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Last Day 10 - The Qur'aan's mentioning life after death in different contexts

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

ANSWER:

Sometimes it mentions it in the context of Allaah's ability to give life to the dead.

Ibraaheem (Abraham) said to Allaah:

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 Allaah 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'aan mentions the Resurrection after death in the context of Allaah's creating the Heavens and the Earth, for the creation of these awesome matters is certainly more tremendous and amazing that returning man to life after his death:

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

[Soorah al Ahqaaf (the 46th chapter) verse 33]

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

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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 Allaah Himself – which shows the importance of the belief in life after death:

Fight against those who do not believe in Allaah or in the Last Day... [Soorah at Tawbah (the 9th chapter) verse 29]