

Last Day 32 - The reckoning of the non Muslim's deeds

Based on the works of Shaykh Saalih al Fawzaan (حفظه الله)

Compiled by Abu Abdirrahmaan Nasser ibn Najam

Checked by Aboo Talhah Daawood Burbank (رَحِمَهُ اللهُ)

بِسْمِ اللَّهِ الرَّحْمَنِ الرَّحِيمِ

QUESTION: Do the non Muslims get taken to account in the Hereafter for their actions?

ANSWER:

Before answering this question, it is necessary to remind ourselves of some of the key points which have been covered in the previous articles.

Islam teaches that it is not the case that all religions and beliefs are correct; there is no concept of "all the spokes lead to the centre of the wheel". However much this might annoy non Muslims and atheists - and even some Muslims - who see this as being a very intolerant point of view, there can be no disguising the fact that Islam sees Islam as being the only religion that is acceptable to Allaah.

Islam is the religion of Tawheed and all its manifestations, whether they be prayer, fasting, charity, pilgrimage, helping the needy, visiting the ill, etc. It is the only religion which believes in the truthfulness of all the Prophets whom Allaah sent to teach people Tawheed. It was the religion of all the Prophets but their scriptures – with the exception of the Qur'aan – have all been corrupted, changed and edited over time.

And since the advent of Muhammad (may perfect peace and security be upon him), Islam is the religion that abrogates and cancels out all the remnants of the teachings of the previous Prophets.

Or we can perhaps try to look at this in a different way:

Our own inherent instincts tell us that there is a Creator.

Since there is a Creator, then He is the only One who deserves to have worship in all its many forms – whether that be prayer, reliance, supplication, fear, awe, etc – directed to Him. It is impossible for us to know exactly what He wants of us, so we are in need of some guidance in this. This guidance was sent in the form of Prophets and scriptures.

It is inconceivable that a Merciful Creator (a description which all religions have somewhere in their beliefs) would leave us completely in the dark about why we are here, what we should do that will benefit us and what He wants from us.

Last Day 32 - The reckoning of the non Muslim's deeds

It is also impossible to believe that this Creator would allow all of His revelation to Mankind to become corrupted so that we would have no idea of the Truth.

So there must be a revelation and a revealed set of laws still in existence, unchanged and unchangeable, which teach us about our Creator, what He is like (telling us this in a limited manner), what He wants from us, what will happen to us if we obey Him or if we disobey Him -all in a manner that is understandable to the young and the old, intelligent and less intelligent, man and woman.

And this is Islam.

So now we start to see how great a mistake it is for someone to reject all of these matters – how much the person must have suppressed their own in built belief in the Creator, gone against all the signs in the Creation that there is only one Creator and gone against the natural desire to worship the Creator, gone against their own curiosity which would encourage them to learn about their Creator and investigate what different people believe about their Creator, etc.

And therefore it should not be a surprise to learn that Islam teaches that the non Muslims have no weighing of their good deeds versus their bad deeds on the Day of Resurrection. They will be forced to confess to their deeds, and they will confess to them. But there will be no good deeds for them to outweigh their bad deeds, for the crime of disbelieving in Islam nullifies all their deeds of charity and kindness, etc that they may have done in this life.