

DEFINITIONS OF LIFE, DEATH, SOUL AND ARTIFICIAL LIFE

Phenomena of life and death can be defined and explained only in conjunction with the Quranic revelation. The biological program or the biosoftware is the “intangible soul of a living being” mentioned in the Quran as *rooh* (also as *nafs*). The Quran tells us that the removal (or “deletion” to use the computer jargon) of the *nafs* (i.e., biosoftware or the soul) results in death. In other words, a dead body is like a computer without software. Life can be therefore defined as the manifestations of the execution of the divine biosoftware. Software-based machines like computer, toys, robots are forms of artificial life, as they work based on man-made programs.