

Resurrection in Holy Qur'an

Introduction:

There is dire need to blend the religious aspect of resurrection in the Holy Qur'an, with recently supportive scientific aspects of what will definitely happen to our universe before the event¹. Resurrection Day generally refers to a certain day, sometimes in the future, when all peoples, all over the world, who had lived and died, then their souls which are presently at rest in "Barzak"² will be reconstituted back into their human bodies. Then they will appear before Almighty God and held accountable for their compliance in deeds and misdeeds, during their entire material life on Earth. Some of the details with quotations from the Holy Qur'an have been given authoritatively, in the discussions below.

Discussions on Resurrection:

- 1) The complete cycle of the human soul has been stressed at several places within the sublime texts of the Holy Qur'an. In a nutshell, the cycle commences with introduction of the soul in a woman as mother, birth of child, life in this world as performance compliance within the boundaries of the Holy Qur'an, death of the material human body and separation of the soul, interim rest in Barzak, resurrection of the person back into the same state before death and presentation before Almighty God for Judgement. It does not matter the circumstances of any person's death, that person's body will be reconstituted back into material human format. This is stipulated in the Holy Qur'an at **HQ75:3-15** *"Does man think that We shall not gather his bones? Indeed, We are Powerful to make complete his whole make. But man desires to go on doing evil in front of him. He asks: When is the day of Resurrection? So when the sight is confused, and the moon becomes dark, and the sun and the moon are brought together — man will say on that day: Where to flee? No! There is no refuge! With your Lord on that day is the place of rest. Man will that day be informed of what he sent on ahead and what he put off. Indeed, man is evidence against himself, though he put up excuses."* The actual process as stated in this quotation will be explained below, together with scientific terms of their findings in recent

¹ The "event" is taken to mean the end of this universe and so to the end of this world, thus commencing resurrection, in readiness to the Great Day of Judgement.

² Barzak is a timeless storage of souls after their material human bodies had died and perished into the Earth. Indeed Barzak is a barrier between material (physical) world and spiritual life. All persons, commencing from Prophet Adam (*as*) to all persons in current cycle who have died, are stored in Barzak. Souls are spiritual and not material and accordingly there will not be shortage of space for storage of souls, when all those souls will be resurrected and then judged for their deeds and misdeeds during their entire physical life on Earth.

decades, proving the superlative and incomparable exactness of the Holy Qur'an, revealed more than 1,400 years³ previously. What a contrast!

- 2) Notwithstanding various Ordinances given throughout the texts of the Holy Qur'an, stipulating Resurrection Day and deemed consequential events leading to it in preparation for that Great Day of Judgement, many not-Muslim people still dismiss those divine scriptural warnings as religious hoax. The Holy Qur'an warns such people at **HQ22:5** *"O people, if you are in doubt about the Resurrection, then surely We created you from dust, then from a small life-germ⁴, then from a clot, then from a lump of flesh, complete in make and incomplete, that We may make clear to you. And We cause what We please to remain in the wombs till an appointed time, then We bring you forth as babies, then that you may attain your maturity. And some of you are caused to die, while some of you are brought back to the worst part of life, knowing nothing after having knowledge. And you see the earth barren, but when We send down water upon it, it stirs and swells and brings forth a beautiful (growth) of every kind."*
- 3) This discussion paper is a Muslim religious discussion paper and not a science discussion paper. References to science have been made marginally, only insofar as to prove the immaculate and magnificent correctness of the Holy Qur'an.
- 4) Scientists of our current age are now coming forth with the very facts, which were already established in the Holy Qur'an more than 1,400 years ago, regarding the destruction of the whole universe and so to the end of this world. Before Resurrection Day eventuates, the entire planetary system in the universe will commence their total systematic collapse and planetary disintegration and finally leading into material nothingness. Scientists call it the Black Hole Theory⁵.

³ Much of what is considered as new scientific discoveries, were already in the Holy Qur'an as laws of nature.

⁴ Human embryogenesis is the process of cell division and cellular differentiation of the embryo that occurs during the early stages of development. In biological terms, human development entails growth from a one-celled zygote to an adult human being. Fertilization occurs when the sperm cell successfully enters and fuses with an egg cell (ovum). The genetic material of the sperm and egg then combine to form a single cell called a zygote and the germinal stage of prenatal development commences. There are 12 distinct steps which take 23 days. This scientific explanation proves that the Holy Qur'an is so exactly correct, right from the very first revelation, more than 1,400 years previously.

⁵ The Black Hole Theory and the Big Crunch Theory are one and same and opposite of the Big Bang Theory. Scientists have been following and have predicted, that when the Big Bang Theory actually happened, all the eight planets were flung out with rapid momentum, and commenced cooling off as they continued to move away from the Sun and into their fixed orbits. Currently the Universe is still expanding away from the Sun but gradually slowing down to a few centimetres yearly. The universe is without boundary. Once that expanding force becomes neutral, all the planets will commence a reversal movement, collapse, implode and finally collide into one small but extremely powerful dense energy. Black Holes absorb all light at same speed of light and do not reflect light. A black hole does not have a surface, like a planet or star. Instead, it is a region of space where matter has collapsed in on itself. This catastrophic collapse results in a huge amount of mass being concentrated in an incredibly small area. This is called singularity. That is one reason why Black Holes

- 5) Almighty God states in the Holy Qur'an, that after the universe has reached the full term of expansions, Almighty God will then contract the universe; leading to the destruction of the universe by process of extreme compression (which scientists call today as the Black Hole Theory). This will be the end of the current creation session we are enjoying, into nothingness: In simple and direct terms, it means end of this world! The Holy Qur'an describes this process at two readings **HQ69:13-18** *"So when the trumpet is blown with a single blast, and the earth and the mountains are borne away and crushed with one crash — on that day will the Event come to pass, and the heaven will be split apart; so that day it will be frail, and the angels will be on its sides. And above them eight will bear that day your Lord's Throne of Power. On that day you will be exposed to view — no secret of yours will remain hidden."* **HQ21:104** *"The day when We roll up heaven like the rolling up of the scroll of writings. As We began the first creation, We shall reproduce it. A promise (binding) on Us. We shall bring it about."*
- 6) The inference from the Holy Qur'an is that our current universe is not the first time ever that Almighty God has created this universe; there are other universes⁶ and some of which have already been destroyed into Black Holes⁷. This inference is in the historical narration, which is stated in the Holy Qur'an at **HQ77:7-14** *"Surely what you are promised will come to pass. So when the stars are made to disappear, and when the heaven is torn apart, and when the mountains are carried away as dust, and when the messengers are made to reach their appointed time, to what day is the doom fixed? To the day of Decision. And what will make you comprehend what the day of Decision is?"*
- 7) In Islam and according to the Holy Qur'an, each and every soul will be paid the rewards or corrective action for their deeds or misdeeds after the death of the material human body: that feature will happen on Resurrection Day. Death is absolutely unavoidable and stated so in the Holy Qur'an at **HQ3:185** *"Every soul must taste of death. And you will be paid your reward fully only on the day of Resurrection. Then whoever is removed far from the Fire and is made to enter the Garden, he indeed attains the object. And the life of this world is nothing but a provision of vanities."*
- 8) Those souls, which are faultless, will find their way to Heaven and those, which are sinful, will be taken to Hell as reprimand for defying the Commandments of Almighty God. Reprimand in Hell is only for a prescribed period of time in

cannot be seen using telescopes. Unexplained gaps in the starry Milky Way may indicate formations of Black Holes in outer space.

⁶ There are numerous universes plotted throughout the incredibly massive Milky Way galaxy. Each universe contains several planets. The Almightyness of Almighty God is not restricted to just our universe.

⁷ Please refer to Footnote 4.

proportion to the extent of sin⁸ or misdeeds and finally all inmates will exit Hell. People must understand and be mindful of their simple origins from conception, birth, and life on earth, which requires compliance to scripture and then death of the material human body, and separation of the soul, which does not die. Almighty God alone shall be in Command and full control of all affairs on Resurrection Day.

- 9) On that Resurrection Day, no soul will be hidden or protected and all souls will be exposed and shown their deeds in chronological sequences with detailed replay of indisputable evidences. The Holy Qur'an gives a detailed rollout of sequence of events in the following three verses: **HQ45:26** *"Say: Allah gives you life, then makes you die, then will He gather you to the day of Resurrection, of which there is no doubt, but most people do not know."* **HQ19:95** *"And every one of them will come to Him on the day of Resurrection, alone."* **HQ17:13-14** *"And We have made every human being's actions to cling to his neck, and We shall bring forth to him on the day of Resurrection a book which he will find wide open. Read your book. Your own soul is sufficient as a reckoner against you this day."*
- 10) Judgement on Resurrection Day shall be in total fairness and no souls shall be wronged in the least. Almighty God will set up the most accurate scales of justice of His prescriptions. Those souls, which have done well in compliance even to the weight of a grain of mustard seed, shall be rewarded and those who have done wrong even to the weight of a grain of mustard seed shall be reprimanded in equal proportions of fairness. This promise is stated in the Holy Qur'an at **HQ21:47** *"And We will set up a just balance on the day of Resurrection, so no soul will be wronged in the least. And if there were the weight of a grain of mustard seed, We will bring it. And Sufficient are We to take account."* People on that Day will struggle to outsmart the others by shifting the blame on to them; but Almighty God clarifies in the Holy Qur'an, He will not allow that to happen. This is at **HQ39:30-31** *"Surely you will die and they (too) will die; then surely on the day of Resurrection you will contend with one another before your Lord."*
- 11) Almighty God had sent over 124,000⁹ prophets to every continent on Earth since creation of humanity. Every one of those prophets will appear as

⁸ Almighty God has His Own tariff of rewards and reprimand, and which are not negotiable by humans, when will be tried on the Great Day of Judgement. The reprimand will therefore differ according to the seriousness of sins and misdeeds.

⁹ Out of 124,000 Prophets, only 313 are Messengers (*Rasul*). Out of 313 Messengers, only 25 have been mentioned by name in the Holy Qur'an. Note: that every Messenger (*Rasul*) is also a Prophet, but every Prophet (*Nabi*) is not a Messenger. All of these 124,000 prophets were regular human beings who must eat food, drink water, breath air and need atmospheric pressure to stay alive. The figure of 124,000 prophets is quoted in Hadith No 21257 of *Musnad ibn Hanbal*. Prophet Muhammad (*pbuh*) was the Last and Final Prophet and after his death in 632AD, that sealed off all prophets of any description whatsoever being ordained by Divine revelations, to serve humanity on Earth. This is stated in the Holy Qur'an at **HQ33:40** *"Muhammad is not the father of any of your men, but he is the Messenger of Allah and the Seal of the prophets. And Allah is*

prosecution witness on Resurrection Day: that he delivered the correct messages about One God to the communities they served on Earth, including all the doing of prescribed correct things, and the stipulated refraining from doing of wrong things. This is stated in the Holy Qur'an at **HQ17:15** *"Whoever goes aright, goes aright only for the good of his own soul; and whoever goes astray, goes astray only to its detriment. And no bearer of a burden can bear the burden of another. Nor do We punish until We raise a messenger."*

12) After the Assembly of Messengers¹⁰ will commence the Great Day of Judgement. It would be prudent to close off this topic with three most fitting verses from the Holy Qur'an, as **HQ78:17-20** *"Surely the day of Decision is appointed — the day when the trumpet is blown, so you come forth in companies, and the heaven is opened so it becomes as doors, and the mountains are moved off, so they remain a (mere) semblance."* **HQ99:6-8** *"On that day people will come forth, in diverse bodies, that they may be shown their works. So whoever does an atom's weight of good will see it. And whoever does an atom's weight of evil will see it."* **HQ3:186** *"You will certainly be tried in your property and your persons. And you will certainly hear from those who have been given the Book before you and from the idolaters much abuse. And if you are patient and keep your duty, surely this is an affair of great resolution."*

13) The next Discussion Paper will be on Judgement Day.

Conclusions on Resurrection:

- a) Resurrection of people after the death of the material human body on Earth is both variously believed and explained in many other mainstream religious Faiths.
- b) Islam, which manifests Prophet Muhammad (*pbuh*) as the Final Prophet, with the final revealed scripture as the Holy Qur'an and Islam as the final revealed name of religion, sealed within the Holy Qur'an, without doubt replaces all previous religious principles, which got somewhat distorted over thousands of years.
- c) All peoples within entire humanity, regardless of their status, shall be held accountable for their deeds and misdeeds upon their resurrection. There is no escape clause in Holy Qur'an for exceptions to anybody.

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ever Knower of all things." Seal means total shutting off arrival of any prophet of whatsoever description: No new prophet and no re-entry of any of the past 124,000 prophets will eventuate.

¹⁰ Assembly of Messengers means: presence of all 124,000 past prophets. People will be tried and tested for Judgement against the particular scripture, which existed in their life on Earth. The prophets of their time preached from those scriptures of their time. This is in total fairness that people must never be tried and tested against any scripture, which did not exist in their lifetime on Earth. The Messengers will testify as principal witnesses: that they preached to those communities (and person under trial) accordingly, at those times.