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No human being would ever knowingly choose a situation where they had to incur the smallest of losses or they had to go through any kind of suffering. Modern societies of our world have evolved most efficient systems of internal security and police to guard against all kinds of serious crimes such as murder, theft or kidnapping etc. In addition, all possible means are adopted to defend a country against foreign aggression. Furthermore, there are various kinds of insurance that serve as a safeguard against any possible risk or material loss which might result in bankruptcy or it might possibly lead to dire poverty. All these things clearly indicate that human beings prepare and plan to avoid all kinds of loss or danger which may or may not be there. But death is one reality against which they are entirely helpless.

And there is yet another reality, which most modern societies have either chosen to ignore or assume that it is simply not there. It is the reality of the continuation of life after death. All major heavenly religions of the world, and all the prophets of God Almighty have pointed out this fact and have tried to explain the nature and the quality of life to come. Is it not ironic for man then, not to know and do something about the eternal life where loss or gain, and joy or pain are of a magnitude and scale that he has never known in this world?

This booklet has tried to explain to the reader some of the facts related to the nature of life in the hereafter in the light of the latest and the last of the Divine revelations sent down to the Last Prophet of Allah, Prophet Muhammad (Peace be upon him) 1400 years ago. This Divine revelation has been preserved to the letter and protected upto this day. Its main purpose is to make people realize that the real purpose of this life is to prepare for the eternal life of the hereafter. The success or failure in that life will be determined by human actions in this world. So what is the insurance against any loss in the life to come which will result from human deeds here? And we all know that nobody has ever come back from eternity to rectify the mistakes committed in this life.

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In short, this life is a gift from Allah bestowed on mankind so that they may prepare to save themselves from the eternal loss, and gain the never ending bliss of Heaven. Allah is our Creator and Sustainer. As human beings we owe it to Him to live a life that pleases Him, a life of purity and high morality.

Truth is one and indivisible. Islam is the only true religion, entirely based on Divine Guidance. The word 'Islam' itself means submission to Allah, the Creator and Sustainer of mankind and Lord of the whole universe. The word Muslim means the one who bows to the will of Allah and lives according to the teachings of Islam. Those who are born Muslims and follow Islam in their lives are extremely fortunate. So are those who after a careful comparative study of Islam and other religions, are able to remove their doubts and have the moral courage to accept and declare Islam as their way of life. Yet, there are many others who are presented Islam, or by coincidence come across the teachings of Islam. They are in fact impressed by Islam and their minds accept it as the whole truth. However, when it comes to following it in actual practice, they fail to adopt the Islamic way of life, in most cases due to personal, irrational and trifle reasons. The Holy Quran has mentioned some of those reasons behind that skepticism and the weakness to accept the reality.

*O mankind! do your duty
To your Lord, and fear
(The coming of) a Day
When no father can avail
Aught for his son, nor
A son avail aught
For his father,
Verily, the promise of God
Is true: let not then
This present life deceive you,
Nor let the Chief Deceiver
Deceive you about God.*

—Quran (Al-Luqman:33)

According to the Divine revelation, this world is inhabited by Jinns as well as human beings. Jinns are supernatural creatures amongst whom there are some who have an evil disposition. They are eternal enemies of human beings. They can influence human thought and behaviour. It is their avowed mission to spread falsehood among men and lead them away

from truth. Their leader is mentioned in the Holy Quran as "*Iblis*" (Satan). Both the believers in Islam and the non-believers are victims of his ploys. He does not allow the non-Muslims to see the Divine truth in Islam and tries to lead the Muslims away from an Islamic way of life. It becomes difficult for a non-Muslim to see the truth in Islam because of the moral weakness found in the Muslim communities throughout the world today.

It is also revealed in the Holy Quran that before the creation of man, the Jinn were the only creatures required to worship Allah and so the only creatures to enjoy His eternal favours and blessings through their spiritual refinement and progress. *Iblis*, through his constant worship of Allah, had risen to a special position almost as high as angels. When Allah created Adam (Peace be upon him) He ordered *Iblis*, along with the angels, to bow down to him. All the angels obeyed but he refused and fell from Allah's Grace. After that he became the avowed enemy of the human beings.

The Holy Quran describes this event in its inimitable style in different chapters. Some of the verses are quoted here.

*It is We Who created you
And gave you shape;
Then We bade the angels
Bow down to Adam, and they
Bowed down; not so Iblis;
He refused to be of those
Who bow down.*

*(God) said: "What prevented
thee from bowing down
When I commanded thee?"
He said: "I am better
Than he: Thou didst create
Me from fire, and him from clay."*

*(God) said: "Get thee down
From this: it is not
For thee to be arrogant
Here: get out, for thou
Art of the meanest (of creatures)."*

*He said: "Give me respite
Till the day they are
Raised up."*

*(God said: "Be thou
Among those who have respite."*

*He said: "Because thou
Hast thrown me out
Of the Way, lo! I will
Lie in wait for them
On Thy Straight Way:*

*"Then will I assault them
From before them and behind them,
From their right and their left:
Nor wait Thou find,
In most of them,
Gratitude (for Thy mercies)."*

*(God) said: "Get out
From this, disgraced
And expelled. If any
Of them follow thee, —
Hell will I fill
with you all.*

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"O Adam! dwell thou
And thy wife in the Garden,
And enjoy (its good things)
As ye wish: but approach not
This tree, or ye run
Into harm and transgression."

Then began Satan to whisper
Suggestions to them, bringing
Openly before their minds
All their shame.

That was hidden from them
(Before): he said: "Your Lord
Only forbade you this tree,
Lest ye should become angels
Or such beings as live for ever."

And he swore to them
Both, that he was
Their sincere adviser.

So by deceit he brought about
Their fall: when they
Tasted of the tree,
Their shame became manifest
To them, and they began
To sew together the leaves
Of the Garden over their bodies.
And their Lord called
Unto them: "Did I not
Forbid you that tree,
And tell you that Satan
Was an avowed
Enemy unto you?"

They said: "Our Lord!
We have wronged our own souls:
If Thou forgive us not
And bestow not upon us
Thy Mercy, we shall
Certainly be lost."

Allah said: "Get ye down,
With enmity between yourselves.
On earth will be your dwelling-place
And your means of livelihood, —
For a time."

He said: "Therein shall ye
Live, and therein shall ye
Die; but from it shall ye
Be taken out (at last)."

O ye Children of Adam!
We have bestowed raiment
Upon you to cover
Your shame, as well as
To be an adornment to you.
But the raiment of righteousness, —
That is the best.

Such are among the Signs
Of God, that they
May receive admonition!

O ye Children of Adam!
Let not Satan seduce you,
In the same manner as
He got your parents out
Of the Garden, stripping them
Of their raiment, to expose
Their shame: for he
And his tribe watch you
From a position where ye
Cannot see them: We made
The Evil Ones friends
(only) to those without Faith.

—Quran (Al-'Araf:11-27)

The enmity of Iblis has been mentioned in yet another chapter of Quran in the following verses:

*Behold! thy Lord said
To the angels: "I am about
To create man, from sounding clay
From mud moulded into shape;*

*"When I have fashioned him
(In due proportion) and breathed
Into him of My spirit,
Fall ye down in obeisance
Unto him."*

*So the angels prostrated themselves,
All of them together:*

*Not so Iblis: he refused to be
Among those who prostrated themselves.*

*Allah said: "O Iblis!
What is your reason
For not being among those
Who prostrated themselves?"*

*(Iblis) said: "I am not one
To prostrate myself to man,
Whom Thou didst create
From sounding clay, from mud
Moulded into shape."*

*Allah said: "Then get thee out
From here; for thou art
Rejected, accursed.*

*"And the Curse shall be
On thee till the Day of Judgment."*

*(Iblis) said: "O my Lord!
Give me then respite
Till the Day
The (dead) are raised."*

*(God) said: "Respite
Is granted thee —*

*"Till the Day
Of the Time Appointed."*

*(Iblis) said: "O my Lord!
Because Thou hast put me
In the wrong, I will
Make (wrong) fair-seeming
To them on the earth,
And I will put them
All in the wrong, —*

*"Except Thy servants among them,
Sincere and purified
(By Thy grace)."*

*Allah said: "This (Way
Of my sincere servants) is
Indeed a Way that leads
Straight to Me."*

*"For over My servants
No authority shalt thou
Have, except such as*

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*Put themselves in the wrong
And follow thee."*

*And verily, Hell
Is the promised abode
For them all!*

—Quran (Al-Hujrat:28-43)

These verses of the Holy Quran clearly show the main reasons behind human error. They also warn the children of Adam of Satan's evil designs and his enmity towards them lest they be seduced and deceived by him in the same way as Adam (Peace be upon him) who had to leave the blissful life of Heaven.

If Satan and his tribe have been given the ability to lead human beings astray, they too have been given the purity and steadfastness of faith in Allah and the power to distinguish good from evil and right from wrong. In the words of the Holy Quran:

*(God) said: "This (Way
Of my sincere servants) is
Indeed a Way that leads
Straight to Me."*

*"For over My servants
No authority shalt thou
Have, except such as
Put themselves in the wrong
And follow thee."*

These "sincere servants" of Allah are those who believe in the Day of Reckoning and prepare themselves for the eternal success in the life Hereafter even if they have to sacrifice some interests of this temporary life. And if they do any wrong by omission, they immediately make amends through sincere repentance just as Adam (Peace be upon him) did and as a result of which he got even nearer to Allah than before. There is a saying of Prophet Muhammad (Peace and Blessings of Allah be upon him) which means that one who sincerely regrets his wrong doing and turns to Allah for forgiveness becomes like one as if he had never committed that mistake. Allah's Mercy is infinite. He loves His servants more than their own parents could ever do. This is how He addresses His erring servants in the Holy Quran:

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*O man! what has
Seduced thee from
Thy Lord Most Beneficent? —*

*Him Who created thee.
Fashioned thee in due proportion,
And gave thee a just bias;*

*In whatever Form He wills,
Does He put thee together.*

*Nay! but ye do
Reject Right and Judgment!*

*But verily over you
(Are appointed angels)
To protect you, —*

*Kind and honourable, —
Writing down (your deeds):*

*They know (and understand)
All that ye do.*

*As for the Righteous,
They will be in Bliss;*

*And the Wicked —
they will be in the Fire,*

*Which they will enter
On the Day of Judgment,*

*And they will not be
Able to keep away therefrom.*

*And what will explain
To thee what the Day
Of Judgment is?*

*Again, what will explain
To thee what the Day
Of Judgment is?*

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*(It will be) the Day
When no soul shall have
Power (to do) aught
For another:
For the command, that Day,
Will be (wholly) with God.*

—Quran (Al-Infitar:6-19)

Allah is the only Benefactor of mankind. He has showered His bounties on them and given them the most honorable status among His creation. Therefore, it is their first duty to show their gratitude by following a life of high moral character, the kind of life that He likes them to live in this world. It is their duty as well, to show the light of faith to those who have been deceived by Satan, their eternal enemy. It is their duty as believers to help them avoid the eternal loss of the Hereafter by recognizing the Truth and believing in Allah, their Creator and Sustainer and Creator of the whole universe. Faith in the Oneness of Allah is the only guarantee for human salvation, as Allah is the only Protector of mankind. According to a verse of the Holy Quran:

*God is the Protector
Of those who have faith:
From the depths of darkness
He will lead them forth
Into light. Of those
Who reject faith the patrons
Are the Evil Ones: from light
They will lead them forth
Into the depths of darkness.
They will be companions
Of the fire, to dwell therein
(For ever).*

—Quran (Al-Baqarah:257)

All the Prophets of Allah, from Adam to the last Prophet Muhammad (Peace and Blessings of Allah be upon them) have called upon mankind to worship no one except Allah and submit to Him alone so that they may attain the eternal success in Heaven. Those Muslims who share this mission of the prophets and call others to have faith in Allah are the best of human beings in the sight of Allah. A verse of the Holy Quran states:

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*Who is better in speech
Than one who calls (men)
To God, works righteousness,
And says, "I am of those
Who bow in Islam."*

—Quran (Fussilat:33)

This booklet was given the title "Islam at a Glance" to present the reality that is Islam. If this attempt has been sufficiently convincing it is our sincere request to the reader to come to the merciful and loving fold of Islam and begin practicing a Godly life without delay. That is the only safeguard against the eternal torture of Hell. It should be our first concern to save our own souls and our children, and then as many as we can of our fellow human beings. However, if there are still some questions unanswered in your mind, you can get in touch with any knowledgeable Muslim or any Islamic center through out the world. Or you can always get in touch with WAMY. In the meantime it will be an excellent idea to pray to Allah, the Most Merciful to show us the light.



JUSTICE FOR ALL QURAN SAYS

O ye who believe!
Stand out firmly
For Allah, as witnesses
To fair dealing, and let not
The hatred of others
To you make you swerve

To wrong and depart from
Justice. Be just: that is
Next to Piety: and fear Allah.
For Allah is well-acquainted
With all that ye do.

- 707 To do justice and act righteously in a favourable or neutral atmosphere is meritorious enough, but the real test comes when you have to do justice to people who hate you or to whom you have an aversion. But no less is required of you by the higher moral law.

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We would be highly obliged if your kindness will enlighten us your views and if you need further detail or clarification or any Book(s) for your further study, we will be pleased to send you free of cost for your further knowledge.

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