# What is Life?

(Unforgettable Facts)

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# **Our Commitment**

>(The Search of Truth)<

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The way we see something, the way we understand something our act will be according to it. What is the life of this world actually? That is, what does our Creator describe its true reality? and how do we see it? If there is a big difference (which it is), then we be in loss, the game is out of hand. The salvation of our this and the hereafter life, is in finding the real reality of the world. On the contrary, it is nothing but humiliation.

#### The Truth is Truth!

One is truth and one is falsehood, one is reality and one is deception. If a pigeon closes its eyes and thinks that it has been smothered by a cat, it is no longer in danger, then it is only a delusion. Similarly, if we cover up a lie and start telling it as truth, then it cannot become truth.

By ignoring the truth and start treating deception as truth, then the truth cannot be removed from its place. Truth and reality have their own consequences and they have to appear with no matter how much we overlook or excuse. The real truth of the world has to be revealed to us as soon as we die, but at that time there would be no time to return. Now is the time with us to know the facts and accept the reality, otherwise nothing will come except regret!

**Important Note:** Before going into detail of this topic, keep the following points in mind:

#### (1) No Monasticism

The information that will be given in this context does not mean the absolute negation of this life or the intention of abandoning the world. The rightful acquisition of this life and its rightful use is a cause of goodness. Earning the wealth and extracting the right of Allah from it is praiseworthy instead of condemnation. Allah wants us not to be beggars in the world but to be self-sufficient. Moreover, with good intentions: Working for the pleasure of Allah, human well-being and compassion with the spirit of serving the people, national construction and development based on needs, etc. But destroying the rights of others due to selfishness, greed, and neglecting the Hereafter's life by focusing on this world only and spending all the abilities, energies and resources by falling into luxury, is the destruction that the majority have come under.

#### (2). Life should not be Spent by Sleeping

The second important point is that life should not be spent by sleeping. Allah does not want us to be beggars. If you have something, you can spend it for Allah. Therefore, acquire resources and abilities. And whatever: time, abilities, blessings and resources have been given, they should be used, they should be taken advantage of, for themselves, for religion and for God's creation.

But

Not being immersed in the world and neglecting the hereafter life, which has become the majority. We are stuck in the

worldly quagmire, in our eyes this life is first, religion and the hereafter is second priority, as the Lord warned:

"They only know the outward aspects of this worldly life and they are completely oblivious to the Hereafter".

(Al-Room: 30:7)

That is to say, man is very serious, clever and engaged in learning the ups and downs of this life, but he is insensible and dead about next life.

### The life of this world-In the eyes of man

When a person reaches puberty, he or she usually realizes that:

"Success in mere worldly life, high residence, fulfillment of desires and accumulation of riches are the real purpose of life. His family members also tell him the same thing and do a lot of work to get him on the same track. In this situation, the standard of success and failure of a person becomes only this life instead of the hereafter and those who do not have all these, even if they are pious, they are failures. Therefore, according seen as to their circumstances and capabilities, he pledges to spend his life in pursuit of this goal."

According to his understanding, such man takes the following different ways to make his life:

1) To gather more & more wealth without distinguishing between right & wrong (halal or haraam).

- 2) Luxurious lifestyle: To make high living, cars, clothes and luxury as a goal of life.
- 3) For self-satisfaction: Drinking alcohol, adultery, engaging in music, singing etc.
- 4) Taking the path of usury, gambling, theft, adultery & robbery.

He who has this understanding of worldly life will perish. He will be trapped in the net of iron chains of desires. He will not see anything except this life and the fulfillment of his desires. For such people, God said:

"Say (O Prophet) shall I not tell you about the people who are deficient in deeds? These are the people whose (all) effort was wasted only for the sake of this life and they thought that they were doing good deeds. These are the people who (in fact) disbelieved in the revelations of their Lord and in meeting with Him, so their deeds became abominable, so for such people, balance (scale) will not be set up on the Day of Judgment to weigh their deeds." (Al-Khaf:18:106-103)

# The reality of world-In the sight of the Creator The purpose of coming into the world:

The first thing to understand in this regard is that what is the purpose of sending us into this world? Man thinks that he was born only for this life, while the Creator, denying this, has stated the purpose of sending us to the world as follows:

"The Creator Who designed the series of death and life (therefore) to test you as to who among you does good deeds? (Al-Mulk: 67:1-2)

"Every soul has to face the death taste and We put you to trial in bad and good conditions and to Us you have to return." (Al-Ambia: 21:35)

The creator has clearly made it clear in two words that the purpose of sending man to the world is to test him here under different conditions, good and bad. That is, for the one who created this world, He said, this world is a place of testing. If you accept this fact, if you consider this life as a testing ground for the result of the eternal afterlife, then the effort of life will be determined on the right direction. Otherwise, all the energies will be wasted in just making this life.

#### Mutaa (Passage) and Living Place

The Creator has declared the life of this world as Mataa (i.e. temporary residence/passage), while the Hereafter as living place. In this context, the Lord has quoted the words of some believer as follows:

"O people, the life of this world is nothing but just a passage, and surely the Hereafter is the living place."

(Al-Mu'min:40:39)

In the same context He further warned:

"Allah increases the sustenance of whomever He wills and decreases the sustenance of whomever He wills. And they are happy with just this worldly life only, although this world is just a passage in comparison to the Hereafter's life." (Ra'ad:13:26)

On the contrary, we consider this world as a place to stay, while the Hereafter is forgotten. So how can we avoid loss in this situation? If you want prosperity in this world and the hereafter, avoid deception, accept the truth and set your life in the right direction.

**Only illusion!** The Creator has declared the life of this world to be nothing more than an illusion, He said:

"And the life of this world is nothing but a mere deception" (Al-Imran:3:185)

Moreover, it was also advised to avoid the clutches of devil and worldly deception as:

"Surely the promise of Allah is true, see that the life of this world does not deceive you, and the deceitful devil does not deceive you about Allah." (Lugman:31:33)

That is, if the goal is only the life of this world, then it is nothing but deception. This is not understood by humans because our thinking is very limited. But the Creator of the universe has revealed the truth.

The deception is that this life will soon end in front of our eyes. Time is felt only in the present and future moments. As soon as our days and nights become a part of the past, nothing remains in them, rather they seem to be just a passing dream. Life is like **four seconds (4 sec)** in all: childhood to boyhood, boyhood to youth, youth to old age and old age to death.....and at the time of death, the whole

life passed behind is a moment. Therefore, whoever has awakened to the fact that the life is a deception in his heart, suffering will not be a cause of great pain for him and blessings will not be a cause of negligence and arrogance.

#### This is nothing:

This life, for which we live and die, is nothing compared to the Hereafter, God said:

"And the life of this world is nothing but a game and a spectacle, and surely the home of the Hereafter is the real life, oh you can understand it!" (Ankabut: 29:64)

Games and pageants are held for a very short time, they end in front of our eyes. Similarly, this life has to end very soon like a pageant and then the eternal life of the hereafter begins. The last words of the verse "oh you can understand it!" is very important. That is, the lucky one is who knew this fact timely, otherwise he was killed. But unfortunately, the majority is ignorant.

#### It will end soon:

Well, not even a minute is guaranteed, but even if you get a long respite, these temporary days will end soon. Very soon before our eyes: childhood into boyhood, boyhood into youth and youth turns into old age and finally old age turns into weakness and ends the story. Those who are walking on the earth will go under the mud very soon. So know the truth in time and accept it and change your life.

#### What will happen eventually?

No matter how much you live, how much you enjoy, what will happen in the end? Year, two years.....ten, twenty....fifty, sixty.....eighty, one hundred years...two hundred, three hundred.....suppose you get a thousand years of life, then at the end What will happen? Obviously, very soon from childhood to youth, then to old age.....and finally will die. One will have to appear before the Creator for the reckoning of life....then why neglect the end.....? Is this wise?

#### What to gain from the world!

From the point of view of reality, if life is being spent for the sake of this world without aiming at the hereafter, then what is being achieved here except for hard work? What you are getting is not free from headaches. Problems remain in the pursuit of happiness. New aspirations have also died due to marriage and aging, so what is left now... except deception? It is not even known at what time death will completely end these lowly pleasures. What is the wisdom of forgetting the hereafter and losing the eternal pleasures for the sake of it? Instead, the Creator has invited us towards eternal treasure, He said:

"Wealth and sons are (only) the glory of this worldly life and the remaining one's are good deeds, they are very good with your Lord in terms of reward and hope."

(Al-Khaf: 18: 46).

But all our hopes are attached to the perishable things of this worldly life. If you look at the truth, if you don't want to make

a path for the hereafter in this world, then this world is not a place to live in. First of all, there are sufferings and pains, even if you get relief, it is not free from pains. Enjoys are also not free from loss and worries. Then the blessings here are perishable as soon as you see them. Therefore, it is a very cheap deal to get eternal comforts on the cost of a short life here.

#### In reality, the place of suffering:

#### **Life Periods:**

The 10-year period of life is of great importance. After ten years, a person enters into the next stage. Therefore, those who have reached the age of 30 years, it is time to learn religion and worship with strength and energy. These people must be serious and start learning religion, pay close attention, those who have reached 40 years, will gradually get tired and sick. They have left the last ten years of full worship and stay. They should open their eyes immediately considering the last ten years of life, they should brace

themselves for what they have to do. If their eyes do not open even now, then they may loose the game. Because after 50 or 60 years, first of all, it is difficult to get the blessing of full deeds, and even if it is found, the body may not be able to support you.

Our story: The truth of this pride is that: after death, instead of addressing us by name, we will be called "deceased". During this time, our name will not be used, but instead of addressing by name, it will be said: Bring the dead body here, lift the dead body, put the dead body....Then people are crying on death and at the same time there is concern that the burden should be taken off by handing it over to the grave as soon as possible. Therefore, the loved ones and relatives who love him very much, within 24 hours wearing a shroud and hand him over to the grave. Now the close relatives also return to normal life in a week or two. After a few months or years, the died one becomes a myth. After a few years, people forget even his name. After sixty or seventy years, the grave marker disappears and the new dead are buried in the same place. This is story of man, who lived and died for the sake of the people & forgets his God!

<u>Truth in a few words:</u> The story of a man in the following few words for awareness of the reality of life, which can be a sure cause of change:

(1). Man comes into the world empty-handed, (2). Then man tries hard to collect every material thing in the world according to his own chessboard, (3). Then after death, he has to leave here empty-handed, (4). Then finally he has to

appear before the Creator to answer for everything that concerns the world.

Shall we now worry about getting rid of the illusion or will we continue to consider the illusion as the reality?

**Book of Life:** Life is like a book of which we ourselves are its author. Every day a new page is turned. Today's page can only be written today. When the page is turned, nothing can be written on it. Tomorrow, a new page will appear. Daily work should be done daily. On the Day of Resurrection, this book will be held in our hands in front of the Creator of the Universe and it will be said:

"Read your book today, for it is enough for you to judge yourself." (Bani Israel:17:14)

We should watch carefully what we are writing on the pages of our book...?

<u>Only one chance!</u> If you fail in the test of this life, you get a chance again and again, but there is only one chance for the final test for next life. What you have to do in this life is to be done first before death. The final result of what happened after death will be revealed. If you fail, nothing will come to you except regret. Therefore, be selfish for your Hereafter. The wise person is the one who makes a decision immediately without delay.

<u>The great ultimate concept of living</u>: The great concept of living a life based on reality was given by the Prophet (PBUH) as follows:

"Live in the world as a stranger or traveler."

(Mishkat: 5274, Bukhari)

That is, one should live in this world like a passenger and the hereafter as one's country, destination and abode. This is the ultimate and great concept, which makes life enviable. Only Prophets (PBUH) can come on this concept truely, but one has to try hard to target it as much as possible.

<u>What is life for?</u> Why do we want to live more..? There can be various reasons for it:

- 1. To live, to get the pleasure and benefits of life, to fulfill desires...
- 2. For Parents, wife, children, siblings, relatives... country and nation.
- 3. To please, to obey Lord ... to increase balance for hereafter's reward.

If the goal is only the first, then the religion is gone and so is the peace of this life. The life of the world may pass under the shadows of anxiety, fear and burden. Unfortunately, this is the goal of the majority. But if the goal is the second and third, then you will get benefits of both this & next life. Now life will be lighter, fears and worries will disappear. Don't we need such a great life and peace...?

<u>Unfulfilled desires:</u> The biggest mistake of man is that he did not understand the purpose of coming here. He considers this life as a place to fulfill dreams, while it is a place of testing. Therefore, all dreams can't fulfilled here. Hereafter is created for this task. The story of dreams is never complete, sometimes there is a beginning left and sometimes an end. Worries about adding more & more and then fear of losing

them. Troubles always chase happiness. Yet man didn't fully enjoyed the joys then troubles and sufferings come knocking. Even if everything is found, the abundance of things diminishes their importance. Therefore, wisdom is to make the hereafter the goal and bring it to the first priority and not to become the greedy for this life only.

The clue of life! The person who brought his life to one day, i.e. began to spend every given day as the last day of his life, he found life. Complete repentance from previous shortcomings and living the present day to the fullest. Avoiding the deception of Longevity. Not putting any of today's responsibility on the next day is actually finding life. On the contrary, being oblivious to the present time, dreaming of future improvement is a great devilish deception in which the majority is surrounded by devil. Therefore. If you want to be saved, bring life to the present day and become enviable, otherwise you will be in regret.

**How you find it?** The matter is understood, now the big question is that how to change life? For that, in the presence of sincerity follow the following steps:

- (a) Make a firm decision to change.
- (2) Know the truth of life from the Holy Quran, as a little bit is also explained in this text.
- (3) Continuous struggle: Make effort and sacrifice. (4) Keep your environment, your company better: good sincere people, good books (especially the Holy Quran) and good places such as mosques, places of solitude, graveyards, etc. .

So it became known that the reality of life is not what we think. It is not a place of happiness (Enjoyment Place) but a place of examination, a place of testing. It is not a place of residence but a passage. The joys here are only for a few days and the sufferings are also for a few days...... Only when these facts sit in our minds, then life will be fixed on its original face and become the cause of piety and purification in this world, peace and tranquility and great welfare in the hereafter. Otherwise, there will be nothing in the life except anxiety and humiliation. This fact will not be achieved in a day. Rather, after making a firm decision, the path will be paved only after continuous struggle and living in a good company.

May Allah grant us the opportunity to know the truth as soon as possible and set our lives on the right track. (Ameen)

**Note:** Sincere effort has been made to clarify the truth. But human effort is not free from errors. Therefore, whatever error may have occurred, it is not deliberate, but accidental. Therefore, if you see any deficiency, please inform us. We will be very grateful to you.



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  - 3) The way to God......(Completed)

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