

**Last Day 30 – The reckoning of a person’s deeds**

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**QUESTION:** How do people get taken to account for their deeds on the Day of Judgement?

**ANSWER:**

There are a number of issues to discuss here.

The first is that nothing that we do escapes Allaah. This is in contrast with the situation in this life where many people do wrong things, stealing, killing, fraud, etc and “get away with it” – that is to say that no one takes them to account for that.

However Muslims believe that Allaah is aware of everything that we do, whether it be actions done in full public view or actions done in the utmost privacy where no one else can see. Indeed Allaah is aware of our thoughts and intentions to do actions. So, to quote a cliché, there is “nowhere to hide”.

Islam therefore teaches that none of our actions done in this worldly life will be hidden from Allaah on the Day where we are taken to account – not even our innermost thoughts nor the actions that we had forgotten about.

This is mentioned in several places in the Qur’aan:

**On the Day when Allaah will resurrect them all together and inform them of what they did. Allaah has kept account of it, while they had forgotten it. And Allaah is Witness over all things.**

[Soorah al Mujadilah (the 58th chapter) aayah 6]

**And they will say (on the Day of Judgement) “Woe to us! What is this Book (of the person’s deeds) which leaves nothing small or big except that it has enumerated it?”**

[Soorah al Kahf (the 18th chapter) aayah 49]

Although we worry a great deal nowadays about the intrusion of the state in our private lives, there are still parts of our lives which remain absolutely private from the CCTV and computer monitoring that goes on without our knowledge.

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So how much more worried we should be about a Record which does not miss anything out from our lives – nothing whatsoever, not our actions, nor the things we look at or eat or drink or say, not even the thoughts that we have!

Yet one does not have to look far to see the many people, both non Muslims and Muslims, acting as though they will never get taken to account for what they think and do.