

HEAVEN – THE RE-CREATED EARTH

The Judgement Day is the occasion of meeting with the Creator and an opportunity for all the human robots to examine their own records of activities during their test life on this earth (Q. 17:13-14). Allah also judges matters in which the human robots disputed (Q. 3:55).

“...On the Day of Judgement, We shall bring out for him a scroll, which he will see spread open. (He will be told): Read your (own) Record; sufficient is yourself this day to make an account about yourself.”

(Q. 17:13-14)

The record mentioned in the verse may be a copy of what is recorded in one's *sadr*. Besides this, Angels (Q. 82:11-12) also do the recording of all activities of human beings [1]. Since the dossier of one's activities during the test life is his *sadr* (Q. 100:10), it is necessary that people must have their *sadrs* with stored information fully restored during resurrection. Otherwise, they will not be able to recollect any of their past deeds. The Quran informs us that every one will be able to remember the past life.

“...You will see the sinful in great terror because of what is recorded therein; they will say: Ah, woe to us! What a book is this! It leaves out nothing small or great, but takes account thereof...”

(Q. 18:49)

The verse indicates that the *sadr* with its stored information is in tact in the resurrected people as reflected in their reactions while seeing their dossiers. The restoration of the dossier enables one to recollect his past life and examine the record to his satisfaction. Joining with own righteous spouses in Heaven also indicates we will be able to recollect our past thereby confirming the restoration of *sadr* with its contents during resurrection.

“And those who believe and whose families follow them in Faith,- to them shall We join their families: Nor shall We deprive them (of the fruit) of aught of their works: (Yet) is each individual in pledge for his deeds.”

(Q. 52:21)

Thus the restoration of *sadr* with its contents offers every one an opportunity to convince himself of the fairness in which the judgement is made and the verdict given. We will be questioned and called to explain our past deeds on that Day (Q. 102:8). As Allah says, not a single robot will He treat with injustice and He is swift in taking account.

“...They will find all that they did, placed before them and not one will your Lord treat with injustice.”

(Q. 18:49)

“We shall set up scales of justice for the Day of Judgement, so that not a *nafs* will be dealt with unjustly in the least. And if there be (no more than) the weight of a mustard seed (good or evil deed) We will bring it (to account). And enough are We to take account.”

(Q. 21:47)

“...And Allah is swift in taking account.”

(Q. 24:39)

The entire process of recording, evaluation and judgement of human robots with infinite number of physical variables, biological attributes and their potentials, and their interactions is beyond human comprehension.

Heaven – the Muslim Earth

After the Judgement, the successful will be awarded Heaven while the unsuccessful will get punishment in Hell (Q. 84:7-12). Allah will welcome the successful robots to His Heaven with utmost satisfaction.

“(To the righteous will be said) O (you) *nafs* in (complete) rest and satisfaction; come back you to your Lord well pleased (yourself) and well pleasing to Him; enter you then among My robots; and enter you My Heaven.” (Q. 89:27-30)

The Heaven is the re-created earth of the next universe where Allah’s righteous human robots will live forever serving Him.

“...My righteous robots (servants) shall inherit the earth.” (Q. 21:105)

Therefore Heaven may be rightly called the “Muslim Earth”, the planet inhabited by only Muslims. There is only one death; that is on the present earth. The next life is eternal without death. This means there will be no more deletion of the software (biomemome) from the body as happened in the life on this earth. Present life is a test life and death is required to terminate the test period of an individual (Q. 67:2). Further, Satan virus will also be absent in our biomemome of our next life and we will be free of evil influences. As the mission of *Iblis* would be over with the end of this world as he was given respite by Allah till that day and Satan was introduced into human microbioprogram to make the test more effective, the biomemomes of the resurrected people will not be carrying the Satan virus.

The Quran provides a fairly good account of the physical environment of the new earth as well as its biosphere. The biosphere will be composed of not only human beings but all other living beings (plants, animals, etc.) as well.

“(Here is) a Parable of the Garden which the righteous are promised: in it are rivers of water incorruptible; rivers of milk of which the taste never changes; rivers of wine, a joy to those who drink; and rivers of honey pure and clear. In it there are for them all kinds of fruits; and Grace from their Lord...” (Q. 47:15)

“There is not an animal (that lives) on the earth, nor a being that flies on its wings, but (forms part of) communities like you. Nothing have we omitted from the Book, and they (all) shall be gathered to their Lord in the end.” (Q. 6:38)

“Reclining in the (Garden) on raised thrones they will see there neither sun’s (excessive heat) nor excessive cold.” (Q. 76:13)

“But give glad tidings to those who believe and work righteousness, that their portion is Gardens, beneath

which rivers flow. Every time they are fed with fruits there from, they say: “Why, this is what we were fed with before,” for they are given things in similitude; and they have therein companions pure (and holy); and they abide therein (for ever).” (Q. 2:25)

“Whatever they wish they will get therein (Heaven). They will dwell (there) for ever, a promise to be asked for from your Lord.” (Q. 25:16)

The environment in Heaven will not be excessively hot or cold (Q. 76:13); it will be full of fruits hanging low in humility (Q. 76:14), where people will wear silk (Q. 76:12) and they will have everything in plenty. Insofar as the present earth is the venue for testing human robots, it can be deduced that the environment provided on the next earth (Heaven) must be similar to the environment of this temporary earth created to serve as the human robot testing venue. There will be differences, however, in resources, size of the physical components, etc. These aspects must be examined in terms of the resource requirement of the present earth with that of the Heaven.

Estimation of the total human population so far lived on the earth is an impossible task for several reasons. So many parameters whose accuracy and reliability cannot be verified are involved in that computation with the result the outcome will be no better than a wild guess. The parameters include the span of human habitation of the earth since Adam and Eve, average birth rates over the period, occupancy and global distribution trends, fluctuations in population sizes due to natural catastrophes and destruction of early nations and civilizations described in the Quran, etc. Despite the inaccuracy, guesstimates have been made of the number of people ever born on the earth till date. One such guesstimate shows that as of 2002, about 106,456,367,669 people have lived on the earth since antiquity. The world population of 6,215,000,000 in mid-2002 is 5.8% of this number [2]. Another estimate done in 1999 shows that 96,100,000,000 people have lived on the earth [3]. This figure is about 15 times the previous one. Depending on how far is the Final Day from now, many more people will be living on this earth. The current global population of just over 6 billion is without doubt the highest population ever lived on the planet at any given point of time since Adam. The earth can support still more population. This indicates that the carrying capacity of the present earth with modest resource support is much more than 6 billion. The carrying capacity is the number of human beings that can be optimally supported, given a particular subsistence adaptation. [4]. An estimate of carrying capacity of the earth reported in 1999 is 2 billion population [5], which is about one-third of the current population. But that seems to be an underestimate. Given the present trend in world population, the carrying capacity of Heaven (the earth of the next universe) may have to be much larger than that of the present earth because it may have to sustain a much larger human population on the premise that the total number of the *successful* (in the test) human robots from the time of Adam till the end of the world will be quite large. If the human population of Heaven is going to be larger than the carrying capacity of the present earth, the size of Heaven has to be bigger than the present earth. In other words, the next earth will have to be bigger than the present earth in order to accommodate and sustain the entire population of Heaven-dwellers. To that effect, the Quran informs us that the re-created earth (Heaven) will have a *width of the present universe*.

“Be quick in the race for forgiveness from your Lord, and for a Garden (Heaven) whose width is that (of the whole) of the skies and the earth, prepared for the righteous.” (Q. 3:133)

“Be you foremost (in seeking) Forgiveness from your Lord, and a Garden (of Bliss), the width whereof is as the width of the sky and the earth, prepared for those who believe in Allah and His apostles: that is the Grace of Allah, which He bestows on whom He pleases: and Allah is the Lord of Grace abounding.” (Q. 57:21)

These messages are a pointer to the larger size of human population in Heaven as well as the variety and richness of the bounties promised by Allah for His obedient robots.

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