dies and the body decays, putrefies and is eaten by microorganisms. Every day man experience temporary death at night when he sleeps and resurrects when he wakes up. Allah keeps his soul in a safe place during his sleep. Allah has appointed angels as guardians to the right and left side and allowed Satan to disturb humans. All these facts are described in Holy Quran.

### **First life of human soul: (Called life in Alam-e Arwah in Quran)**

After the creation of Adam (AS), Allah planted seeds of all the souls of the descendants of Adam who were predestined to come to this earth in Adam's spine. In this life, we were just souls, no body. We were all there recognizing each others just as a soul, we did not know who our parents will be neither our siblings. We just did not know anything except our creator Allah and we were all happy as souls just praising and glorifying Allah only because we did not knew anything except Him. One day Allah called all the souls and asked all the souls a question.

**Allah Says in Quran, Surah 7/172 -173.**

“ O prophet, remind mankind about the incident when your Rabb brought into existence the offspring's from the lions of Adam and his descendants (virtually every single individual of mankind) and made them testify about themselves. Allah asked them “ Am I not your Rabb?” They all replied: “Yes! We bear witness that you are.” This We did, lest you mankind should say on the Day of Resurrection: “We were not aware of this fact that you are our Rabb and that there will be a Day of Judgment. Or lest you should say: “our forefathers started the practice of shirk and we just followed, being their descendents.

Based on that Quranic fact, it is confirmed we as a soul existed before coming into our mother's womb in the next world. After that covenant, Allah made us back to death in that world, and then He decides which souls He will pick from death and

sent to this world through our parent's interaction. This selection of picking souls and sending to this world through our mother's womb will be continued by Allah until the end of time and it is purely Allah's discretion, which souls He picks and who will be his parents and siblings in this world. This fact is also mentioned in Quran by alluding to two deaths and two lives.

**Quran says in Surah AL Baqarah 2/28.**

“How can you reject faith in Allah, seeing that you were dead and He gave you life (Death as a soul in Alam-e- Arwah, then brings into life in this world through our parents). Then He will cause you to die (The death of this world), then He will bring you to life (on the Day of Resurrection), then to Him you will return.”

**Also in another verse of Quran Surah Momin 40/11**

“They will say; Our Lord, twice have You given us death and twice have you given us life.....”

### **Second Life of Human Soul and First transfer from Alam-e Arwah to our Mother's womb.**

The second life of human soul begins in our mother's womb. The soul is sent down to earth into the body of fetus developed in the mother's womb and the fetus becomes alive. Abdullah ibn Mas'ud reported that Messenger of Allah (saw) said: “Indeed the creation of each one of you is brought together in his mother's belly for forty days in the form of a seed, and then he is a clot of blood for a similar period, then a morsel of flesh for a similar period. An angel is then sent to him who blows the breath of life into him...”

Quran has also mentioned explicitly the stages of human formation in mother's womb.

## Quran says in Surah Al muminun 23/12-16

We created man from an extract of clay. Then We made him a seed, in a secure repository. Then We developed the seed into a clot. Then We developed the clot into a lump. Then We developed the lump into bones. Then We clothed the bones with flesh. Then We produced it into another creature. Most Blessed is God, the Best of Creators. Then, after that, you will die. Then, on the Day of Resurrection, you will be resurrected.

During this stage of life, we are not worried about anything; we are fed and nourished automatically with the blessings and power of Allah. After completing the assigned period in our mother's womb, the soul with a body comes out in this world and begins the third life.

### **Third life of soul and second transfer from Mother's womb to this world;**

This life is the most important life of this cycle of six stages of human soul. The next three stages of human soul will depend solely on this stage in terms of the consequences we will face in next stages. The first two stages mentioned above, we do not had any control, but this stage Allah made us responsible for every action we do from the age of maturity (adulthood) to death.

Allah has sent human beings to this world as a test, He wants to know who sincerely worships Him, obeys His commandments as mentioned in His final book Quran and Sunnah of (prophet Muhammad (SAW) ).He also has made this world full of temptations and Satan is always there to misguide us from the right path (Although he cannot force us to do wrongful things, but whispers and incite us to disobey Allah) In numerous places Allah has describe the test He put through us in this world and also actual worth of this world. We will list some of them so we understand the purpose of our life in this world.

### **Purpose of this life in the eye's of Allah/Quran**

- He who created death and life—to test you—as to which of you is better in conduct. He is the Almighty, the Forgiving. Q 67/2
- We made what is upon the earth an ornament for it, to test them as to which of them is best in conduct. Q18/7

- It is He who created the heavens and the earth in six days—and His Throne was upon the waters—in order to test you—which of you is best in conduct. And if you were to say, “You will be resurrected after death,” those who disbelieve would say, “This is nothing but plain witchcraft.” Q 11/7
- We did not create the sky and the earth and what is between them for amusement. If We wanted amusement, We could have found it within Us, were We to do so. Q 21/16-17.
- And do not extend your glance towards what We have given some classes of them to enjoy—the splendor of the life of this world—that We may test them thereby. Your Lord’s provision is better, and more lasting. Q 20/131

### **Worth of this life in the eye’s of Allah/Quran**

- The promise of God is true. Therefore, do not let this life deceive you, nor let illusions deceive you regarding God. Q 31/33
- Know that the worldly life is only play, and distraction, and glitter, and boasting among you, and rivalry in wealth and children. It is like a rainfall that produces plants, and delights the disbelievers. But then it withers, and you see it yellowing, and then it becomes debris. While in the Hereafter there is severe agony, and forgiveness from God, and acceptance. The life of this world is nothing but enjoyment of vanity. Q 57/20
- Adorned for the people is the love of desires, such as women, and children, and piles upon piles of gold and silver, and branded horses, and livestock, and fields. These are the conveniences of the worldly life, but with God lies the finest resort Q 3/14
- The life of this world is nothing but diversion and play, and the Home of the Hereafter is the Life, if they only knew. Q 29/64
- The life of this world is nothing but game and distraction, but the Home of the Hereafter is better for those who are righteous. Do you not understand? Q6/32

- Those who do not hope to meet Us, and are content with the worldly life, and are at ease in it, and those who pay no heed to Our signs. These—their dwelling is the Fire—on account of what they used to do. Q10/7-8
- Whoever desires the worldly life and its glitter—We will fully recompense them for their deeds therein, and therein they will not be defrauded. These—they will have nothing but the Fire in the Hereafter. Their deeds are in vain therein, and their works are null. Q 11/15-16
- God dispenses the provisions to whomever He wills, and restricts. And they delight in the worldly life; yet the worldly life, compared to the Hereafter, is only enjoyment. Q13/26
- And cite for them the parable of the present life: it is like water that We send down from the sky; the plants of the earth absorb it; but then it becomes debris, scattered by the wind. God has absolute power over everything. Wealth and children are the adornments of the present life. But the things that last, the virtuous deeds, are better with your Lord for reward, and better for hope. Q 18/45-46.
- Say, “Shall We inform you of the greatest losers in their works?”“Those whose efforts in this world are misguided, while they assume that they are doing well.” Q 18/ 103-104
- Whatever thing you are given is but the material of this world, and its glitter. But what is with God is better, and longer lasting. Do you not comprehend? Q 28/60
- People! The promise of God is true; so let not the lowly life seduce you, and let not the Tempter tempt you away from God. Satan is an enemy to you, so treat him as an enemy. He only invites his gang to be among the inmates of the Inferno. Q 35/5-6
- Were it not that humanity would become a single community, We would have provided those who disbelieve in the Most Gracious with roofs of silver to their houses, and stairways by which they ascend. And doors to their houses, and furnishings on which they recline. And decorations. Yet all that is nothing but the stuff of this life. Yet the Hereafter, with your Lord, is for the righteous. Q43/33-35

- But you prefer the present life. Though the Hereafter is better and more lasting Q 87/ 16-17.

Based on some of the above Ayahs of Quran and there are also numerous Ahadith of our beloved Prophet about the deception of this world and the purpose of this life, it is clear that life is a test for us from Allah, so He can reward us accordingly in the next stages of life.

Since we as a human are so engulfed in our worldly life and that we love this life so much that nobody wants to leave this life and plans it in such a way that this life is eternal, which in reality it is (according to Quran it will seem to us later as it is less than a Day or part of an evening as compared to life of Burzakh, resurrection Day and eternal life of either Paradise or Hell fire) very very short and so unpredictable that we cannot even be sure that we will be alive next moment.

Allah knew that we will love this world so much and will be engulfed in this worldly life that we will forget Him, our purpose of life and will do all sorts of injustices to make our life happy and comfortable, therefore He warned us repeatedly in Quran (as mentioned above) as well as through our Prophet about the deception of this worldly life. Not only He warns us through His book and His Messenger, but also put some remedies in place to avoid the love of this world.

**These remedies include:**

- 1) Paying Zakat and Sadaqat (charity) in the cause of Allah, so we do not love this world so much, because money/wealth is number one cause of loving this world and the main culprit why people commit sins and injustices here.
- 2) Praying 5 times Salah is other remedy to avoid love of this world, because we directly connect with Allah through salah and it reminds us to obey his commandments and we have to stand up in front of Him to give accountability of our every action/deeds. This connection of every few hour's interval and accountability makes one realize the worth of this world as compare to other eternal life of the hereafter.

- 3) Hajj where we dress like we will be dressed at the time of death, when body goes to 6 ft deep hole of the earth reminds us death and lessens our love for this world.
- 4) Fasting in the month of Ramadan reminds us how to control our desires, which is also one of the main causes of loving this world (fulfilling our desires).
- 5) Even sleep is a reminder everyday of our death. Allah says in Quran:

God takes the souls at the time of their death, and those that have not died during their sleep. He retains those for which He has decreed death, and He releases the others until a predetermined time. In that are signs for people who reflect. Q 39/42.

Warnings in Quran and remedies to avoid the love of this temporary and deceptive world is given to us, but if we still do not pay heed, then we ourselves are to be blamed in next life cycle.

#### **Fourth life of soul and third transfer from this world to Graveyard (Burzakh):**

When a person is dying, the following points below describe in detail what things happen to human soul according to Quran and Ahadith, depending what state of Eman and what deeds the persons did in his life. :

- 1) Death Angeles decent from the havens to take the soul of a person from his/her body. There are two types of Angeles, Angeles of mercy and Angeles of wrath.
- 2) The majority of texts that speak of this matter divide people into two categories:
- 3) 1. Believers. The angels of mercy take their souls and lift them up to heaven with great care, coming with glad tidings, calling them by the most loved of their names, so they feel joy, blessing and happiness which make them steadfast.
- 4) 2. Disbelievers and hypocrites. The angels of wrath take their souls, coming with harshness and warnings, and the gates of heaven are closed in their faces, so they are thrown in the earth to face woe and punishments as recompense for what they did in this world of wrongdoing, disbelief and enmity.

Allah, may He be glorified and exalted, mentioned that in the Holy Qur'an, where He says (interpretation of the meaning):

- 5) "By those (angels) who pull out (the souls of the disbelievers and the wicked) with great violence. By those (angels) who gently take out (the souls of the believers). And by those that swim along (i.e. angels or planets in their orbits)"

[al-Naazi'aat 79:1-3].

Al-Haafiz ibn Katheer (may Allah have mercy on him) said:

- 6) Ibn Mas'ood, Ibn 'Abbaas, Masrooq, Sa'eed ibn Jubayr, Abu Saalih, Abu'l-Duha and al-Suddi said: "By those who pull out" refers to the angels, i.e., when they pull out the souls of the sons of Adam. There are some whose soul is taken forcefully and they suffer when it is taken out, and there are some whose soul is taken gently, which is referred to in the verse, "and those who gently take out." This was stated by Ibn 'Abbaas.
- 7) There is fear for the Muslim who commits sin or is an evildoer -- and what is meant is the one who persists in committing major sins or transgresses against people and dies in that state. To which of the two groups mentioned above does he belong? Is his soul taken by the angels of mercy and treated in the same manner as the believers, or is it taken by the angels of wrath and treated in the same manner as the disbelievers?
- 8) This is a matter of the unseen and we have not found any text that clearly and definitively states the situation of the one who commits major sins.
- 9) But there are some references that may indicate that the angels of wrath take the souls of those who commit major sins. For example:
- 10) The hadeeth about the man who killed one hundred people, then he repented to Allah, may He be glorified and exalted. When he died, the angels of mercy and the angels of wrath disputed as to which of them would take his soul and take it up to heaven. The story was narrated by Abu Sa'eed al-Khudri from the Prophet (blessings and peace of Allah be upon him):
- 11) The angels of mercy and the angels of torment disputed over him. The angels of mercy said: he came repenting and turning wholeheartedly towards Allah. The angels of torment said: He never did anything good. Then an angel in the form of a man came to them and they appointed him (to decide) between them. He said: Measure the distance between the two lands, and whichever is closer, that is where he belongs. So they

measured it and they found that he was closer to the land that he was heading for, so the angels of mercy took him.”

Narrated by al-Bukhaari (3740) and Muslim (2766).

- 12) Think about how the angels of wrath wanted to take the soul of this sinner who had killed one hundred people. Were it not for the sincerity of his repentance, his soul would have fallen to the share of the angels of wrath. So there is the fear for all of those who commit major sins that the angels of wrath may take their souls if they do not repent to Allah, even if he is a Muslim,
- 13) There are many hadeeths which describe how the angels come to take the soul of the one who is dying and take it up to the highest heavens; these hadeeths compare and contrast the situation of the believers and that of the disbelievers. In some of these hadeeths it says al-fajir (evildoer) instead of al-kaafir (disbeliever). And in some of them it describes him as al-rajul al-su' (the bad man). This may also indicate that the one who commits major sins is in great danger in this regard.
- 14) It was narrated from al-Bara' ibn 'Aazib (may Allah be pleased with him) that the Prophet (blessings and peace of Allah be upon him) said -- in a lengthy hadeeth in which he described the situation of the believer and the evildoer when their souls are taken --:
- 15) "... as for the evildoer, when he is about to enter the Hereafter and depart from this world, the Angel of Death comes to him and sits by his head. There come down to him angels from heaven with black faces, bringing with them sackcloth. They sit with him as far as the eye can see. Then the Angel of Death and says, 'O evil soul, come out to the wrath and anger of Allah.
- 16) But if we say that what is meant by the evildoer or the bad man in these reports is the disbeliever who is mentioned in the other reports, then all the versions of the hadeeth are in accordance, as seems to be the case. So that means that there is nothing definite about Muslims who commit wrong actions and major sins. And Allah knows best.

In this verse Allah, may He be glorified and exalted, stated that the pious who obeyed the commands of their Lord and avoided that which He forbade will have their souls taken by the angels when they are in a good state, i.e., pure and free of shirk and sin -- according to the soundest commentaries -- and they will give them the glad tidings of Paradise and greet them with salaam.. [al-Nahl 16:32 –interpretation of the meaning].

This meaning is also stated elsewhere, as in the verses in which Allah says (interpretation of the meaning):

- 17) “Verily, those who say: “Our Lord is Allah (Alone),” and then they stand firm, on them the angels will descend (at the time of their death) (saying): “Fear not, nor grieve! But receive the glad tidings of Paradise which you have been promised!”[Fussilat 41:30]
- 18) “And its keepers will say: Salaamun ‘Alaykum (peace be upon you)! You have done well, so enter here to abide therein”[al-Zumar 39:74]
- 19) From the description of those whose souls are taken when they are in a good state and to whom it is said ‘ peace be upon you, enter Paradise,’ it may be understood that those who are not described as pious will not be taken by the angels in that noble state or be greeted or given glad tidings.  
  
Allah has stated this meaning elsewhere, such as in the verses where He says (interpretation of the meaning):
- 20) “Those whose lives the angels take while they are doing wrong to themselves (by disbelief and by associating partners in worship with Allah and by committing all kinds of crimes and evil deeds).” Then, they will make (false) submission”[al-Nahl 16:28]
- 21) “And if you could see when the angels take away the souls of those who disbelieve (at death); they smite their faces and their backs, (saying): “Taste the punishment of the blazing Fire”[al-Anfaal 8:50].
- 22) Perhaps it may be said here -- and Allah knows best -- that the situation of those who commit acts of disobedience and major sins, at the time of death, varies according to their level of disobedience and obedience. For the person who is one of those who affirm Tawheed and are good and righteous, they will have the glad tidings and good situation that Allah has promised here, and that the one who mixed good deeds with bad deeds will find himself in a mixed situation, so he will be deprived of the glad tidings and good situation and merciful treatment by the angels, according to his situation and deeds.

23) After Angeles takes out the soul and take them to havens either a place called "Illiyun"(good soul) or " Sijjeen"(bad soul) and after receiving glad tidings or news of the eternal hellfire, they are brought back to join their bodies in grave and have to answer three questions of two Angeles called " Munkin Nakeer", Who is your Rabb, what is your religion and ask to recognize Prophet Muhammad (SAW). The believer and righteous person will answer correctly and Non believer and bad person won't be able to answer correctly. According to Hadith, good person will be shown his place in Paradise and also shown his place in Hellfire if he were to be a non believer and/or person with lot of major sins. Similarly the reverse will be true for non believer or person of committer of major sins. The grave will become a garden of paradise or a preview of hellfire. This life called "Barzakh" in grave yard will continue until the doomsday or resurrection day. The life of Burzakh in grave and its punishment is confirmed by Quranic Surah Ghafir Ayah 46. Allah talks about punishment of grave to Pharaoh.

"The Fire. They will be exposed to it morning and evening. And on the Day the Hour takes place: "Admit the clan of Pharaoh to the most intense agony."

### **Fifth life of soul and fourth transfer from graveyard/Burzakh to Day of Resurrection:**

The literal meaning of the Arabic word Qiyamah is something that happens all of a sudden. In the terminology of Quran, it is an important event that would occur at the end of the world and continue thereafter. All divine prophets and especially the Holy Prophet (S) have informed about this significant event.

The Holy Quran has mentioned it in various terms. For example: Judgment Day, the Last Day, a day in which there is no relationship and friendship, the day on which all the people would be gathered, the day on which the people would be raised, the day of separation of the doers of good and evil, the day which would occur all of a sudden and so on.

According to the Holy Quran the arrival of that day is absolutely imminent and it says: There is no doubt about it. But it has not mentioned the exact date of this event and has introduced it only as something, which would come all of a sudden. It can only be said that it would occur all of a sudden after the period of Barzakh is over.

But as mentioned before, the world of Barzakh is contemporary to the period of this world and it is not bound by time and space. Since time and space are

worldly phenomena, and Judgment Day is also after Barzakh; but this 'after-ness' is not the 'after-ness' of time and space, since in Qiyamat, the concepts of time and space would be cancelled and a new concepts would come into being; that is why the folks of Barzakh do not have proper awareness of the passage of time.

The Holy Quran says:

***And on the day when He will gather them as though they had not stayed but an hour of the day... (10:45)***

### Blowing of the Trumpet

One of the signs of Qiyamat is the blowing of the trumpet. According to Quran, at the end of the world, before the occurrence of Qiyamat, the trumpet would be blown twice and this important event is a sign that Qiyamat is near.

The Holy Quran says:

***And the trumpet shall be blown, so all those that are in the heavens and all those that are in the earth shall swoon, except such as Allah please; then it shall be blown again, then lo! they shall stand up awaiting. (39:68)***

According to this verse, before Qiyamat the trumpet would be blown twice; on the first time, all the people present in the world would die and enter the world of Barzakh. And the second time all those who are in Barzakh would be enlivened and raised for Qiyamat.

In another verse, it is mentioned

***And on the day when the trumpet shall be blown, then those who are in the heavens and those who are in the earth shall be terrified except such as Allah please, and all shall come to Him abased. (27:87)***

According to this verse, before Qiyamat, the horn would be blown twice. The first time it would be to warn the people and prepare them for Qiyamat. During this first time all the inhabitants of the earth and the heavens would swoon due to its terror. But it is not mentioned that they would die. If the phrase 'those who are in the earth' implied those who are not dead yet, and who live in the earth, it should have mentioned: All would die at the first blowing and join those with the other folks of Barzakh, so that they may become ready for Qiyamat.

In the second blowing, by the natural command of the all-powerful Allah the system of matter and materiality would be destroyed and dismantled and the real exigencies of the system of cause and effect would become obvious. The inner aspects of man would become apparent. The reward and punishment of the

deeds of man would be clear before the Almighty Allah and all this will not take more than a moment. The Almighty Allah says:

***(Of) the day when they shall come forth, nothing concerning them remains hidden to Allah. To whom belongs the kingdom this day? To Allah, the One, the Subduer (of all). (40:16)***

Yet another verse says:

***...and the trumpet will be blown, so We will gather them all together. (18:99)***

On the basis of the above mentioned verses and other traditions, it can be said that the blowing of trumpet is imminent and that it is a sign of Qiyamat.

### Collapse of the Solar System

One of the signs of Qiyamat is the collapse and complete derangement of the Solar System as mentioned in a number of verses of the Holy Quran. Some of them are as follows:

The Quran say:

***When the sun is covered, and when the stars darken, and when the mountains are made to pass away. (81:1-3)***

***When the heaven becomes cleft asunder, and when the stars become dispersed, and when the seas are made to flow forth. (82:1-3)***

***So when the stars are made to lose their light, and when the heaven is rent asunder, and when the mountains are carried away as dust. (77:8-10)***

***When the great event comes to pass, there is no belying its coming to pass - abasing (one party), exalting (the other), when the earth shall be shaken with a (severe) shaking, and the mountains shall be made to crumble with (an awful) crumbling, so that they shall be as scattered dust. (56:1-6)***

***On the day when We will roll up heaven like the rolling up of the scroll for writings... (21:104)***

***He asks: When is the day of resurrection? So when the sight becomes dazed, and the moon becomes dark, and the sun and the moon are brought together. (75:6-9)***

***On the day when the earth shall be changed into a different earth, and the heavens (as well), and they shall come forth before Allah, the One, the Supreme. (14:48)***

***Nay! when the earth is made to crumble to pieces... (89:21)***

***When the earth is shaken with her (violent) shaking, and the earth brings forth her burdens... (99:1-2)***

It can be concluded from such verses that very significant events would occur in this material world and there would be complete derangement in it. The heavens would split and merge into each other. The sun would lose its brilliance and heat and become dark. The moon would also darken.

Stars would lose their sheen and be scattered in the atmosphere. Mountains would be rocked with tremors and shatter into particles. A terrible earthquake would rock the earth and all that is inside it would be expelled. The earth would sink into itself completely and would be changed into a completely new earth.

On this day scale will be set up to weigh the good deeds and bad deeds, person with heavy good deeds as compared to bad deeds will be given book in his right hand and clear to go to Paradise, person with heavier bad deeds will be given his book in left hand and will be doomed . (Note: Non believer's good deeds if they did in this world will have no weight as they did not accept Islam). Quran has said about these books clearly.

**Allah has beautifully described our book of deeds (how it will be awarded, the consequences and our condition after receiving these books) in three different Surahs of Quran. Al –Haqqa, Al –Inshiqaq and Al- Furqan.**

As for him who is given his book in his right hand. He will have an easy settlement. And will return to his family delighted Q 84/7-9

. As for him who is given his book in his right hand, he will say, "Here, take my book and read it. I knew I would be held accountable." So he will be in pleasant living. In a lofty Garden. Its pickings are within reach. Eat and drink merrily for what you did in the days gone by. Q 69/19-24

But as for him who is given his book in his left hand, he will say, "I wish I was never given my book. And never knew what my account was .If only it was the end. My money cannot avail me. My power has vanished from me. "Take him and shackle him. Then scorch him in the Blaze Q69/25-31.

But as for him who is given his book behind his back. He will call for death. And will enter the Blaze. He used to be happy among his family He thought he would never return. In fact, his Lord was watching him. Q 84/10-15

“Do not plead for one death today, but plead for a great many deaths. Q/25/14.

Note: One place it was said that he will receive his book in left hand and other behind his back; Scholars refer this as he will be ashamed to take the book in his left hand in front of everybody, so he will try to hide his left hand behind him, but still he will be given the book. Also it is said in above verses that he will wish death, while receiving his book in left hand, but Allah says in another verse mentioned above “ Do not plead for one death, but plead for so many deaths (means you will never die and keep getting punishment. (May Allah save us from His punishment, Ameen).

Note: in Quranic verse 70/4, Allah has mentioned that Doomsday will be 50,000 years.

### **Sixth life of human soul and fifth transfer from Doomsday to eternal life of either Paradise or Hellfire.**

After accountability of everybody to Allah and final decision as described in 5<sup>th</sup> life of human soul, people will enter Paradise or hellfire. What is in Paradise and Hellfire? Quran has explicitly described about them in numerous surahs and Ayahs.

Please refer to my research paper called “**Description of Paradise and Hellfire according to Quran**” on this same website. It will give you great detail, what will happen there.

**Note: According to Hadith of our beloved prophet, A Muslim who has any iota of Eman will eventually enter paradise after he will serve his/her punishment of bad deeds in Hellfire. But no hope at all from Allah’s Mercy who were involved in Shirk (Associating partners to Allah), hypocrites, and Non believers.**

## **Eye opener conclusion:**

**Here are the time line and our control of six lives:**

**Alam-e- Arwah** > Time spent unknown (may be thousands and thousands of years, Allah know the best), we have no control in that life and we did not want to leave that world.

**Life in our mother womb** > Time spent 5 months after spirit is blown into fetus by an angel, we have no control in that life and we did not want to leave that world.

**Life in this present world** > Time spent (anywhere from 1 Day to may be 110 years), Allah has given full control in this life as how we want to spend this life, with His obedient or disobedient. We also do not want to leave this world, because we have so much involved in it that we forgot the purpose of life.

**Life in Burzakh/Grave** > Time spent unknown (may be thousands and thousands of years until doomsday, Allah knows the best), we have no control in that life, it will be good or bad depends on life # 3 of this world. We would want to leave that world, because good soul will want to quickly to eternal life of Paradise and bad soul will be tired of seeing his future in Hellfire and want to get out of that torture.

**Life of Doomsday/Resurrection** > Time spent unknown (according to Quran, it could be 50,000 years, Allah knows the best), we have no control in that life, it will be easy or tremendously hard and miserable depending of life # 3 of this world. We will want to leave that world, good person will want to go to eternal life of Paradise and bad person will be desperate to know his fate after the accountability in front Allah.

**Life in Paradise or Hellfire** > Time spent eternal, there will be no death in both places, we have no control in that life, It will full of joy and unimaginable happiness or unimaginable misery, torture and pain depending again on the result of life # 3 in this world.

Based on the control for six lives of human soul, we can see a human being has only control of third life, which is this world's life and in terms of time line this third life is such a tiny time, it is almost insignificant compared to rest of other 5 lives in other worlds. No wonder Quran alluded to this fact in Surah Yunus, Ayah 45

“And on the Day when He will gather them,[ it will be] as if they had not remained [in the world] but an hour of the day.”

Now a million dollar question is for all of us is that, First two lives, we had no control, the outcome of life number 4, and 5 (which could be thousands and

thousands years) and 6<sup>th</sup> and final life which is eternal is dependent on our deeds of tiny life cycle of this world life. So what and how we want to spend this life cycle? Answer yourself.

I want to leave you to ponder this question with a beautiful conversation which will take place between people of Paradise and the Mighty Allah. There will be party in Jannah like we do in this world and they will refer to our worldly life, they will talk about doubts of life after death, about never getting punishment from Allah etc, but Allah will give them the biggest lesson at the end and I want to take this lesson with you.

### Quranic Surah 37, ayahs 35 through 60

. When it was said to them, "There is no god except God," they grew arrogant. And said, "Are we to abandon our gods for a mad poet?" In fact, he came with the truth, and he confirmed the messengers.. Most assuredly, you will taste the painful punishment. And you will be repaid only for what you used to do. Except for Allah's sincere servants. For them is a known provision. Fruits; and they will be honored in the Gardens of Bliss. On furnishings, facing one another. They will be offered a cup of pure drink, White, a delight to those who drink Never polluted, and never intoxicating. With them will be bashful women with lovely eyes. As if they were closely guarded pearls. Then they will approach one another, questioning. One of them will say, "I used to have a friend. Who used to say, "Are you of those who believe? That after we die and become dust and bones, we will be called to account?" He [Allah] will say, "Will you have a look?" He will look, and will see him in the pit of Hell. He will say, "By God, you almost ruined me.. Were it not for the grace of my Lord, I would have been among the arraigned." "We will not die. Except for our first death, and we will not be punished." This is the supreme triumph.