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**Part One**

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Chapter One

The Definition of Death and Life

in Quranic Verses

**Creation of Death and Life**

« الَّذِى خَلَقَ الْمَوْت وَ الحَيَوةَ ...!» ( ملک / 2 )

## *" Allah is the One Who created death and Life…!"*

## *(Holy Quran, Malek:2.)*

## It reveals from the teachings of Holy Quran that, Death does not mean Non-Existence, but it means a Transference, and it is a Being that is Created as Life.

## The word "life" applies to something that it has a quality, for the sake of having such state it enjoys Consciousness and Will.

## The word "Death" means not having that state. There is, of course, something that comes out of the teachings of Quran, it takes another meaning, namely, the same Being, having the intelligence and will, makes a Transfer from one stage of life to other stages. The Holy Quran names this Transmission only, the Death, though it has not lost its consciousness and will.

**( Almizan: V. 19, P. 585.)**

The Purpose of the Creation

of the Death and Life

« الَّذِى خَلَقَ الْمَوْت وَ الحَيَوةَ لِيَبْلُوَكُمْ أَيُّكمْ أَحْسنُ عَمَلاً وَ هُوَ الْعَزِيزُ الْغَفُورُ!» ( ملک/2)

## *" Allah is the One Who created death and Life* *that He may try which of you is best in deed:*

## *and He is the Exalted in Might, Oft-Forgiving …!"*

## *(Holy Quran, Malek:2.)*

## "… He may try which of you is best in deed!"

This Verse represents the **Purpose** of the **Creation** of **Death** and **Life**: That is, the Almighty God created you so that you first be a **Living Creature**, and then **Die**. This kind of Creation is a **Pre-Creation** and **Test**. This is only to test you to **distinguish** your **Bad** from **Good**. To **find out** that which one you **act** **better** than the other. It turns out that this test and this distinction is for **another purpose**, for the **reward and punishment** that mankind **will face** with.

The above Verse also refers to the fact that the **Essential Purpose** of the **Creation** was to Reward a **good** **retribution** to Creatures, because in this Verse there is no mention of sinful and punishable acts, only the **Good Deed** was mentioned and said the creation of life and death is to distinguish which one's act is better.

Therefore, the **Owners** of the **Good Deeds** are the **Main Purpose of Creation,** but others are created for the sake of them.

The **Quality** which is attributed to the existence of everything, and is present in most of the individuals, is the **Ultimate Goal** of the existence of that creature. It was the same **Quality** that was the **Purpose of its** **Creator** of having created it! Same as the vegetative life of a tree, which is often ends to the fruit of that tree. So, such a **Fruit**, which is the product of that tree, is the **Purpose** and Ultimate End of its **Life**. It turns out that the **Purpose of the Creation** of that Tree was that **Fruit**.

Thus, the **Good and Righteous Deed**, is the **Purpose of Human Creation**! It is also clear that the Good and Righteous Deed, if desirable, is not desirable for itself, but is desirable for its **help** in achieving **another Creature to its Purpose**.

What is essentially desirable is a **Virtuous Life** that is not mixed with any defects, and is not subject to cancellation and effect, therefore, the above Verse is in the meaning of the following Verse which states:

***" Every soul shall have a taste of death: and We test you by evil and by good by way of trial. To Us must ye return!" (Anbia:35)***

**( Almizan: V. 19, P. 585.)**

Predestination of Death and its Philosophy

« نحْنُ قَدَّرْنَا بَيْنَكمُ الْمَوْت وَ مَا نحْنُ بِمَسبُوقِين! » ( واقعه / 60 )

***" We have predetermined death for you.***

***Nothing can stop Us!"***

## *(Holy Quran, Vaghie:60.)*

When God bestows Creation on Mankind, He grants him a limited Creation. From the first moment of human's development until the last minute of his worldly life, and all the qualities that he possesses or releases during this period, all are of the requirements of this Limitation, which one of them is the Death. Therefore, the Human Death, like his Life, is by a Pre-destination of God, not that God was unable to create human forever.

***" From bringing another Nation in your place***

***and creating you Again in the form of those***

## *you do not Know!" ( Vaghie:61.)*

He says: Our **Creation** is based on **Transformation of Kinds**, that is to say, a class to Die, and clear off the place for another class. Also, after you die, we give you **Another Creation** beyound this unstable worldly creation. Thus, **Death** means moving from one home to another, from this creation to a **Better Creation**, not nonexistence or annihilation!

**( Almizan: V. 19, P. 230.)**

The Translation is to be continued !