

Last Day 10 – mentioning of life after death

QUESTION: In what different contexts does the Qur'an mention life after death?¹

ANSWER: Sometimes it mentions it in the context of Allah's ability to give life to the dead.

Ibrahim (Abraham) said to Allah:

My Lord, show me how You give life to the dead.

Soorah al Baqarah (the 2nd chapter) verse 260

Sometimes, the Resurrection is mentioned in the context of Allah being able to bring the dead back to life just as He created them in the first place; in fact it is easier than creating them in the first place:

If you are in doubt about the Resurrection, then indeed We have created you from dust!

Soorah al Hajj (the 22nd chapter) verse 5

Say (O Muhammad): He will give them life Who created them the first time!

Soorah YaSin (the 36th chapter) verse 79

Sometimes the Qur'an mentions the Resurrection after death in the context of Allah's creating the Heavens and the Earth, for the creation of these awesome matters is certainly more tremendous and amazing than returning man to life after his death:

Do they not see that Allah, Who created the Heavens and the Earth and was not troubled by creating them, is able to give life to the dead?

¹ Refer to al irshaad ilaa saheeh il i'tiqaad of Shaykh Saalih al Fawzaan p254 for more information

Soorah al Ahqaaf (the 46th chapter) verse 33

Sometimes the Qur'an mentions that the Resurrection is something necessary in order for people to be taken to account for their actions, because the Allah could not have created the creation for no purpose:

So did you think that We created you for no purpose at all and that you would not be returned back to Us?

Soorah al Mu'minoon (the 23rd chapter) verse 115

Sometimes, belief in the Resurrection after death and in the Last Day is coupled along with the very essence of Islam - namely, belief in Allah Himself – which shows the importance of the belief in life after death:

Fight against those who do not believe in Allah or in the Last Day..

Soorah at Tawbah (the 9th chapter) verse 29

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NEXT TIME: What effect should believing in the Last Day have upon the person?