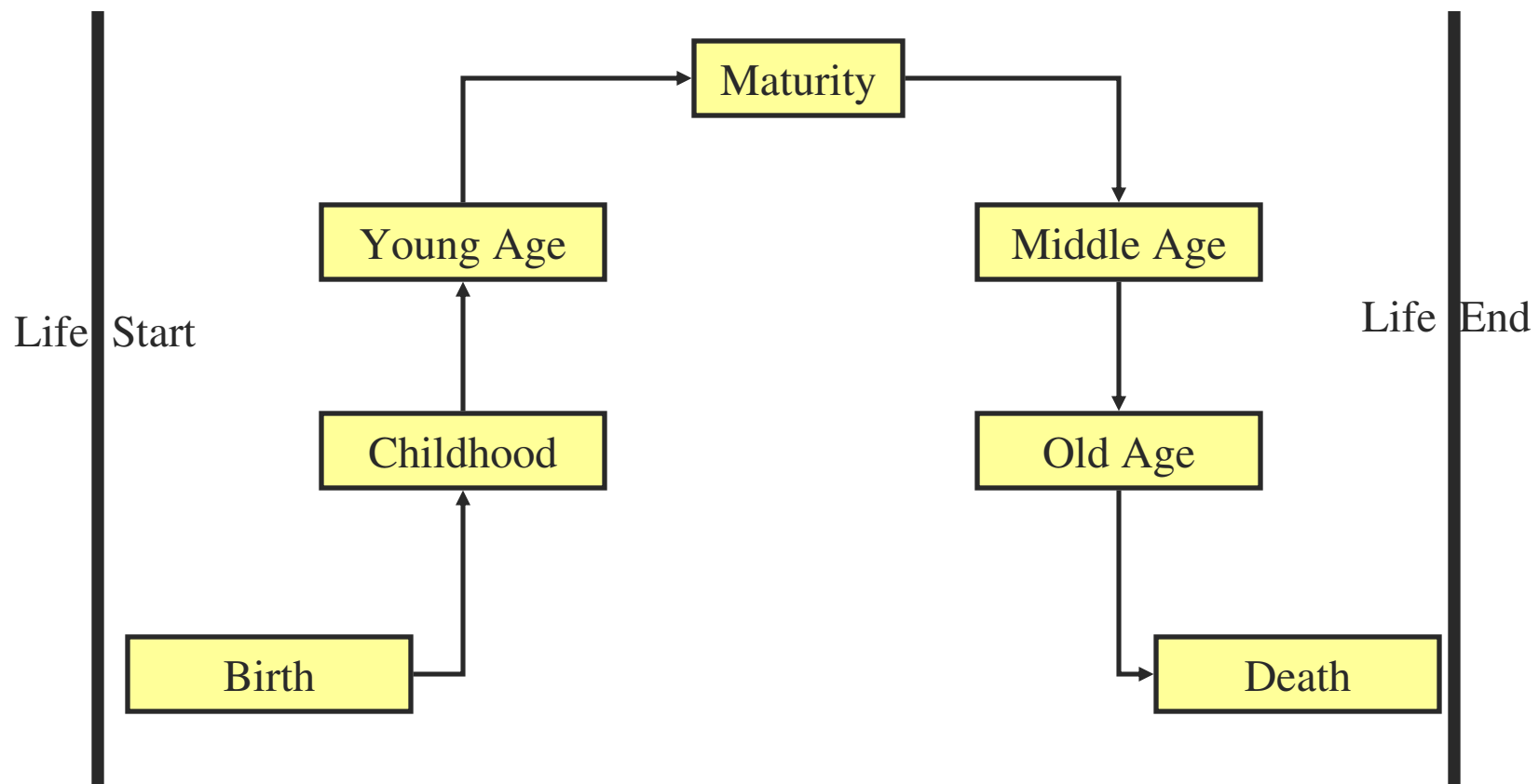


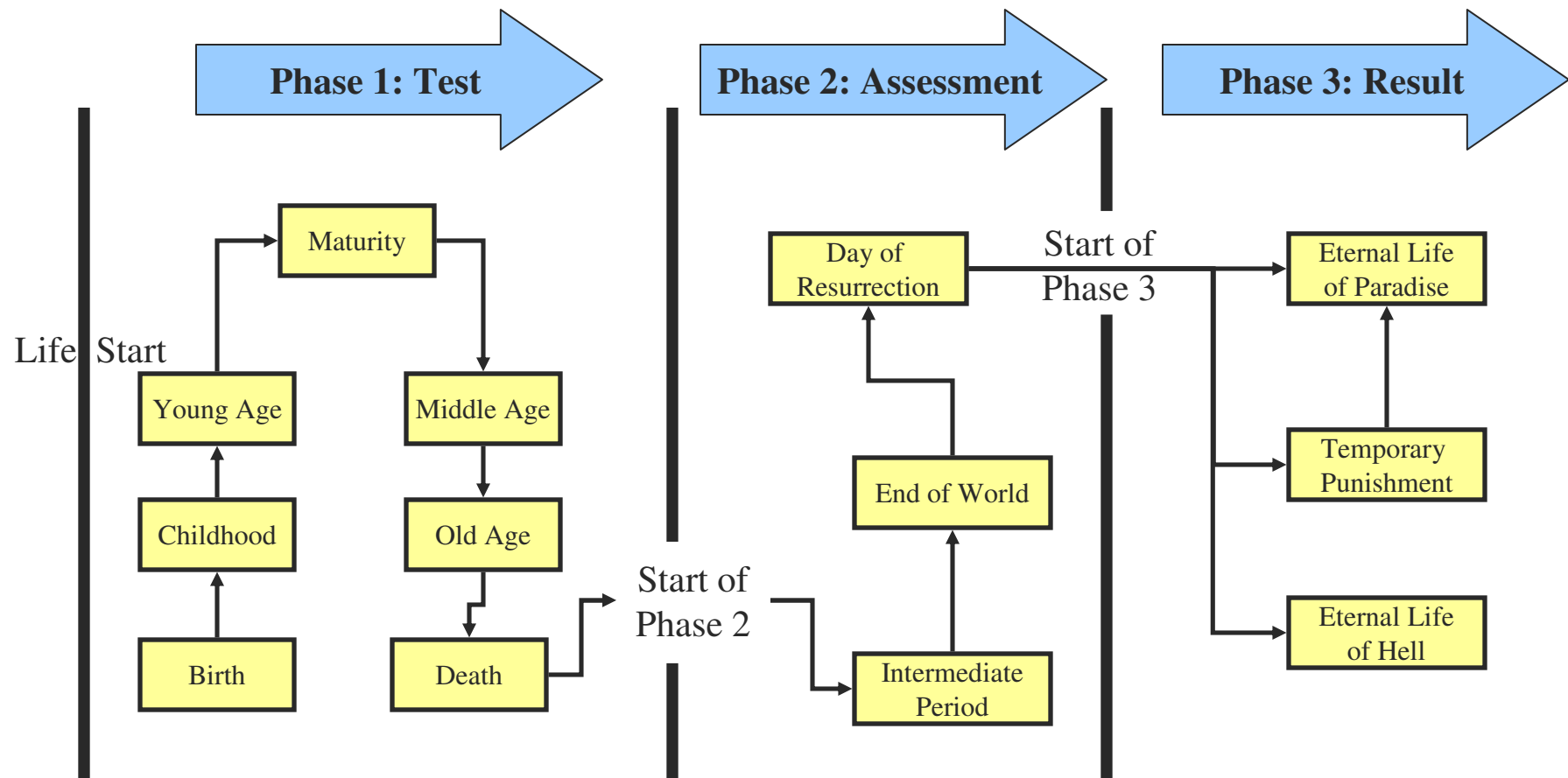
Quranic Concept of Human Life Cycle

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Ordinary Concept of Human Life Cycle



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Quranic Concept of Human Life Cycle

يَا أَيُّهَا النَّاسُ إِن كُنْتُمْ فِي رَيْبٍ مِّنَ الْبَعْثِ فَإِنَّا خَلَقْنَاكُمْ مِّن تُرَابٍ ثُمَّ مِّن نُّطْفَةٍ ثُمَّ مِّن عَلَقَةٍ ثُمَّ مِّن مُّضْغَةٍ مُّخَلَّقَةٍ وَغَيْرِ مُخَلَّقَةٍ لِّنُبَيِّنَ لَكُمْ وَتُقَرَّرُ فِي الْأَرْحَامِ مَا نَشَاءُ إِلَىٰ أَجَلٍ مُّسَمًّى ثُمَّ نُخْرِجُكُمْ طِفْلًا ثُمَّ لَتَبَلَّغُوا أَشُدَّكُمْ وَمِنْكُمْ مَّن يُّتَوَفَّىٰ وَمِنْكُمْ مَّن يُّرَدُّ إِلَىٰ أَرْدَلِ الْعُمُرِ لِكَيْلَا يَعْلَمَ مَن بَعْدَ عِلْمٍ شَيْئًا. وَتَرَى الْأَرْضَ هَامِدَةً فَإِذَا أَنزَلْنَا عَلَيْهَا الْمَاءَ اهْتَزَّتْ وَرَبَتْ وَأَبْتَّتْ مِن كُلِّ ذَوْجٍ بِهَيْجٍ.

ذَٰلِكَ بِأَنَّ اللَّهَ هُوَ الْحَقُّ وَأَنَّهُ يُحْيِي الْمَوْتَىٰ وَأَنَّهُ عَلَىٰ كُلِّ شَيْءٍ قَدِيرٌ. وَأَنَّ السَّاعَةَ آتِيَةٌ لَا رَيْبَ فِيهَا وَأَنَّ اللَّهَ يَبْعَثُ مَن فِي الْقُبُورِ.

وَمِنَ النَّاسِ مَن يُجَادِلُ فِي اللَّهِ بِغَيْرِ عِلْمٍ وَلَا هُدًى وَلَا كِتَابٍ مُّنِيرٍ. ثَانِي عَطْفُهُ لِيُضِلَّ عَن سَبِيلِ اللَّهِ لَهُ فِي الدُّنْيَا خِزْيٌ وَنُذِيقُهُ يَوْمَ الْقِيَامَةِ عَذَابَ الْحَرِيقِ. ذَٰلِكَ بِمَا قَدَّمْتَ يَدَاكَ وَأَنَّ اللَّهَ لَيْسَ بِظَلَامٍ لِلْعَبِيدِ.

وَمِنَ النَّاسِ مَن يَعْبُدُ اللَّهَ عَلَىٰ حَرْفٍ فَإِنْ أَصَابَهُ خَيْرٌ اطْمَأَنَّ بِهِ وَإِنْ أَصَابَتْهُ فَتْنَةٌ انْقَلَبَ عَلَىٰ وَجْهِهِ خَسِرَ الدُّنْيَا وَالْآخِرَةَ ذَٰلِكَ هُوَ الْخُسْرَانُ الْمُبِينُ. يَدْعُوا مَن دُونِ اللَّهِ مَا لَا يَنْفَعُهُ وَمَا لَا يَضُرُّهُ وَمَا لَا يَنْفَعُهُ ذَٰلِكَ هُوَ الضَّلَالُ الْبَعِيدُ. يَدْعُوا لَمَن ضُرُّهُ أَقْرَبُ مَن نَّفَعَهُ لَبِئْسَ الْمَوْلَىٰ وَلَبِئْسَ الْعَشِيرُ.

إِنَّ اللَّهَ يُدْخِلُ الَّذِينَ آمَنُوا وَعَمِلُوا الصَّالِحَاتِ جَنَّاتٍ تَجْرِي مِن تَحْتِهَا الْأَنْهَارُ إِنَّ اللَّهَ يَفْعَلُ مَا يُرِيدُ. (الحج 14-22:5)

Quranic Concept of Human Life Cycle

Phase 1 of Human Life

- O mankind! If you have a doubt about the Resurrection, (consider) that We created you out of dust, then out of *sperm*, then out of a *leech-like clot*, then out of a morsel of *flesh*, partly formed and partly unformed, in order that We may manifest (our power) to you; and We cause whom We will to rest in the wombs for an appointed term, then do We bring you out as *babies*, then (foster you) that you may reach your *age of full strength*; and some of you are called to *die*, and some are sent back to the *feeblest old age*, so that they know nothing after having known (much), and (further), you see the earth barren and lifeless, but when We pour down rain on it, it is stirred (to life), it swells, and it puts forth every kind of beautiful growth (in pairs).
- This is so, because God is the Reality: it is He Who gives life to the dead, and it is He Who has power over all things. And verily the Hour will come: there can be no doubt about it, or about (the fact) that God will *raise up all who are in the graves*.

Quranic Concept of Human Life Cycle

Phase 2 & 3 of Human Life

- Yet there is among men such a one as disputes about God, without Knowledge, without Guidance, and without a Book of Enlightenment. (Disdainfully) bending his side, in order to lead (men) astray from the Path of God. for him there is disgrace in this life, and on the Day of Judgment We shall make him taste the ***Penalty of burning (Fire)***. (It will be said): "This is because of the deeds which thy hands sent forth, for verily God is not unjust to His servants.
- There are among men some who serve God, as it were, on the boundary line: if good befalls them, they are, therewith, well content; but if a trial comes to them, they turn on their faces: they lose both this world and the Hereafter: that is loss for all to see! They call on such gods, besides God, as can neither hurt nor profit them: that is straying far indeed (from the Way)! (Perhaps) they call on one whose hurt is nearer than his profit: evil, indeed, is the patron, and evil the companion (or help)!
- Verily God will admit those who believe and work righteous deeds, to ***Gardens, beneath which rivers flow***: for God carries out all that He plans. (Al Hajj 22:5-14)

The Creation Plan of God

God created trillions of creatures

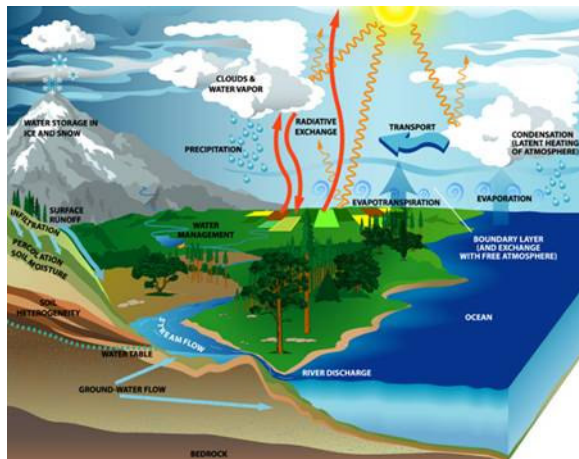


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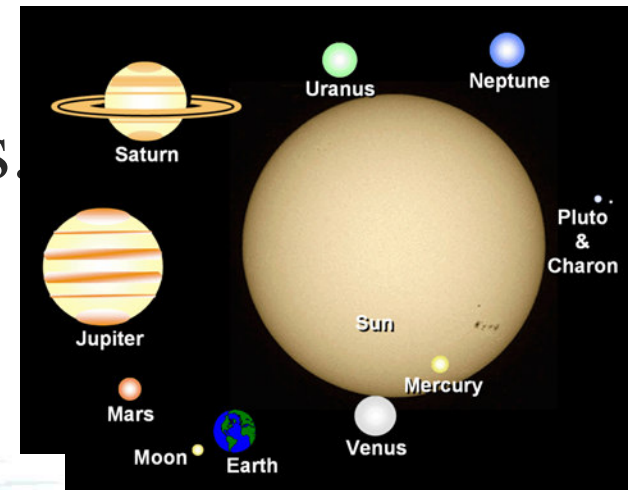
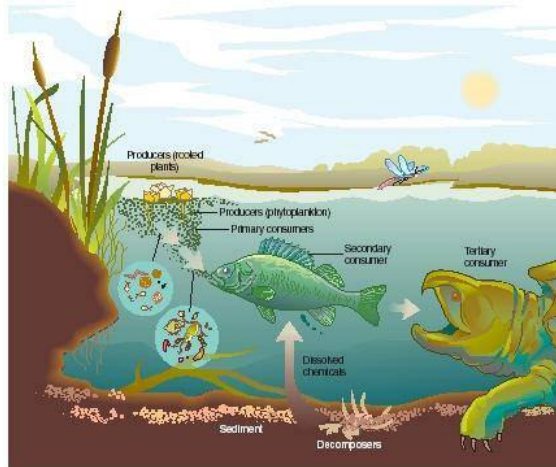


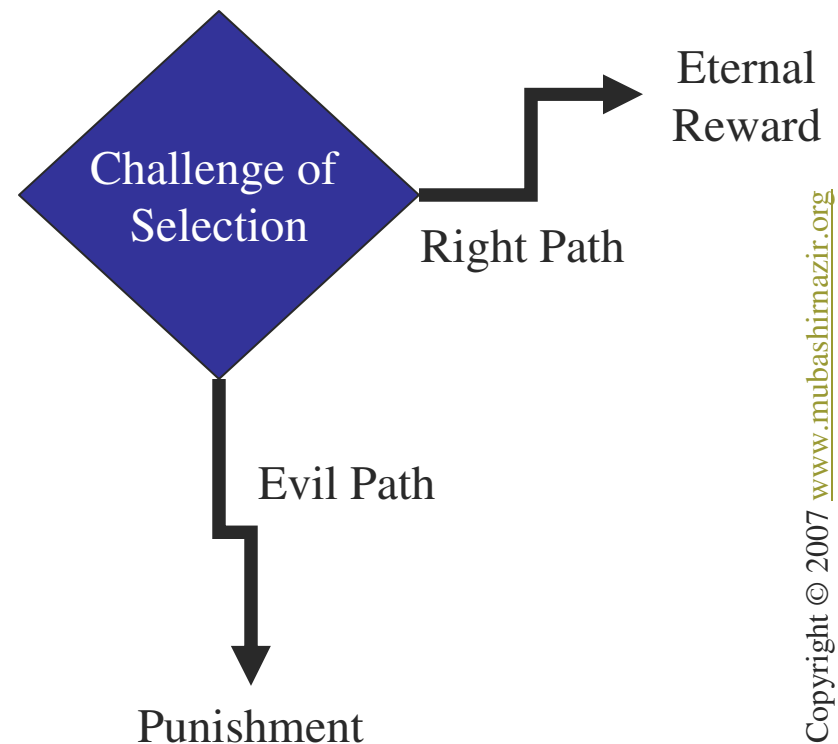
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The Creation Plan of God

- He presented a challenge to the creatures. The challenge was that the God will provide the authority to select the right or wrong path.
- If the acceptor will choose the right path with its own will, the God will bless it with an eternal life. If the acceptor will select the wrong path with its own will, the God will punish it.
- This authority of selecting right or wrong path was given as a test.



The Creation Plan of God

- The human being accepted this challenge whereas the other creatures refused to accept this challenge.
- The God provided human being with the power to rule over other creatures.



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Phase 1: The Test Life

The Birth

- We (God) created you out of dust;
- then out of sperm;
- then out of a leech-like clot;
- then out of a morsel of flesh, partly formed and partly unformed, in order that We may manifest (our power) to you;
- and We cause whom We will to rest in the wombs for an appointed term;
- then do We bring you out as babies,

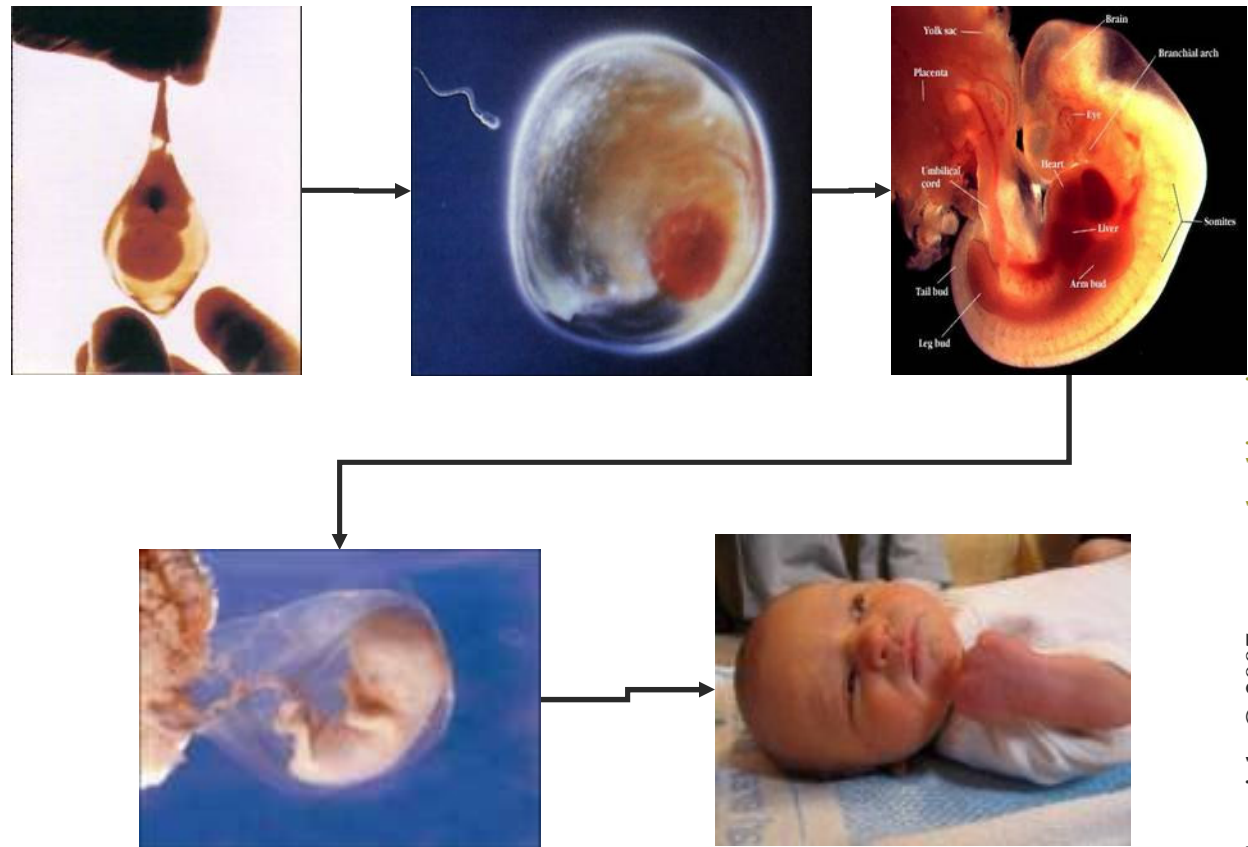
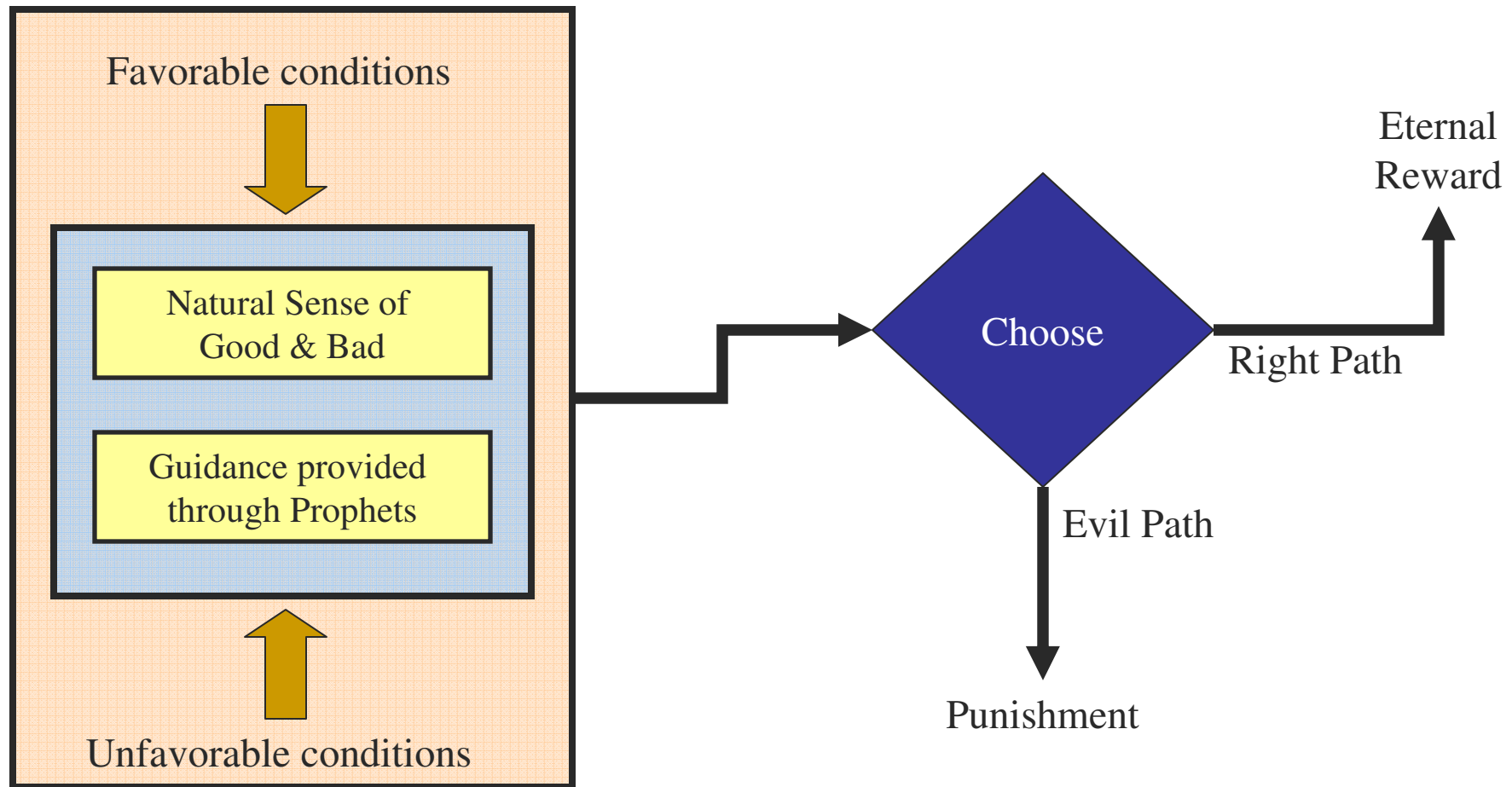


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The Maturity Age

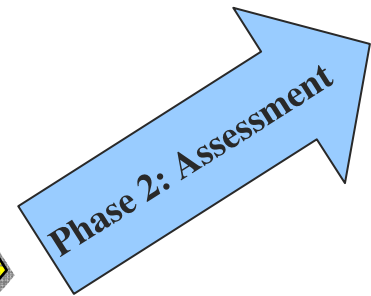
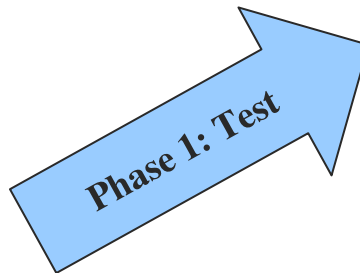


The Death

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تُرْجَعُونَ- (العنكبوت 29:57)

*Everyone shall have a taste
of death. In the end, you
shall be brought back to Us.*

Death is not the end of our life.
It is simply a door to the next
phase of our life.





Phase 2: Assessment

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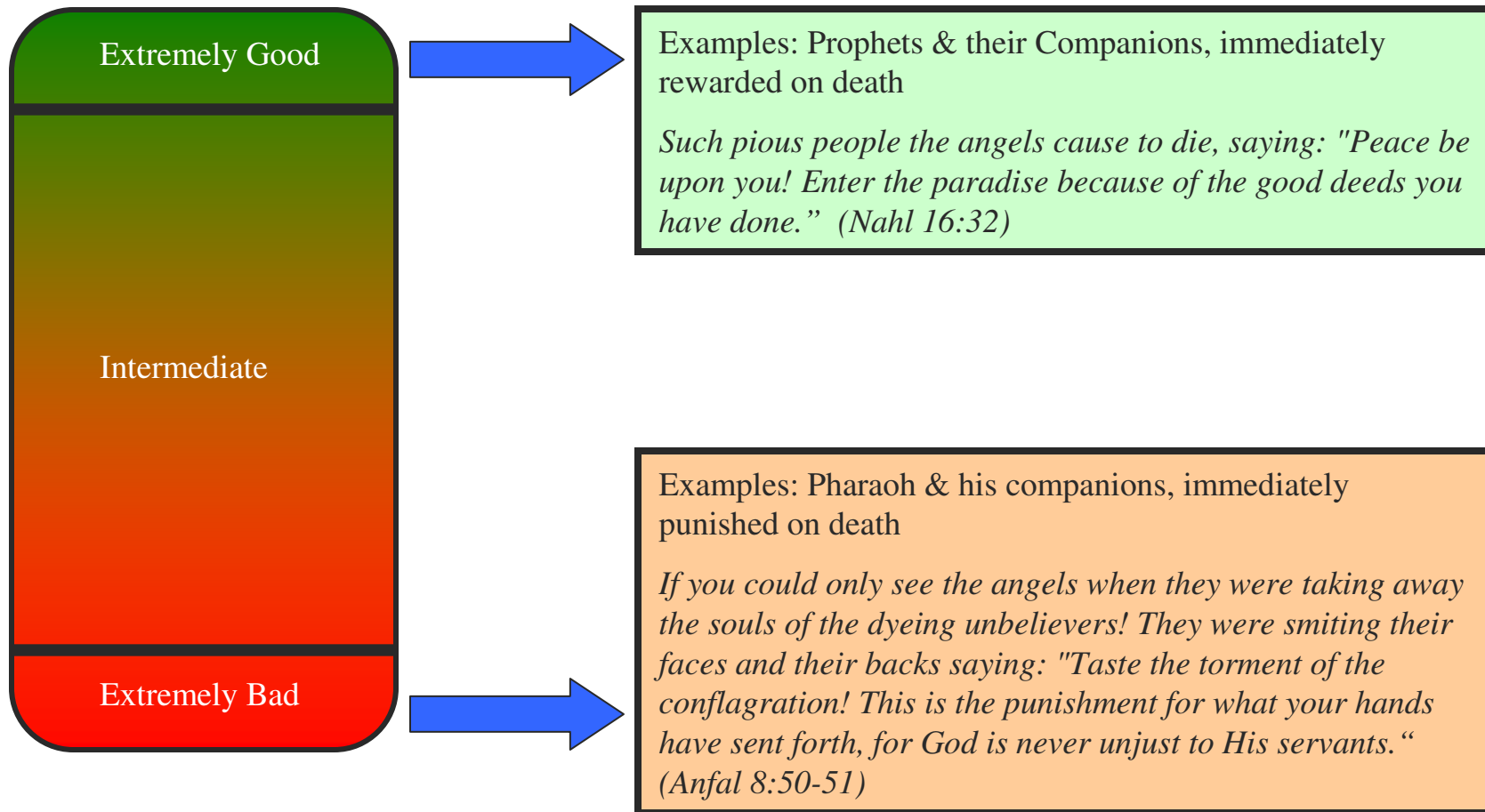
The Intermediate Period (Barzakh)

- The grave is a term used for the intermediate period after death till the Day of Judgement.
- After death, an initial assessment will be made.
- Some people will be rewarded or punished immediately from this time.
- Other people will be kept asleep till the Day of Judgement



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The Intermediate Period (Barzakh)



End of the World

*The **Trumpet** shall be blown, and all that is in the heavens and the earth shall swoon except those whom God will please to exempt. (Zumr 39:68)*



*When the sun will cease to shine; when the **stars will loose their brilliancy**; (Takvir 81:1-2)*

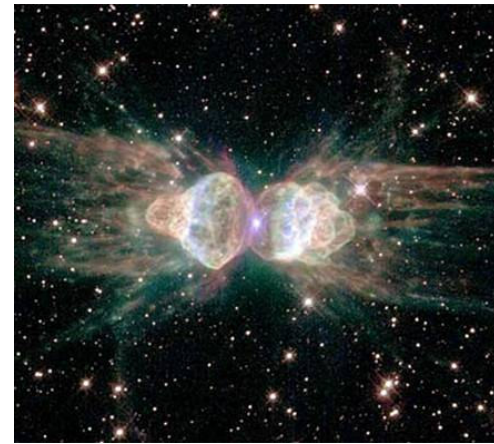
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End of the World

*When the heaven will cleft asunder; when the **stars will scatter**; when the **oceans will be torn apart**; and when the **graves will be laid open**. (Infitar 82:1-4)*



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The Day of Resurrection

*On that Day We shall **roll up the heavens** like a scroll of writings; just as We originated the first creation, so shall We produce it again - that is Our promise, and We will fulfil it. (Anbiya 21:104)*



*Then the **Trumpet** will be blown for the second time and behold! They shall all **stand up**, looking around.. (Zumr 39:68). They will rise up from their graves and **hasten to their Lord**. (Yaseen 36:51)*

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The Day of Resurrection

*On the Day of Resurrection the whole earth shall be in **His grasp** and all the heavens shall be **rolled up** in His right hand. Glory be to Him! Exalted be He above what they associate with Him. (Zumr 39:67)*

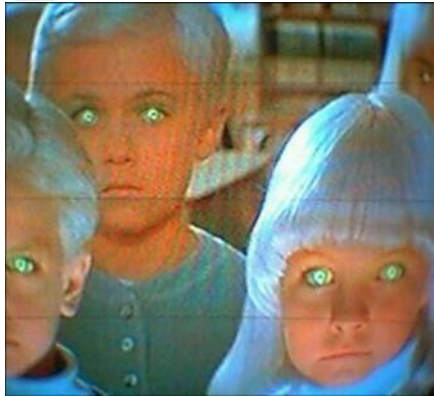


*It will be the Day when no one shall have the power to do anything for another: for, on that Day, the God shall keep the **entire command to Himself**. (Infitar 82: 19)*

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The Day of Resurrection



*That Day which shall turn the **children grey-headed**, the heaven shall split asunder, and His promise shall be fulfilled. (Muzzammil 73:17-18)*

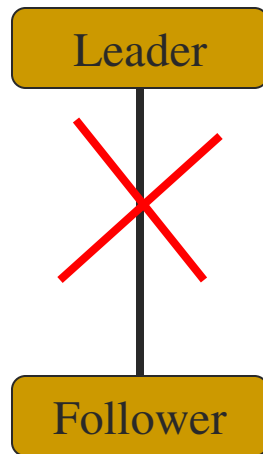
*On that Day each man shall flee from his own brother, his mother and his father, his wife and his children. For each one of them, on that Day, shall have enough **concern of his own** to make him indifferent to the others.*

*Some faces on that Day shall be **shining, smiling and joyful**. And some faces on that Day shall be **dusty and veiled with darkness**. These shall be the faces of the disbelieving wicked. (Abas 80:33-42)*

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The Day of Resurrection



*On that Day those **leaders** who were being followed, when faced with their punishment, will **renounce** those who followed them and the bonds which united them will break asunder. The followers will say: "If it could be possible for us to live again, we would renounce them as they have renounced us today." (Baqarah 2:166-167)*

*Ultimately you all shall return to God; then He will **show you the truth** of those matters in which you **dispute**. (Maida 5:48)*

The Assessment

*On the Day of Judgement We shall set up **scales of justice** so that no one will be dealt with unjustly in any way; even if someone has an act as small as a grain of a mustard seed, We will bring it to account, and sufficient are We to **settle the accounts**. (Anbiya 21:47)*



*Guard yourselves against the Day on which one soul **shall not avail** another - **no intercession** shall be accepted, **no ransom** shall be taken and **no help** shall be given. (Baqarah 2:48)*

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The Assessment

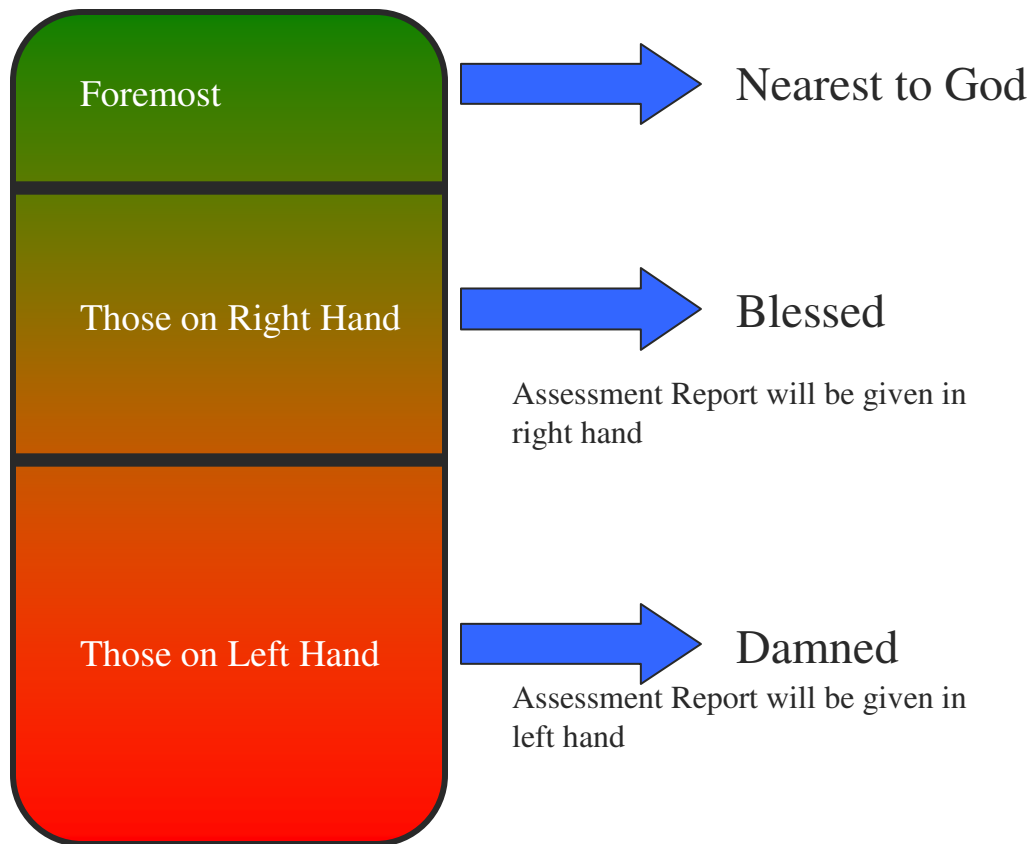
*The earth will be shining with the light of her Lord, the **Book of record** will be laid open, the **Prophets and other witnesses** will be brought in, and justice shall be done between people with all **fairness**: none shall be wronged. Every soul will be paid in full according to its deeds, for He knows fully well as to what they did. (Zumr 39:69-70)*

*Finally when they reach there, their **ears**, their **eyes**, and their **skins will testify** to their misdeeds. And they will ask their skins: "Why did you testify against us?" Their skins will reply: "The God Who gives the faculty of speech to everything, has made us speak. He is the One Who created you to begin with, and now to Him you are being brought back. (Ha Mim Sajda 41:20-21)*



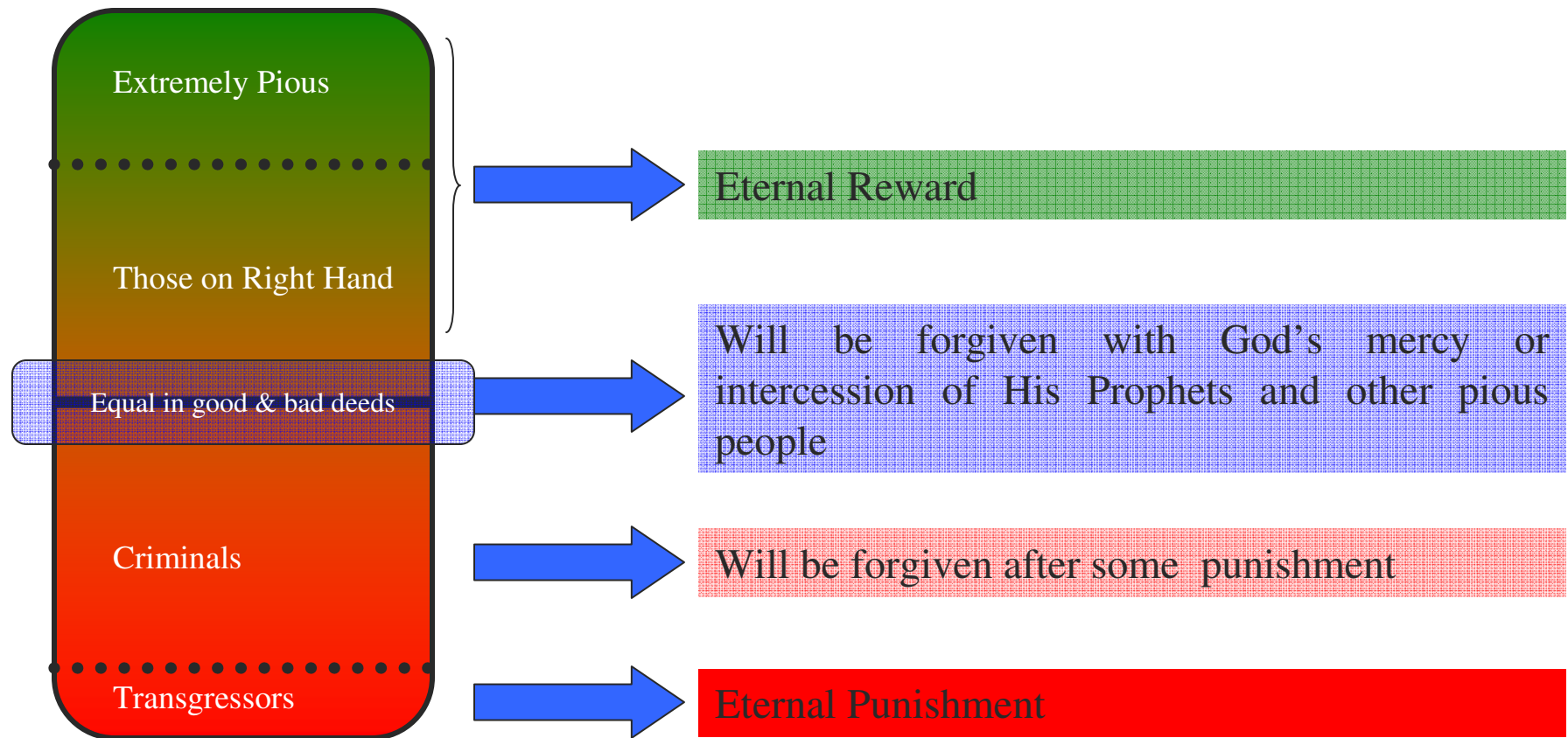
Phase 3: Reward

Groups of People after Assessment



*Then you shall be divided into three groups: Those on the right hand - how **blessed** shall be the people of the right hand; those on the left hand - how **damned** shall be the people of the left hand; and foremost shall be the **foremost**. They will be nearest to God.
(Waqiah 56:7-11)*

Different Grades of Punishable People



Intercession

*He knows what is before them and what is behind them and they do not intercede **except for the one whom He approves**, and for fear of Him they tremble. (Anbiya 21:28)*

*On that Day, the Spirit (Gabriel) and the angels shall stand in their ranks; none shall speak **except the one to whom the Compassionate (God) shall grant permission to speak, and he will speak straight to the point.** (Naba 78:38)*

*On that Day, no intercession will avail **except the one to whom the Beneficent (God) shall grant permission** and would like to give him a hearing. (Taha 20:109)*

Prophet Muhammad (Sall Allah Alaihi wa sallam) will be the first person who will start intercession. (Muslim)

Objective of intercession is to demonstrate the distinctive position of pious people on the Day of Judgement.

The Life of Hell

*For sure, the hell shall lie in ambush, to become a home for the **transgressors**. There they shall live for ages, in it they shall taste neither refreshment nor drink, except **scalding water** and decaying filth: a fitting recompense for their deeds.*

*(This punishment is) for they never expected to be **accountable**, and **wittingly rejected Our revelations**. But We had recorded everything in a Book. It will be said: "Taste the fruits of your deeds! You shall have nothing but increase in punishment. "(Naba 78:21-30)*

The Life of Hell

*What will make you understand, what that hell is? It is **burning fire** which leaves nothing and spares none. It **shrivels human flesh**. (Muddathir 74:27-29)*



*They shall have no food except **bitter thorny fruit**, which will neither provide nourishment nor satisfy hunger. (Ghashia 88:6-7) They will be given **scalding water** which will cut their intestines into pieces? (Muhammad 47:15)*

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The Life of Hell

Indeed on that Day, they shall be debarred from the vision of their Lord. (Mutaffafin 83:15)

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The Life of Paradise

*So God will deliver them from the evil of that Day, and bestow on them **freshness and joy**, and reward them, for their steadfastness with gardens and garments of silk.*

*There they shall be reclining upon high couches; they shall feel neither the scorching heat nor the biting cold. The trees of paradise will spread their **shade around them**, and their **fruits** will hang in clusters within their easy reach. (Dhahar 76: 11-14)*



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The Life of Paradise

*They shall be served with silver dishes, goblets of **crystal**, and goblets made of crystal-clear silver, filled by their attendants in due measure.*

*They will also be given to drink a cup of **drink** mixed with Zanjabil (ginger-flavored water), from a fountain, called Salsabil. (Dhahar 76: 15-18)*



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The Life of Paradise



Our current life is so beautiful,
imagine how beautiful will be
the life of paradise?????



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Is Quranic Concept of Human Life Cycle Logical????

Ask a few questions from yourself!!!

- Do you think that some deeds are good and some others are bad?
- If yes, do you believe in justice?
- If yes, do you think that a good person should be rewarded and a bad person should be punished?
- If yes, do you think that good people receive a perfect reward and bad people are punished correctly in this world?
- If no, then do you consider this world “perfect”?
- If no, then it means that our logic suggests us that there must be a perfect world, otherwise human life is simply a mess.

Quran tells us that there is a life after our present life and that life will be a perfect life, where good people will be rewarded perfectly and bad people will receive a full punishment of their crimes.

Empirical Evidence relevant to Quranic Concept of Human Life Cycle

Not only the logic, empirical evidence is also available to prove that another life is waiting for us. Guess the names of these places!!!!



If you are interested in details of this evidence, see the presentation, “[Empirical Evidence related to Life After Death](#)”.

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What to do now to be Successful in the Test????

- Believe in God, His Prophets, Life after death, Angels and Holy Books
- Strengthen your commitment to ethics and Divine Law
- Strive in spreading the God's message to others
- If you commit a mistake, do not stay over it, seek forgiveness from the God and submit yourself to him

because

*By the time through the ages! Surely mankind is in loss, except those who **believe and do good deeds; exhort one another to the truth and exhort one another to patience.** (Asr 103:1-3)*



The End

Thank You